

An aerial photograph showing a wide, turbulent river with brown, muddy water. On the right side, a paved road is severely damaged, with large sections of asphalt missing and exposed rocks and debris. The road has yellow and white lane markings. The left bank is covered in dense green trees and vegetation.

COLORADO DISASTER RECOVERY

LESSONS LEARNED

**A GUIDE TO PLAN, REACT, ADAPT, EVOLVE,
AND ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOMES
FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND STREAM
CORRIDORS**

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A WATERSHED APPROACH

BACKGROUND ON COLORADO'S RECOVERY PROGRAM

THE FLOOD OF 2013



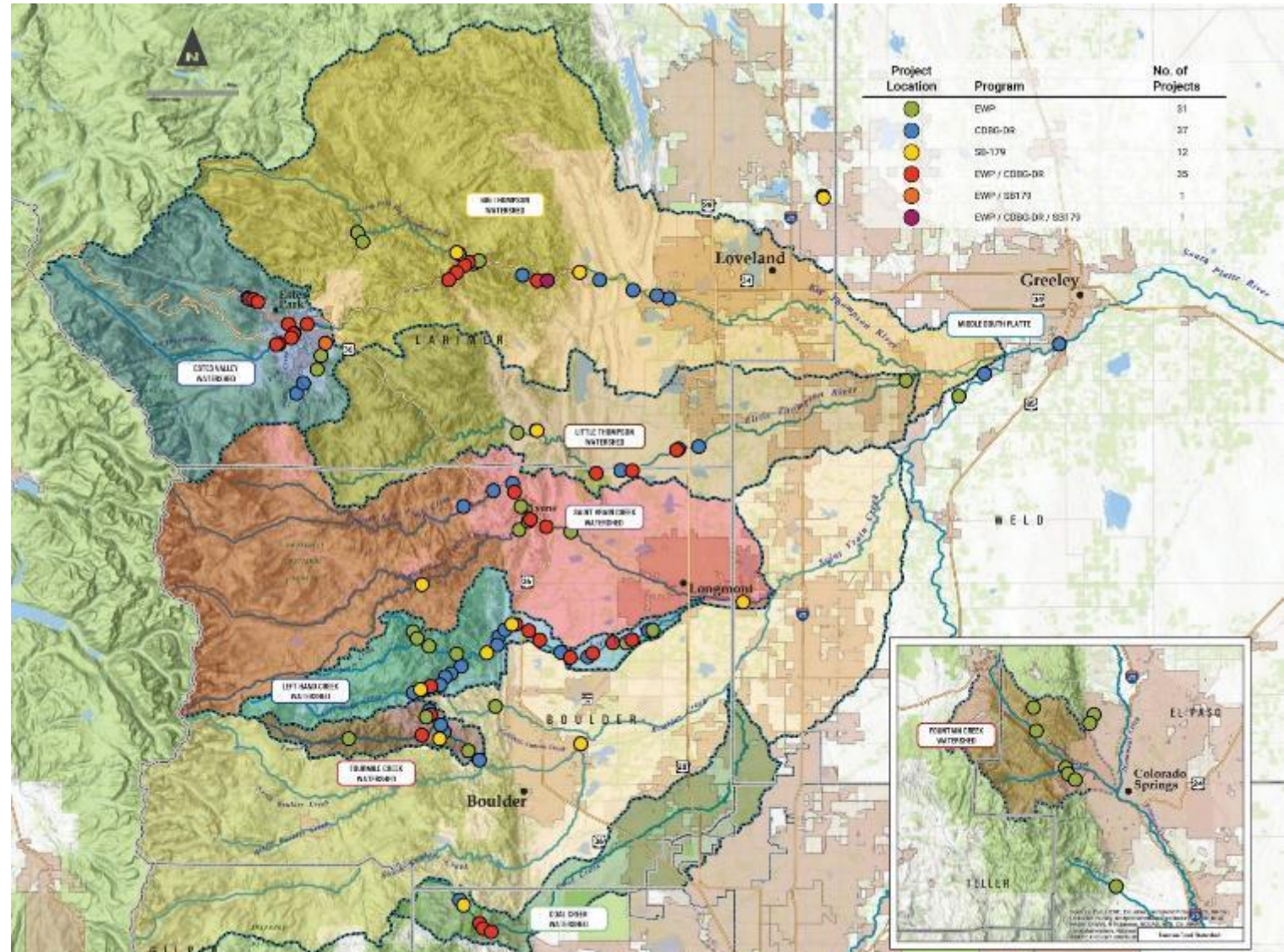
WATERSHED BASED FLOOD RECOVERY

- Protect life and property while restoring ecological processes that connect land and water
- Complete recovery work on a watershed scale
- Support early planning to identify root issues, develop holistic solutions, and allow time to secure appropriate funding
- Support watershed coalitions as a model for stakeholder engagement
- Execute projects with multiple objectives
- Incorporate resiliency into every project

RECOVERY: BY THE NUMBERS

- **117** total flood recovery projects completed (68 EWP)
- Total construction costs of over **\$70 million** (~\$50 million EWP)
- Over **\$270 million** – value of infrastructure and private structures protected
- **65 miles** of river and floodplain improvements implemented (40 miles EWP)
- **12** watershed master plans finalized
- **34** resiliency planning studies completed
- **23** comprehensive recovery planning studies completed
- Over **700** private property owners engaged
- **\$4.2 million** across 10 coalitions for capacity building staffing grants. CWCB supplemented this with an additional \$400,000.

*These are numbers for the CWCB and DOLA led recovery efforts for the 2013 flood.



HOW AND WHY OF LESSONS LEARNED

- Recommendations that will allow state and federal disaster response programs to implement more resilient and holistic recovery actions (noted as **Recommendations for Changes to State and Federal Disaster Response**).
- Actions to implement immediately after a disaster has occurred (noted as **Recommendations for Disaster Recovery Actions**).
- Action items that can be completed by a community ahead of the next disaster (noted as **Recommendations for Pre-Disaster Actions**).



SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY VISION

Recommendations for Disaster Recovery Actions:

Support a comprehensive recovery program led by an agency that has the necessary in-house expertise for disaster recovery or the entirety of the disaster-affected region, e.g. a state agency or authority that has the necessary in-house expertise for disaster recovery and an understanding of natural systems. This agency should employ an administrator and be responsible for river corridor recovery, rivers and flood risk. Ideally that agency should employ an expert in administrative and ongoing risk, informed by the expertise housed within this department is central to making assessments of problems and conceptual designs, as well as informed decisions. There are professional certifications (CPM, etc.) in training and continuing education in the field of disaster recovery. The agency that houses professionals with these certifications is a strong candidate for the central leadership role. There is currently not a certification for professional geologists, biologists or ecologists, all of whom would be involved in a recovery program.

Objectives for recovery and communication should be set throughout the duration of the programs, and a foundation to which to return when solving complex problems.

Phases of disaster recovery should be defined that provide temporary fixes during the initial response, Office of Emergency Management and other agencies that have the expertise to provide interventions. These agreements will complement and build upon existing interventions. Fixes are either compatible with existing fixes or to be removed or replaced.

PHOTO: Disaster Response, Saint Vrain Creek, Lyons, CO

- Comprehensive recovery takes time and the lead agency must, with support of elected officials and local partners, work out realistic timelines that allow the program to execute successful and meaningful projects and negotiate with funding agencies to make these timelines a reality.

- There may be significant opportunities to create in-kind match for federal funding with materials sourced from road reconstruction or other infrastructure projects. Forward thinking and programmatic planning can leverage these opportunities to identify match funding for projects without the use of local cash.

- Leadership should be prepared to encounter and resolve conflicts that arise from federal, state, and local agencies whom may have different priorities in order to promote and execute the holistic recovery vision.

- The lead agency should organize and establish a single technical assistance team with expertise in flood management and river processes to guide flood recovery across agencies and funding programs.

- The lead agency should empower local groups, coalitions and local governments to work together. Often these groups have pre-established relationships within the impacted communities; they understand local values and are already established in close proximity to the need. Empowered correctly, these local groups can effectively act as an extension of state and federal resources and may improve the ability of state and federal staff to remain focused on the overall vision and road to recovery.

- The lead agency should develop a culture of collaboration with a vision of raising the standard of performance within the local engineering, design, and construction industry. There can be significant distrust and defensiveness on the front end of large collaboration efforts. Ultimately, the objective must be to create strong partnerships, founded on the goal of achieving the best possible outcome on implemented projects--in other words, professionals need to work across disciplines and in collaboration with competitors to ensure that no opportunity is left behind.

Recommendations for Pre-Disaster Actions:

- Invest in developing personal relationships with state and federal partners. Knowing federal program managers on a first name basis and having a high degree of trust with them can make a huge difference during flood recovery.

- Determine leadership responsibilities and organizational structures for specific disaster types, (i.e. wildfires or flooding, on a state or regional basis). This structure will establish how funding will be distributed and which agency will set the vision and overall goals and objectives of the recovery effort and allow recovery efforts to hit the ground running when disaster strikes.

- Invest in and allow for longer timelines for recovery project development and construction. Longer timelines can improve outcomes by allowing proper vetting of alternatives, public outreach and communication, and expanded partnerships for funding and multiple benefits. Longer timeline also provide a better opportunity to resolve unforeseen and lengthy permitting processes that might otherwise create significant challenges to project implementation.



ORGANIZING FOR RECOVERY

WITH ORGANIZATION COMES EMPOWERMENT

DEVELOP A CENTRALIZED RECOVERY PROGRAM THAT CAN SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE VISION

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Reduce Hazards and Protect Life Safety and Property

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Use Federal and State Funding Effectively

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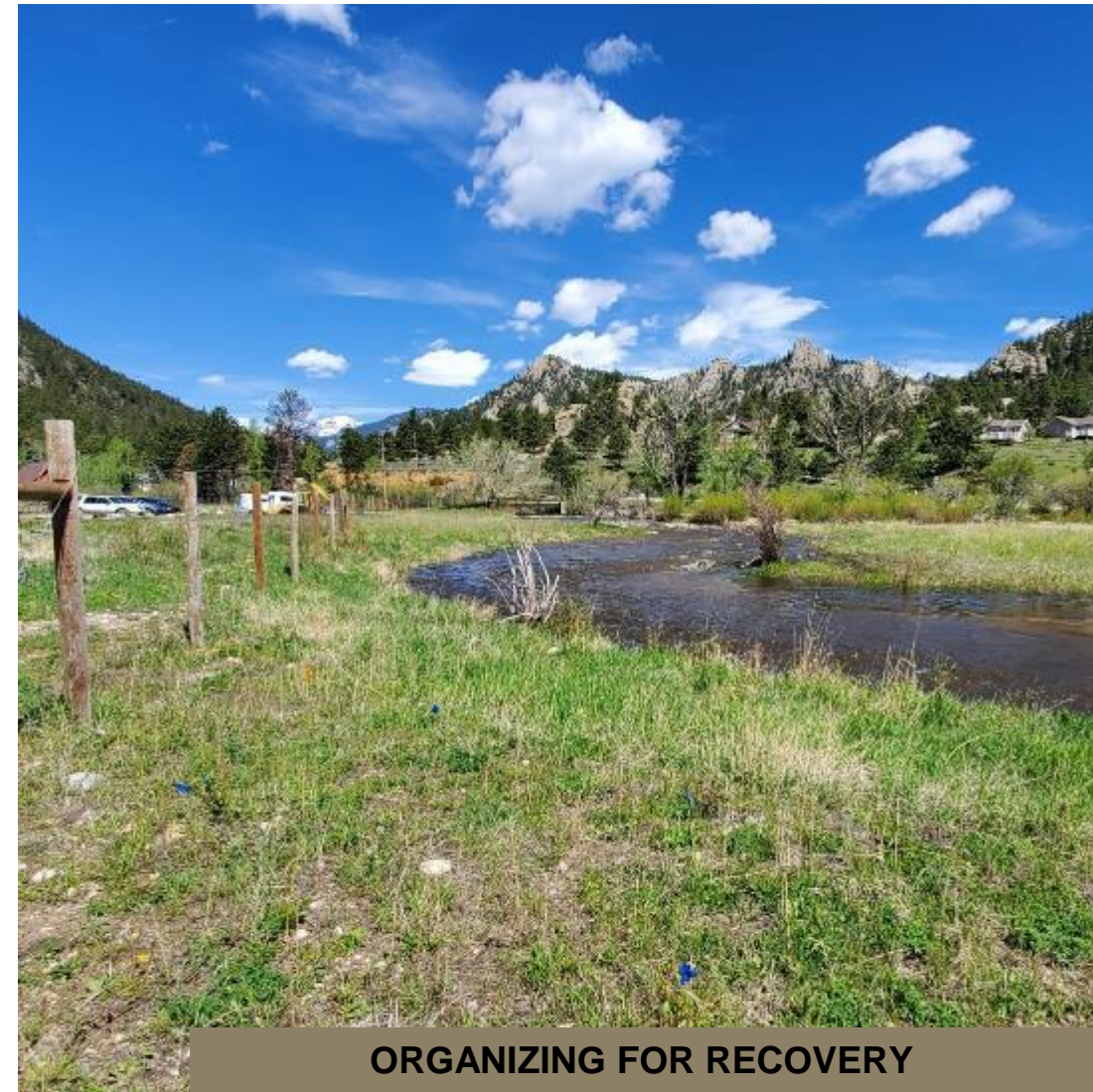
Enhance the Health and Resilience of Watersheds and Stream Corridors

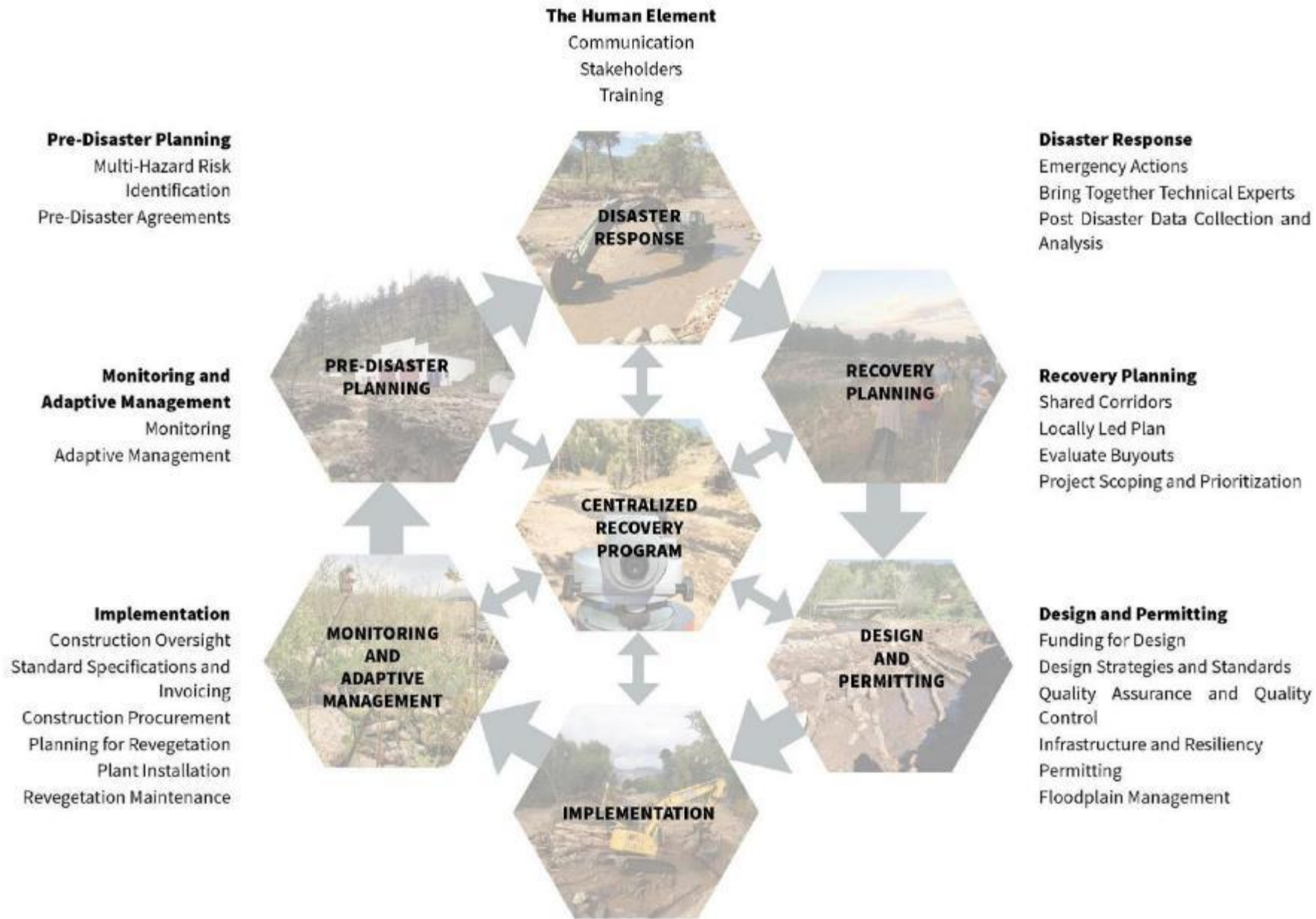
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Build Capacity of Watershed Coalitions

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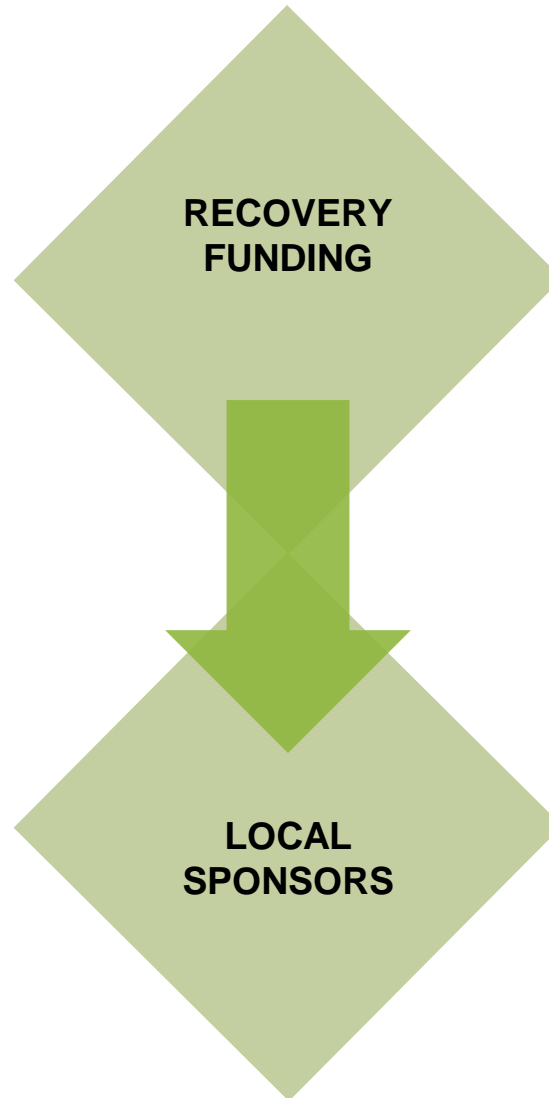
Advance a Watershed Approach to Flood Recovery





GRAPHIC: Conceptual Model for Disaster Recovery. The figure above is representative of the disaster recovery process implemented by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and Colorado Department of Local Affairs following the 2013 flood.

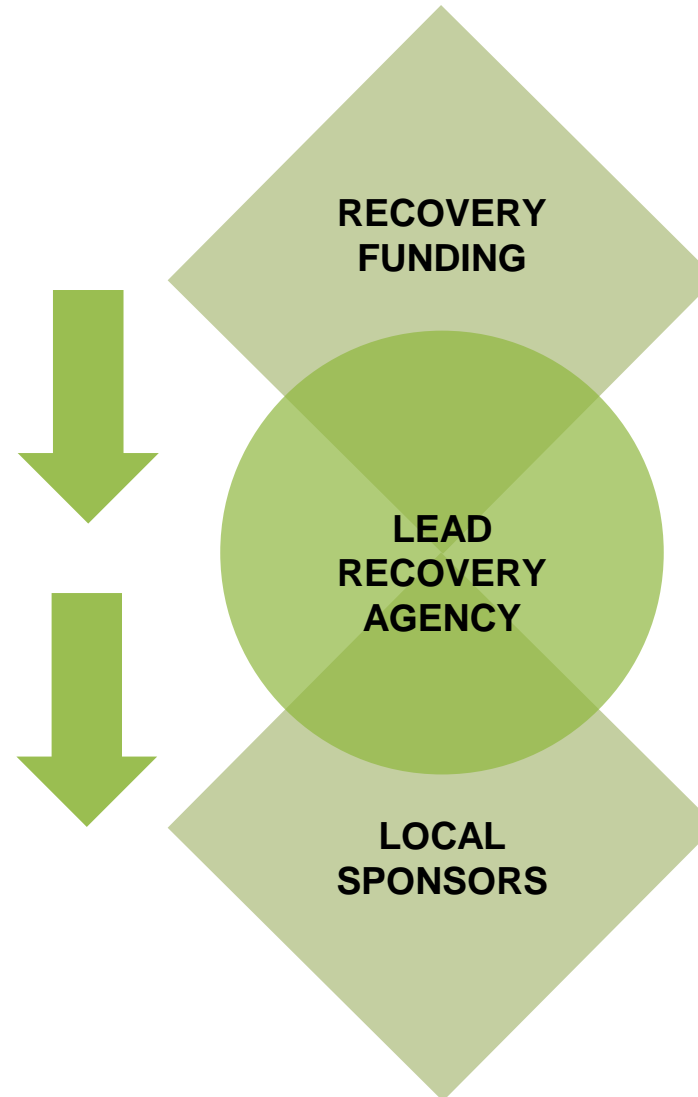
MAXIMIZE THE BENEFIT OF FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH CENTRALIZED LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION



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OPPORTUNITIES

- Creates a program Technical Assistance team to support program management, design, construction oversight, and QA.
- Set program expectations, e.g. get away from overly restrictive design requirements that are inappropriate for stream rehabilitation (e.g. 100% design)



RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides funding and program oversight,
- Addresses programmatic requirements such as environmental compliance

- Sets the recovery vision
- Provides partial match funding
- Sets guidelines and standards

- Communication with local stakeholders
- Oversees project implementation
- Raises local match
- Commits to O&M

AUTHORIZE STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDING



- Get people working
- Keep local disaster recovery money as flexible as possible
- Use local funding for recovery plans
- Leverage local dollars for construction match

PROJECT EXAMPLE: Colorado Recovery Planning

- Funding for master planning was made available via CWCB
- Move watershed coalitions and communities towards prioritization and implementation of recovery projects:
 - Reduced flood and geomorphic hazards
 - Improved ecological conditions
- The master plans defined each watershed's vision for recovery and enhanced the community's understanding of the river corridor and associated risks



A TALE OF TWO RECOVERY PROGRAMS



ORGANIZING FOR RECOVERY

DISASTER RESPONSE

GUIDING EMERGENCY EFFORTS TOWARDS RESILIENT LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

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SHARED CORRIDORS

RIVERS, ROADS, AND RESIDENCES



Getting the foundation for a successful long-term design set immediately after the flood in the emergency response actions is imperative for recovery success.

WHAT DO STREAMS LOOK LIKE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A FLOOD?



AND WHY DO THEY LOOK SO DIFFERENT A FEW MONTHS LATER?



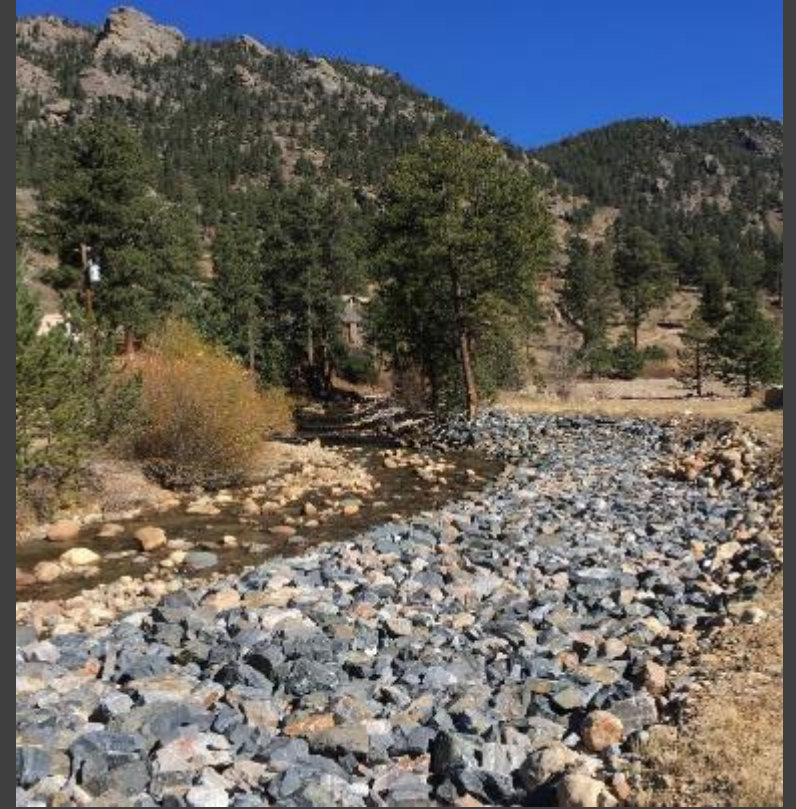
DISASTER RESPONSE & SHARED CORRIDORS

REFRAME THE FLOOD:
From a “river problem”
to a “human problem”



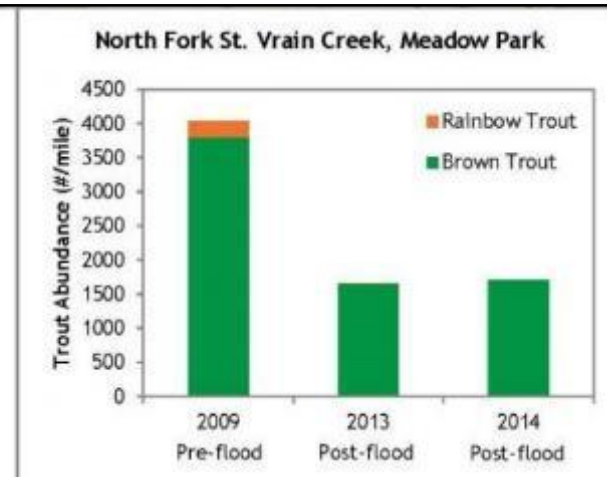
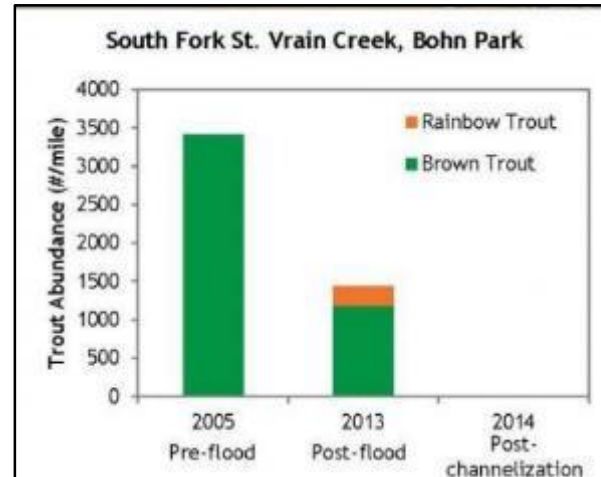
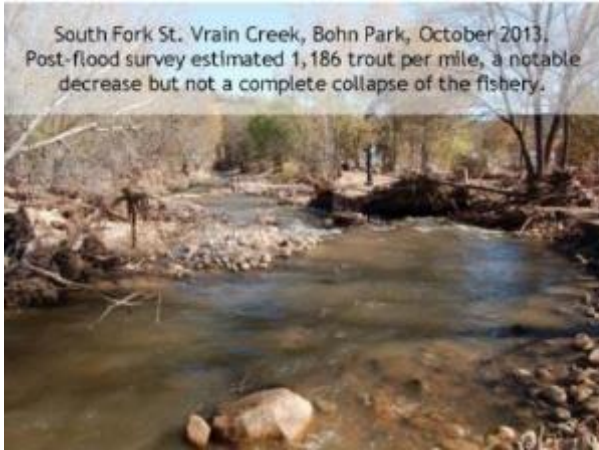
THE 2013 FLOOD RESPONSE REFRAMED





POST-FLOOD EMERGENCY REPAIRS

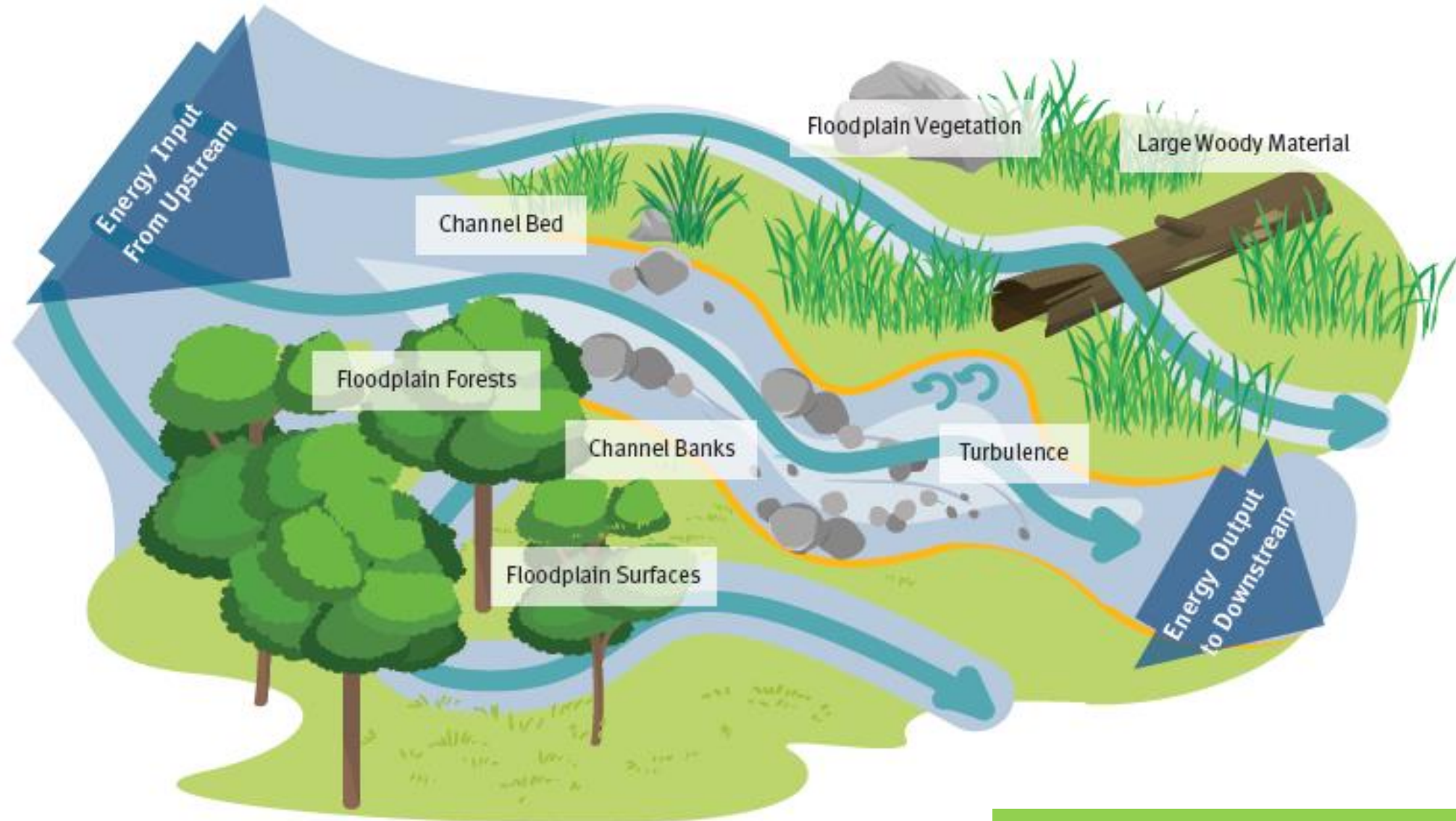
Negative Ecosystem Impacts: CPW POST-FLOOD Fish Survey Data



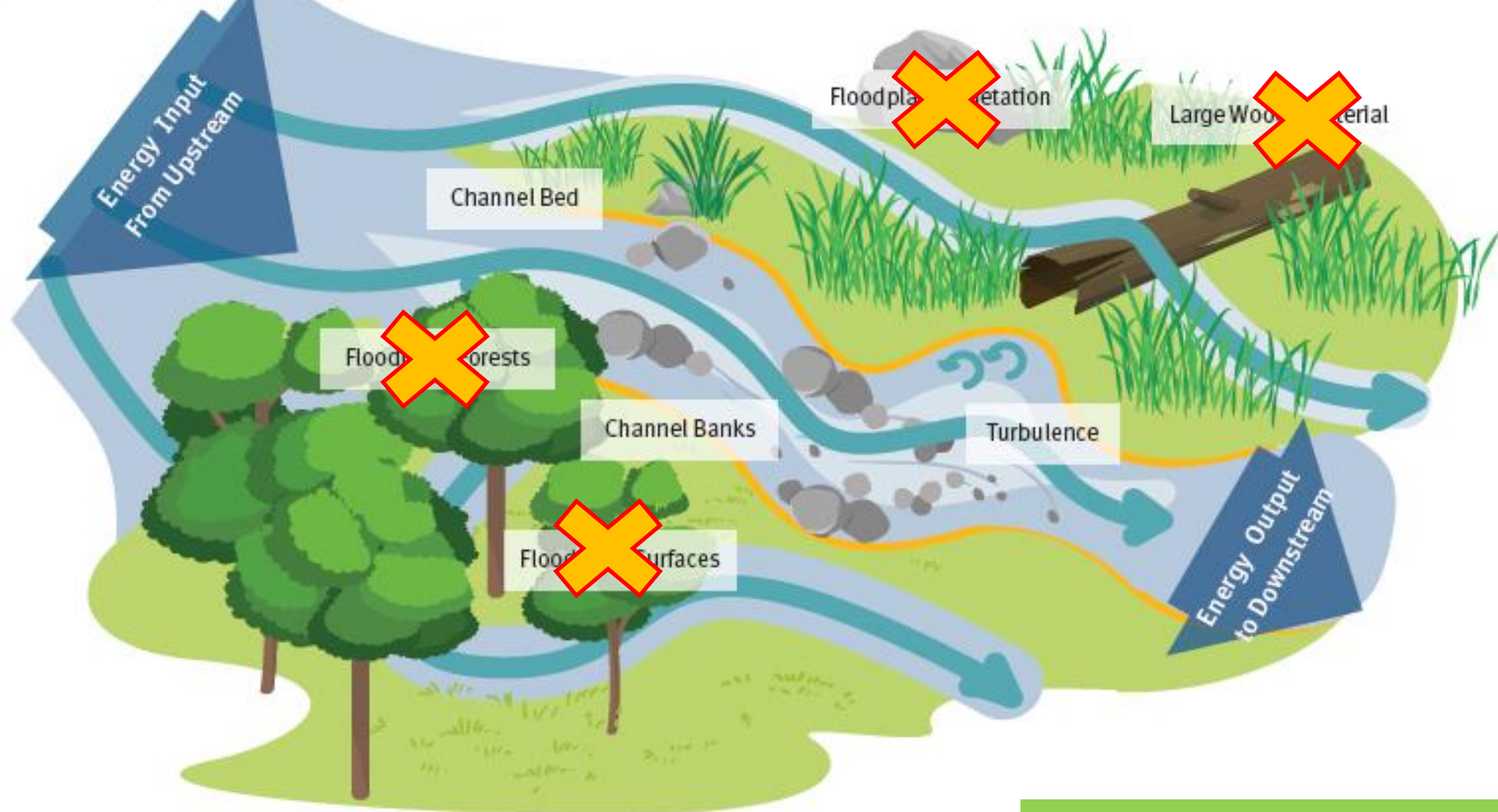
Streams need space to accommodate their energy and sediment



Conceptual Model of Energy Continuity



Conceptual Model of Energy Continuity: Channelized





**Shared Corridors: Consider the difference
between addressing a problem and
transferring a problem**



DISASTER RESPONSE & SHARED CORRIDORS



Pre-flood river centerline (dashed blue line)

Pre-flood roadway alignment (yellow line) on the outside of river bends exposing the road to significant erosional forces.

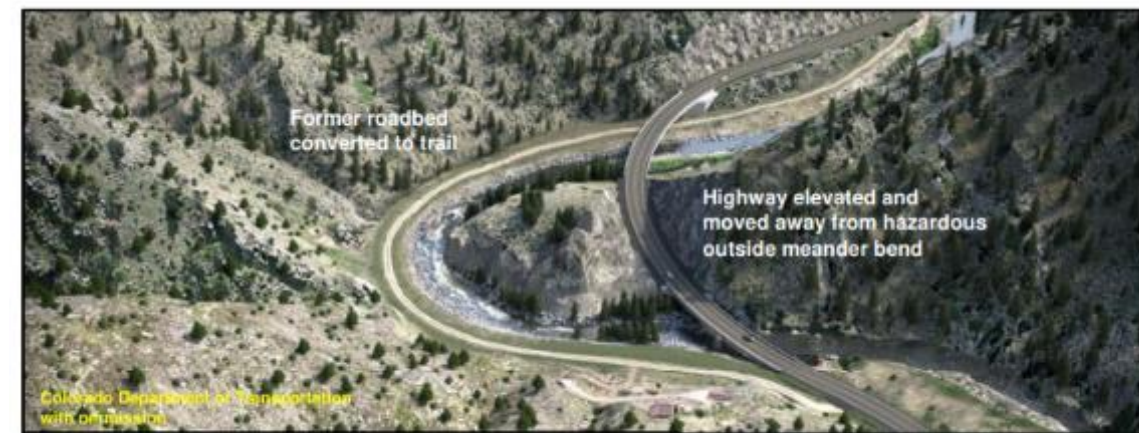
Reconstructed road (grey) on the inside of river bend reducing likelihood of failure during future flood event.

Post-flood river centerline (solid blue line)

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Colorado Disaster Recovery: Lessons Learned

County Road 43
Larimer County—FHWA project



Former roadbed converted to trail

Highway elevated and moved away from hazardous outside meander bend

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Managing Infrastructure in the Stream Environment

Advisory Committee on Water Information
Subcommittee on Sedimentation
Environment and Infrastructure Working Group

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Box 1.—Big Thompson River – U.S. Highway 34 Improvements
After a devastating flood in 2013, the Colorado Department of Transportation repaired and re-built a canyon-bound highway. Many portions of the highway were washed out, especially where the road ran along the outside of river bends (right). The highway was elevated above and moved away from one such high hazard area as part of the post-flood reconstruction. Other resilient designs include setbacks from the river, vegetated floodplain benches, and integration of vegetation into embankments. Though costly, these improvements reduce the risk of future damage and the economic costs of losing a major transportation corridor from the next flood.



Flood damage to road

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DISASTER RESPONSE & SHARED CORRIDORS



Disaster Response and Shared Corridors

TEMPORARY BECOMES PERMANENT

FLOOD RECOVERY PLANNING

VALUES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES



FLOOD RECOVERY PLANNING

WATERSHED ZONE STREAM DESCRIPTION

CANYONS

- Pre-Flood:** Stream is located in headwater or confined valley, frequently adjacent to roads and homes. Stream is in quasi-equilibrium state and typically has higher transport and stream power.
- Post-Flood:** Significant damage with new flow paths, debris flows, large sediment deposition.
- Future:** A wider stream corridor for stream movement. Rip-rap is replaced with natural solutions like large wood, providing structure and improvement of riparian habitat.

PRE-FLOOD



POST-FLOOD



POTENTIAL FUTURE



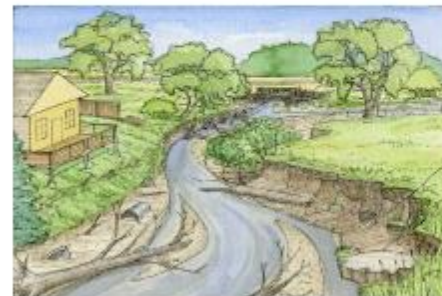
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- Pre-Flood:** Partly confined stream with moderate channel grade and low sinuosity. Homes adjacent to stream bank and in the floodplain. Stream has moderate channel grade and low sinuosity.
- Post-Flood:** Stream migrated significantly and deposited large amounts of sediment.
- Future:** Floodplain is free of major development allowing normal riparian habitat development with secondary channels used to help transport future high flows.



HIGH PLAINS

- Pre-Flood:** Low grade stream is typically unconfined with adjacent floodplain or entrenched with adjacent houses and agricultural land. Stream is single thread and straightened in some areas, and bridges are common.
- Post-Flood:** Stream exceeded channel capacity, damaging roads and depositing trash and other debris.
- Future:** Additional room for the stream and channel capacity. Invasive crack willows are removed and normal channel evolution occurs with bars, riffles, and pools.



Conceptual Model for Left Hand Creek Watershed



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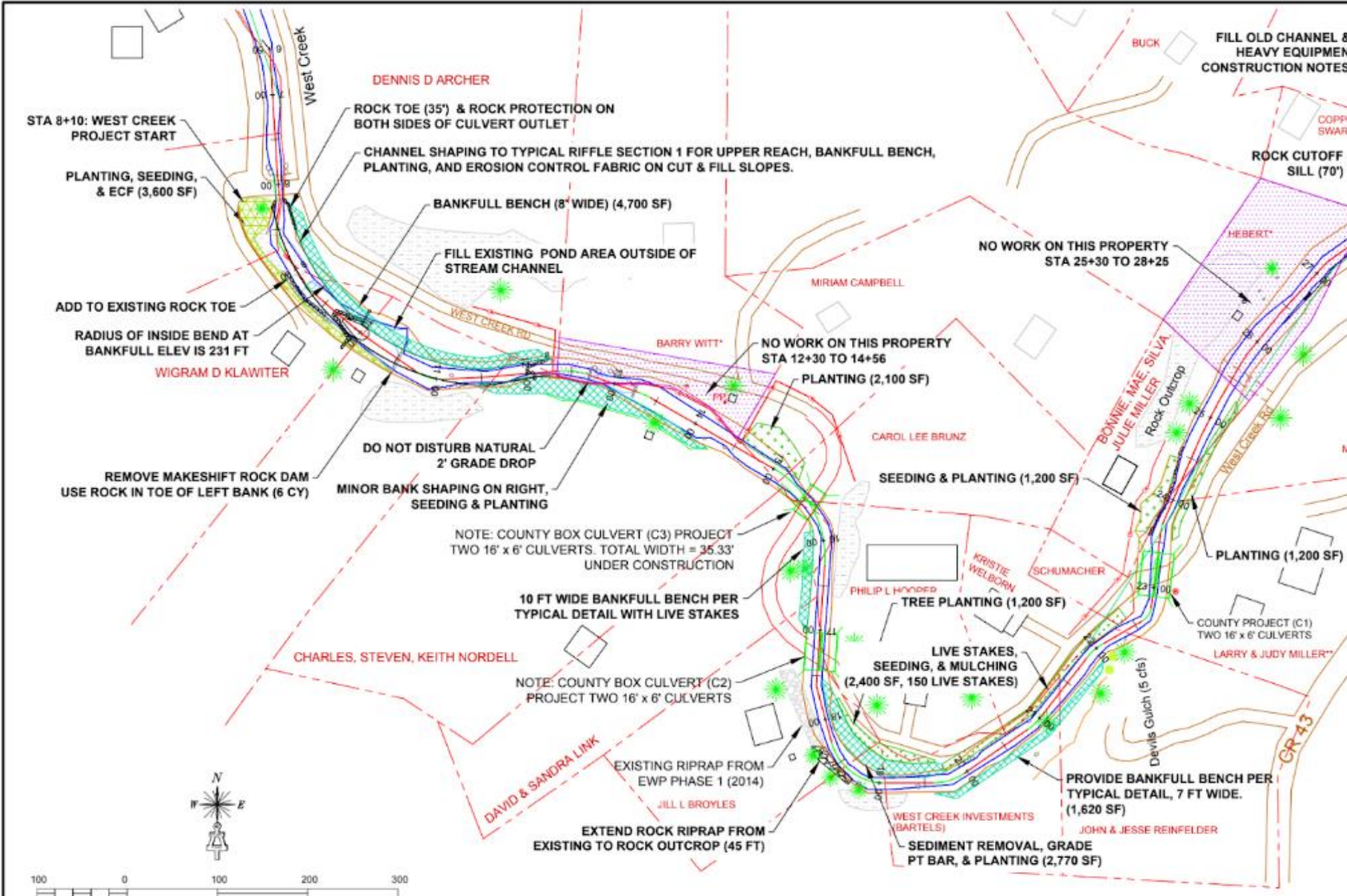
FILL OLD CHANNEL & HEAVY EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION NOTES

ROCK CUTOFF - SILL (70')

BIG THOMPSON WATERSHED
 EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION
 LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO
SITE PLAN 1



Job Class: IV
 Revised: 10/11/2016



FLOOD RECOVERY PLANNING

Project Sponsored By:



**Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership
More Information at www.cccwp.org**

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND SCOPING

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY





PROJECT IDENTIFICATION & SCOPING

TA Team Rank	Applicant	Watershed Coalition	Project Type	Coalition Rank	Project Cost	Notes	TA Recommended Award
1	Big Thompson River Restoration Coalition	Big Thompson	Habitat, hydraulic, floodplain improvement, bank stabilization, geomorphic risk	1 of 1	\$296,791	Fund project as proposed	
1	Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership	Coal Creek	Debris, erosion, bank restoration	1 of 1	\$177,604	Fund to full \$300,000 and extend the project length	
1	Fourmile Watershed Coalition	Fourmile	Revegetation, restoration	2 of 4	\$72,379	and BoCo to design build the project originally identified as the SB-179 project (before the money	
1	Fourmile Watershed Coalition	Fourmile	Debris, erosion, bank restoration	N/A	\$227,621		
1	James Creek Watershed Initiative	Lefthand	Restoration	High	\$299,892	Examine these two Lefthand Projects and determine if they can be completed for a total of \$300K	
1	Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group	Lefthand	Debris, Floodplain, Channel	High	\$298,739		
1	Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District	Upper Fountain Creek/Cheyenne Creek Coalition	LID demonstration project on Cheyenne creek	1 of 1	\$290,000	Fund project as proposed	
1	Estes Valley Watershed Coalition	Estes Valley	Wetland restoration, riprap, channel reshaping	1 of 1	\$287,900	Fund project as proposed	
1	Little Thompson Watershed Restoration Coalition	Little Thompson	Restoration, stabilization, mitigation	1 of 1	\$299,200	See TA notes on how to allocate funds if not all 5 sites are construction ready	
1	Town of Lyons	St. Vrain	Bank restoration	3 of 3	\$278,218	Increase fund request to full \$300,000 and ask that Lyons extend upstream of town boundary to old south st. vrain bridge (see TA notes)	
						SUBTOTAL	
2	Town of Lyons	St. Vrain	Bank restoration	?	\$300,000	Recommend this project be partially funded for channel work only at \$75/lf and combined with SB-179 fund project	
2	Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group	Lefthand	Public engagement, engineering design, weed management	High	\$254,238	Consider partial funding for further debris removal and revegetation	
2	City of Longmont	St. Vrain	Revegetation, stream restoration, diversion, culvert	?	\$150,000	Consider funding reveg only	
2	Boulder County	Fourmile	Stabilization, debris rack	1 of 4	\$250,313	Request revised proposal to innovate debris rack design and install a demonstration project. Do not fund for channel armoring as proposed. Consider	
						SUBTOTAL (FLEXIBLE)	
3	Boulder County	St. Vrain	Breach closure, stabilization	?	\$300,000	Combine into planning/implementation project in round 2	
3	Boulder County	St. Vrain	Breach closure, stabilization	2 of 3	\$300,000		
3	Boulder County	St. Vrain	Breach closure, stabilization	?	\$300,000		

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION & SCOPING

Watershed Coalition	Project Name	Project Type	Coalition Rank	Project Cost	Notes	TA Recommended Award	
Big Thompson		Habitat, hydraulic, floodplain improvement, bank stabilization, geomorphic risk	1 of 1		Fund project as proposed		
Coal Creek		Debris, erosion, bank restoration	1 of 1		Fund to full \$300,000 and extend the project length		
Foumile		Revegetation, restoration	2 of 4		Fund Logan Mill Project. Coordinate with CWCB and BoCo to design build the project originally identified as the SB-179 project (before the money was turned into road planning funds)		
Foumile		Debris, erosion, bank restoration	N/A				
Lefthand		Restoration	High		Examine these two Lefthand Projects and determine if they can be completed for a total of \$300K		
Lefthand		Debris, Floodplain, Channel	High				
Upper Fountain Creek/Cheyenne Creek Coalition		LID demonstration project on Cheyenne creek	1 of 1		Fund project as proposed		
Estes Valley		Wetland restoration, riprap, channel reshaping	1 of 1		Fund project as proposed		
Little Thompson		Restoration, stabilization, mitigation	1 of 1		See TA notes on how to allocate funds if not all 5 sites are construction ready		
St. Vrain		Bank restoration	3 of 3		Increase fund request to full \$300,000 and ask that Lyons extend upstream of town boundary to old south st. vrain bridge (see TA notes)		
							SUBTOTAL
St. Vrain		Bank restoration	?		Recommend this project be partially funded for channel work only at \$75/lf and combined with SB-179 fund project		
Lefthand		Public engagement, engineering design, weed management	High		Consider partial funding for further debris removal and revegetation		
St. Vrain		Revegetation, stream restoration, diversion, culvert	?		Consider funding reveg only		
Foumile		Stabilization, debris rack	1 of 4		Request revised proposal to innovate debris rack design and install a demonstration project. Do not fund for channel armoring as proposed. Consider funding for culvert removal and installation of a low water road crossing as has been used in other fire burned areas.		
							SUBTOTAL (FLEXIBLE)
St. Vrain		Breach closure, stabilization	?		Combine into planning/implementation project in round 2		
St. Vrain		Breach closure, stabilization	2 of 3				
St. Vrain		Breach closure, stabilization	?				
Foumile		Stream restoration design	3 of 4		Consider for Round 2 after further design/budget development		
Lefthand	Stream restoration	?	Consider for Round 2 after further design/budget development				

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION & SCOPING



PROJECT IDENTIFICATION & SCOPING



CONSTRUCTION

MAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY COUNT



CONSTRUCTION

Upper Coal Creek Improvements Project

Weekly Construction Update

Date: 04/28/2017

By: Mark Schutte

Location: Coal Creek Canyon, Jefferson County, CO.

Page 1 of 2



PROJECT SPONSOR: Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership

Work In Progress

Completed all improvements on Lowe property

1. Excavation and installation of two low benches with void-filled riprap backslopes.
2. Boulder toe installation completed between channel and low bench areas.
3. Construction of double-stacked boulder wall completed. Riprap backslope installed.



Above: Completed installation of double-stacked boulder wall and boulder toe on Lowe Property.

Below: Began excavation of low benches on Lowe property, river left.

Began red soil removal efforts on Simonetti property.

Upcoming Work

1. Mobilize to Cameron property and begin channel improvements.
2. Continue red soil removal on Simonetti property.
3. Revegetation work on Adair and Khachatryan properties.



Other Notes

1. A larger crew will be on-site in the coming weeks to speed up revegetation.
2. Contractor will protect sites with additional erosion control if necessary in preparation for precipitation over the weekend.





CONSTRUCTION



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STAGE 1

SOIL LIFT INSTALLATION

FOUNDATION:
Footer rock placed according to plan detail to support soil lifts and to provide protection from toe scour.



STAGE 2

FORMING:
Stabilizer board placed to establish front face of soil lift. Board held in place by rebar stakes.



STAGE 3

FORMING:
Blanket placed on top of foundation and formed up to stabilizer board. Lift ready for backfill. Note, seeding is installed before lift is wrapped and staked.



FORMING:
First layer placed and blanket wrapped around soil and staked. Form set for second soil lift and willow cuttings being placed in between lifts.

STAGE 4

SOIL LIFT DESCRIPTION

PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

Soil lifts are vertical layers of soil wrapped with erosion control fabric and integrated with vegetation to "build" or reconstruct stream banks.

PURPOSE

The technique is used for slope stabilization, streambank, and shoreline restoration and stream relocation. Soil lifts provide immediate and short-term structural support, allowing for root development and growth of vegetation which ultimately provides long-term structural bank stabilization. As the erosion control fabric degrades, the structural support of the bank transfers to the plant-based treatment.

COMMON NAMES

Soil Wrapped Lift
Brush Layering

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

MATERIALS

- COIR MATTING AND JUTE FABRIC
- SOIL (ROUTE AND/OR TOPSOIL)
- LIVE CUTTINGS
- BACKFILL
- STABILIZER BOARD
- REBAR PIN
- HARDWOOD STAKES
- WEDGE STAKES

EQUIPMENT

- EXCAVATOR/BACKHOE
- CONSTRUCTED LIFT FRAME
- SLEDGE HAMMER
- SHOVEL



Soil lifts along Left Hand Creek following installation, but prior to planting and mowing.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

INSTALLATION FUNDAMENTALS

- Understanding the designed geometry and final grade elevations.
- Using a stabilizer board to form the front edge of the soil lift.
- Wrapping the coir fabric tightly around the lift and not loose or wrinkled.
- Storage and installation of live cuttings.
- Compacting the soil within each lift during construction.
- Hydrologic connectivity.

POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Install coir block to provide inner support and long-term structural protection of the soil mass at the top of each wrap. Vegetation will grow through the coir block and embed into the soil mass within.
- Container seeding or plugs can be installed through the geotextile fabric along horizontal benches and provide additional support.
- Use in concert with other bioengineering techniques, such as brush layering, pile planting, and wattle/tree fascines.

COMMON FAILURES

- Soil lifts must be properly constructed in a consistent even manner that is resistant to erosion and scour.
- Inner fabric too thin, resulting in more rapid degradation.
- Not enough abrasion resistant, adequate amount of soil and rock must be used to fill the void between the bank and the soil lifts.
- Inadequate toe foundation, toe erosion.
- Not properly keying in the structures and/or the erosion control fabric at the upstream end.
- Installing vegetation at suboptimal times reduces chances of survival.
- Not adequately backfilling the holes will kill the cutting as roots cannot survive in dry air. Adequately backfill holes, then tamping, followed by watering to ensure good soil-to-stem contact.

RELATED INSTALLATION PRACTICES

LIVE CUTTINGS

**PERIODIC ESTIMATE FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT
SUMMARY AND APPROVALS**



PERIODIC ESTIMATE NO. + PERIOD XXXX, 2017 THROUGH XXXXXX, 2017

ORIGINAL CONTRACT WORK

Bid Item (1)	Description (2)	ORIGINAL CONTRACT WORK				THIS PAY PERIOD		COMPLETED TO DATE		
		Quantity (3)	Pay Unit (4)	Unit Price (5)	Total Cost (6)	Quantity (7)	Total Cost (8)	Quantity (9)	Total Cost (10)	Percent Complete (11)
TASK 1 - REMOVALS AND RELOCATIONS										
1	Clearing and Grubbing	0	Acre	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
2	Removal of Debris	0	Load	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
3	Removal of Tree	0	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
4	Reset Pedestrian Footbridge	0	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
5	Reset Fence	0	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
*****INSERT ADDITIONAL PAY ITEMS ABOVE THIS LINE*****										
Task Subtotal					\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	#DIV/0!
TASK 2 - EARTHWORK AND GRADING										
6	Unclassified Excavation (Complete in Place)	0	CY	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
7	Topsoil	0	CY	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!

Some common monitoring parameters and the stream health factors they most directly inform

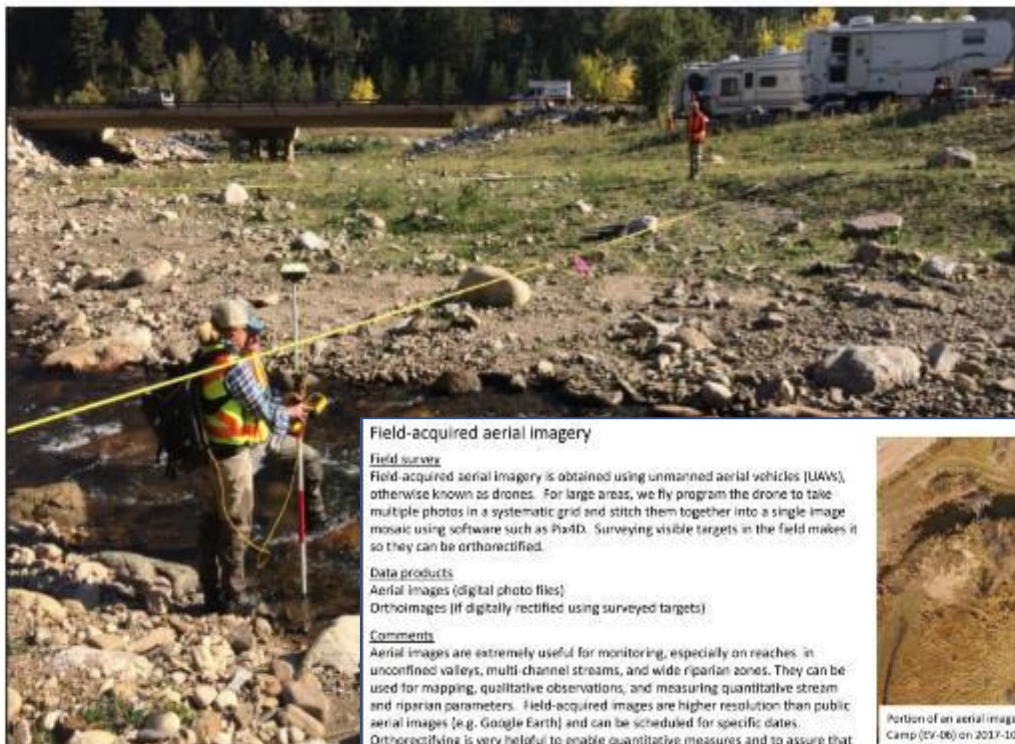
Black = direct indicator
 Grey = strong indirect indicator
 White = weak/no indicator

	Floodplain connectivity	Riparian condition	Organic materials	Morphology	Stability	Physical structure	Trophic structure
Floodplain width (Q_{bkf} , Q_{20} , Q_{100} , etc)	Black						
Floodplain area (Q_{bkf} , Q_{20} , Q_{100} , etc)	Black						
Overbank return interval	Black						
Riparian wetland area (delineation)	Black						
Prevalence Index (hydric plants)	Black						
Species diversity/richness index	Black						
Percent woody cover	Black						
Percent cover by guild	Black						
Percent cover by species	Black						
NRCS Root strength index	Black						
Noxious weed cover	Black						
In-stream wood (number, volume, etc)		Black					
Floodplain wood (number, volume, etc)		Black					
Detritus (volume, mass)		Black					
Stream type/evolutionary stage	Black						
Sinuosity (stream length/valley)	Black						
Branching rate, bifurcation ratio	Black						
Meander width (or ratio)	Black						
Cross sectional area (capacity)	Black						
Entrenchment Ratio	Black						
Bank Height Ratio	Black						
Cross section area	Black						
Width/depth ratio	Black						
Slope (bankfull, water surface)	Black						
Aggradation rate	Black						
Degradation rate	Black						
Shear stress/critical shear stress	Black						
Lateral accretion rate	Black						
Erosion per length (volume, mass)	Black						
Length or area by depth/velocity	Black						
Pool area (RPD>1.0, 1.5, 2.0)	Black						
Overhead cover (length or area)	Black						
Substrate (size, distribution, % fines)	Black						
Embeddedness	Black						
Fish biomass/number by	Black						
Invertebrate biomass/number by	Black						
Invertebrate impact indices	Black						

Flood Recovery Project Monitoring Methods

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Field-acquired aerial imagery

Field survey

Field-acquired aerial imagery is obtained using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), otherwise known as drones. For large areas, we fly program the drone to take multiple photos in a systematic grid and stitch them together into a single image mosaic using software such as Pix4D. Surveying visible targets in the field makes it so they can be orthorectified.

Data products

Aerial images (digital photo files)
 Orthoimages (if digitally rectified using surveyed targets)

Comments

Aerial images are extremely useful for monitoring, especially on reaches in unconfined valleys, multi-channel streams, and wide riparian zones. They can be used for mapping, qualitative observations, and measuring quantitative stream and riparian parameters. Field-acquired images are higher resolution than public aerial images (e.g. Google Earth) and can be scheduled for specific dates. Orthorectifying is very helpful to enable quantitative measures and to assure that images can be overlaid.



Portion of an aerial image shot at Cheley Camp (EV-06) on 2017-10-21. Survey targets are visible (arrows).



Portion of an aerial image shot at Upper Fish Creek (EV-15) on 2017-10-24. Survey targets are visible (yellow arrows).

PRE-DISASTER PLANNING

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



Pre-Disaster Planning

Roles and Relationships

Adequately identify all hazards in the corridor.
Pre-identify Project Areas (i.e., response zones)

PLANNING FOR FLUVIAL HAZARDS



QUICK START GUIDE FOR COMMUNITIES



Planning for fluvial hazards is an essential component of stream corridor management and the prevention of future flood damages, as damage to structures located outside of FEMA floodplains has been a common occurrence due to fluvially-induced erosion and sedimentation across the state of Colorado. The following are some proactive actions and best practices a community can implement in conjunction with Fluvial Hazard Zone mapping to reduce threats to life and property from fluvial hazards in their stream corridors.



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FLUVIAL HAZARD ZONE MAPPING



Fluvial processes become hazardous when an adjusting stream channel threatens public infrastructure, houses, businesses, and other investments. In order to address the unrecognized hazards associated with erosion, sediment deposition and other dynamic river processes, the CWCB has developed a program to identify and map the hazards posed by these natural river processes and develop tools to help communities and landowners better understand the hazards associated with flood events.



Fluvial hazard mapping is a component of the Colorado Hazard Mapping Program (CHAMP) effort underway by the Colorado Water Conservation Board in partnership with the Colorado Geological Survey, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, and local governments. The CHAMP program is working toward effective long-term flood hazard reduction in Colorado through the development of Fluvial Hazard Zone mapping protocols and debris flow hazard assessments in combination with traditional floodplain mapping.

More information and FAQs about fluvial hazard zone mapping please visit: www.ColoradoFHZ.com

FLUVIAL HAZARD ZONE

The Fluvial Hazard Zone (FHZ) is defined in the State of Colorado as the area a stream has occupied in recent history, may occupy, or may physically influence as the stream stores and transports water, sediment, and debris.



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