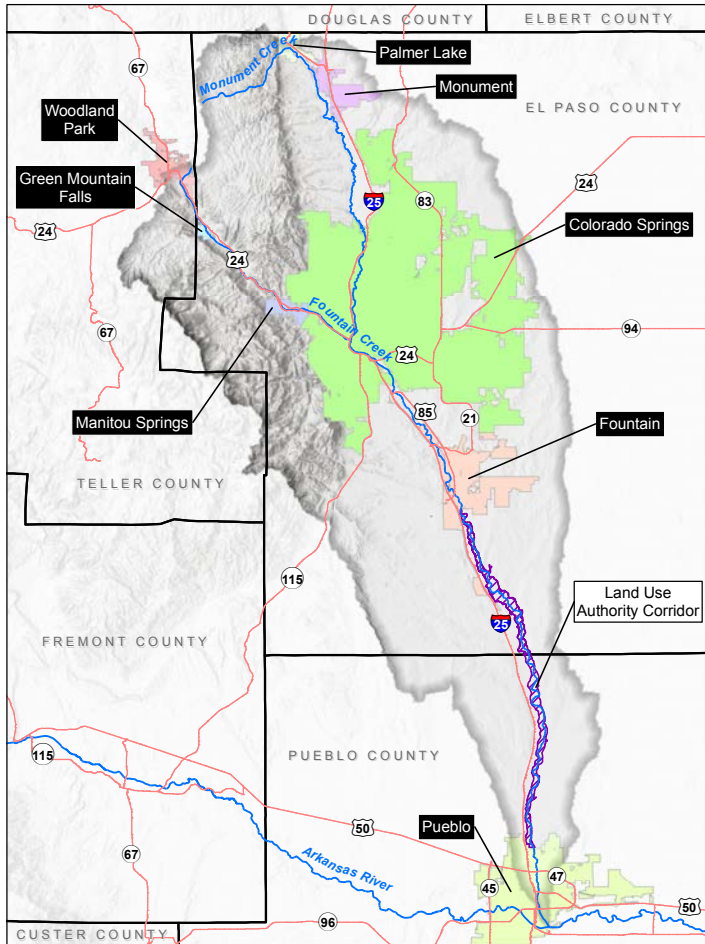


Fountain Creek Watershed

Flood Control & Greenway District

FACT SHEET

#1 The District



- The Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado created by the Colorado Legislature by Senate Bill 09-141 and signed into law by Governor Ritter on April 30, 2009.
- The District's mission is to protect and enhance the health of the Fountain Creek Watershed for the enjoyment of the public for generations to come.
- The District is comprised of El Paso and Pueblo Counties. The member governments are Palmer Lake, Monument, Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Fountain, Pueblo, Pueblo County and El Paso County.
- The District was created to manage, administer and fund capital improvements necessary to:
 - Prevent and mitigate flooding, sedimentation and erosion;
 - Improve water quality and otherwise address water quantity and water quantity issues;
 - Improve drainage;
 - Fund the acquisition and protection of open space;
 - Develop public recreational opportunities, including parks, trails, and open space;
 - Improve wildlife and aquatic habitat and restore, enhance, establish and preserve wetlands.

- The District is governed by nine Directors who serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors:

- Allison Schuch, Executive Director – fountainckdist@gmail.com
- Chairperson, Tamara Estes, City of Fountain
- Vice Chair, Vacant
- Secretary, Terry Hart, CAG Representative
- Treasurer, Longinos Gonzalez, El Paso County
- Larry Atencio, City of Pueblo
- Anthony Nunez, Lower Arkansas Valley Conservancy District
- Nancy Henjum, City of Colorado Springs
- Jim Romanello, representing Small Municipalities



- The District Board works closely with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Citizens Advisory Group (CAG). These committees provide recommendation to the board, share information, and discuss issues and solutions. An outreach coordinator provides information, education and engagement opportunities for citizens across the watershed through the District's website, social media, public events and programs.

Since its creation in 2009 the District has overseen, promoted and supported many projects and programs that positively impact the Fountain Creek Watershed. It has also increased awareness of watershed health and inspired thousands of volunteers to take action.

The Comprehensive Planning projects have included everything from creating a Fountain Creek Corridor Restoration Master Plan to partnering with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife to study Fountain Creek's threatened fish species. Other areas of focus include:

- Flood control, drainage and floodplain management;
- Fountain Creek, Cheyenne Creek and Monument Creek Watershed Restoration and water rights protections;
- Post-fire water quality evaluation downstream of the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest wildfires.



More than a dozen construction projects have been identified, planned, and implemented, including:

- Pueblo Levee sediment collection and removal which removes some 15,474 tons per year;
- Frost Ranch, Masciantonio Trust, and Barr Farm Bank Stabilizations to prevent more than 120,000 tons of sediment a year from entering the waterways;
- Highway 47 and Pinon Bridge Bank Stabilization and Channel Realignments to prevent more than 50,000 tons of sediment a year from entering the waterways;
- The District has processed and approved 8 Land Use Applications and denied one in "The Corridor" (the FEMA-defined 100-year floodplain south of the city of Fountain and north of the city of Pueblo).

Community Outreach is also a primary focus of the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District.

The District's three primary out reach programs are:

Great American Cleanup- annually each spring

Creek Week cleanup- annually each fall

The Fountain Creek Brewshed Alliance®.



Creek Week was launched in 2014 as a way to encourage citizens to help remove litter and debris from our land and waters, raise awareness for watershed health, and foster a sense of community. *Creek Week* is a 9-day, watershed-wide cleanup that happens each fall from the last Saturday in September through the first Sunday in October. Service groups, neighborhood associations, scouts, schools, churches, and individuals are invited to help make their home watershed safer and cleaner for all to enjoy.

The *Fountain Creek Brewshed Alliance*® is comprised of breweries and tap houses who sponsor educational events that connect the communities within the Fountain Creek Watershed through the shared values of healthy watersheds and locally made beer.



For more information on the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District, visit us at:

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