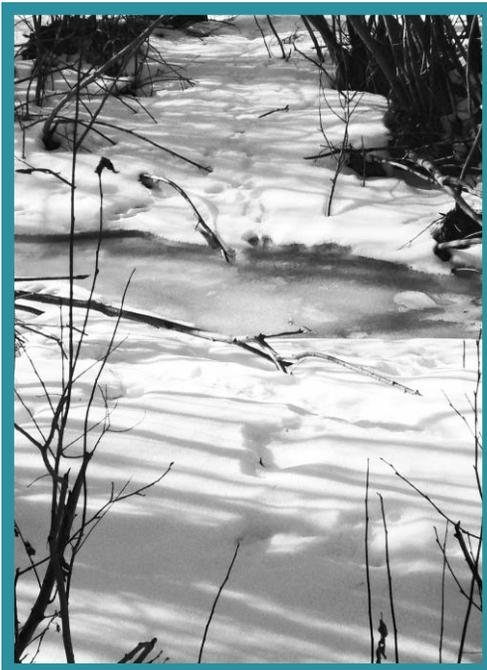




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CCCWP QUICK UPDATE

Happy New Years! Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership (CCCWP) is looking forward to an excellent 2016 working in Coal Creek Canyon. The first projects along the creek are revving up, and we spent most of December engaging, educating, and planning with landowners along the creek to implement their vision for a resilient creek.

Save the Date!

BOARD MEETING

January 28th

7PM

CCCIA Hall

Public Welcome!

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

February 4th

7PM

CCCIA Hall

If you have a topic you would like us to present on or want more information on please email at david@cccwp.org or call 303-586-1491.

NATURAL ECOLOGY OR PROPERTY PROTECTION – WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT?



One of the great questions that we have heard from canyon residents is how do we balance the protection of property vs. the ecological health of the creek in project design. Both are very important factors to CCCWP, and something that we will have to look at closely and individually in each project with every landowner. Most of the time, the two goals can work together. Restoring ecological habitat or returning a stream to a more natural channel design will also provide homeowner protection. By recreating natural floodplains, using natural channel design, and planting native vegetation, water has more places to flow and dissipate rather than damming up to your front door or washing out your driveway. Shaping the stream into natural pools and bends can slow down floodwaters, but also provides great habitat for aquatic species.

However, Coal Creek Canyon is a steep and narrow canyon and in many places, infrastructure is right next to the creek without any extra room for the creek to expand. In cases where there is no space to develop a natural floodplain, habitable property protection has to be the first priority. One of the trade offs of getting to live in this beautiful canyon is that there will be impacts to the natural ecology from human influence. CCCWP will do our best to reach both of these goals through proper planning, design, and landowner involvement. The most important thing for everyone to know is that any project design will be done with property owner involvement. Any and all projects constructed on private property can only be done with the landowner's consent.



STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SAY HI!

30509 Hwy 72 Next to Coal Creek Coffee

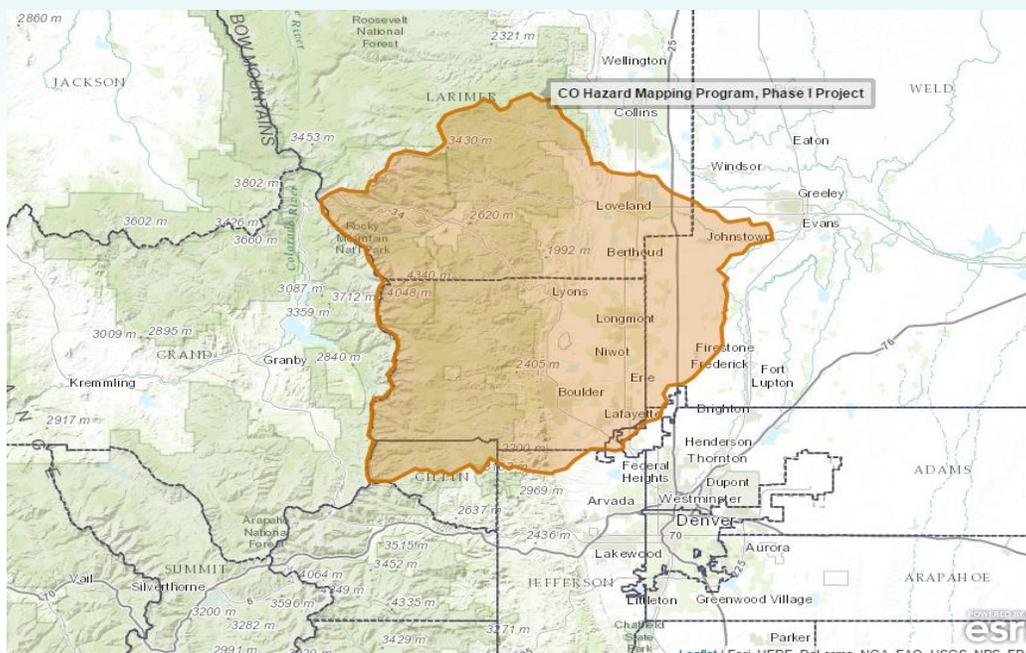
OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10AM-4PM

Thursday 3PM-7PM

THE BIGGER PICTURE

For the past few months we have been updating you on the news in our little watershed. In this moment, we will take a step back and try to paint a larger picture of why CCCWP is here and how these projects will benefit our entire state of Colorado. Coal Creek Canyon is not the only watershed with a new watershed group. The State of Colorado funded a total of 10 new watershed coalitions the devastation of the 2013 floods (Please see map). There are a total of 75 watershed groups in the entire state of Colorado. CCCWP has ties to a large network of watershed experts that are managing flood restoration projects all over the state.



The highlighted area is all of the coalitions and the watersheds that are part of this larger project.

Even more exciting, this kind of planning and funding has never been carried out in any other state. This is a pilot project for federally-funded disaster relief. The idea is that if we spend money smarter, invest it in resilient planning and design for our creeks and rivers, and involve the community in the planning process, less money will have to be spent on repairs when the next flood comes.

We are part of a larger plan, and Coal Creek Canyon is not in this alone. With this extended community and support, we will be more likely to succeed in this unique program that puts landowners at the forefront of decision-making. Water connects all of us, and the attached map gives you a view of the bigger picture of the work occurring in the Front Range. We are all working together to make our water systems safer, more resilient, and ecologically sound for years to come.