



### THE REWARDS OF PARTNERSHIP

The bottom line? Partnership leads to larger impact, amplifying our effort to protect water resources and help communities capture the economic and social benefits from their improvement. Our partnership is a place to network, discover and leverage funding opportunities, explore project ideas in greater contexts, and build capacity for larger scale projects.

### BENEFITS TO PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- Access to technical resources and expertise
- Expanded and strengthened capabilities through networking and partnership opportunities
- Competitive edge through partnering for funding
- Learning through diverse perspectives on shared issues



### JOIN US

To be a part of our effort to protect and improve our community's water resources, contact:



[www.urbanwaters.gov/splatte/index.html](http://www.urbanwaters.gov/splatte/index.html)



# SOUTH PLATTE URBAN WATERS PARTNERSHIP

*Working for large scale change  
through collective action for  
greater impact in the South Platte  
River and Watershed.*

No matter what Colorado community you call home, we all have one thing in common — we rely on clean water. Especially in our semi-arid western climate, water is one of the most precious resources we have.

Clean water is vital to the Colorado way of life, from our fly-fishing and whitewater rafting to our famous hot springs. People come from across the country to enjoy these activities, and move their businesses and families here for our quality of life, so our economy relies on clean water too.

## OUR STORY

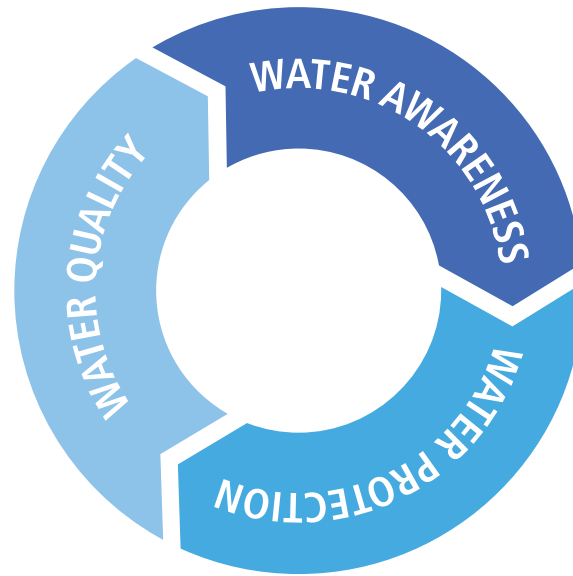
Our work grew out of the National Urban Waters Federal Partnership, which works with urban communities, particularly those that are underserved or economically distressed, to connect with and restore their urban water resources.

We're now growing into a locally-driven regional association that fosters a culture shift for regional collaboration in our watershed.

Specifically, the South Platte Urban Waters Partnership focuses on the headwaters and Denver metropolitan area of the South Platte River Watershed.

## OUR MISSION

The South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership collaborates across jurisdictions and disciplines to engage communities, and to protect and restore the South Platte River and Watershed. We are members of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), businesses, universities, local and state government, as well as federal agencies, all leveraging our collective resources to reach common goals.



## OUR FOCUS

The South Platte Urban Waters Partnership focuses on three key areas that work together to affect lasting change.

### WATER AWARENESS

Engaging communities in discovering the value of their urban water resources.

### WATER PROTECTION

Protecting critical watershed areas that affect the water supply for Denver metro communities.

### WATER QUALITY

Partnership efforts within the community lead to improved health of the watershed and improved water quality.

## OUR APPROACH

Our interdisciplinary partnership focuses on our common desired outcomes while advancing our individual missions. The result? A holistic approach that not only benefits local water resources, but also improves and strengthens the community as a whole.

### We focus on the following strategies:

- Advance an interconnected network of ecological and green infrastructure for healthier waterways and for social and economic gains to adjacent communities
- Align efforts of utility providers and government, academic, private and non-profit entities
- Support high impact projects by leveraging funds
- Provide regional platform for coordinated water quality efforts
- Protect forests that provide drinking water supply
- Link healthy lifestyles to the urban water corridor
- Promote cross-boundary educational campaigns to raise awareness of the importance of our local waterways

