

Fountain Creek Watershed Public Meeting Agenda

November 12 and 13, 2008

- Two meetings from 5:30 – 8:30 PM:
 - November 12 at Pueblo Convention Center
 - November 13 at the Leon Young Service Center in Colorado Springs
- Each meeting will be identical and will include:
 - US Army Corps of Engineers will provide their final recommendations and answer questions.
 - A public forum to discuss the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force (FCVTF) draft recommendations with the public, answer their questions, and hear their comments and suggestions (regarding things that are missing, things that can be improved, things that are good, etc.). Heather Bergman (from the Keystone Center) will facilitate discussion after a presentation.
 - An open house in a separate room will contain poster presentations of elements of the FCVTF plan, as well as details of other projects on Fountain Creek such as the Corridor Master Plan, the Army Corps study, etc. (See below for details.)
 - Holding these presentations and showing the displays on the same night and at the same venue means that interested people only have to attend one meeting to see all.

Format for Forums

- ***Room 1:***
 - 5:30 – 6 PM Power Point presentation from the US Army Corps of Engineers on the Fountain Creek Watershed Study
 - 6 – 6:30 PM open questions on the Corps Study
 - 6:30 – 7 PM Power Point presentation on the FCVTF ‘Goals & Strategies Moving Forward’
 - 7 – 8 PM open questions and discussion on FCVTF planning documents
- ***Room 2:*** Open House from 5:30 – 8:30 PM displaying the following areas:
 - FCVTF planning documents
 - Opportunities & Constraints maps
 - US Army Corps Fountain Creek Watershed Study
 - Corridor Master Plan & demonstration projects
 - USGS on Water Quality
 - Fountain Creek Foundation
 - Highway 24 project on Fountain Creek
 - Streamside Systems project in Pueblo
 - Video of Fountain Creek fly-over
 - Trout Unlimited project in Manitou Springs
 - Watershed non-point source pollution model

Fountain Creek Watershed Vision

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PUBLIC WILL GET CHANCE TO WEIGH IN ON FOUNTAIN CREEK ISSUES AND VIEW THE COMBINED RESULTS OF LINKED WATERSHED EFFORTS

Residents of Pueblo and El Paso Counties will have a chance to hear the results of two years of study on critical Fountain Creek issues and to provide input to the draft recommendations of the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force. On November 12th and 13th the Task Force and other groups developing solutions for the Fountain Creek Watershed will host public forums. Wednesday the 12th the event will take place at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main Street, and Thursday the 13th it will be at the Leon Young Service Center in Colorado Springs, 1521 Hancock Expressway. Both events run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In one room the public will participate in an open forum discussion regarding the draft planning documents produced by two years of work the Task Force has completed to date, as well as view presentations on the Task Force Goals and Strategies, and the US Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Study. The second 'Open House' style room will have manned displays on both of these efforts as well as the Fountain Creek Corridor Master Plan and its planned demonstration projects, the recently formed Fountain Creek Foundation, the Highway 24 project, the Streamside Systems project, and Trout Unlimited's Upper Fountain Creek project.

Thousands of hours of work have been invested by Task Force members, subcommittees, and other volunteers from throughout Southern Colorado, to develop specific recommended actions to be taken in the watershed to achieve the shared vision of the group. These actions align with results of the five year, three million dollar US Army Corps Study that will be finalized in December, the Fountain Creek Corridor Master Plan, and others. When implemented, these actions will create a strong, resilient and sustainable ecosystem in the Fountain Creek watershed that supports a variety of interests and activities, sustains high water quality, and attenuates flooding.