



# **PIKES PEAK**

## **WATERWAYS**

**COS Creek Plan Update**  
**Colorado Springs City Council**  
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# PIKES PEAK WATERWAYS: WHO ARE WE

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# PIKES PEAK WATERWAYS

## MISSION STATEMENT

Pikes Peak Waterways strives to improve the quality of life in the Pikes Peak region by preserving, improving, restoring and maintaining its waterways with a focus on the Fountain Creek Watershed.

## OUR VISION

We will inspire, lead, and be the catalyst for the transformation of Pikes Peak regional creeks and streams into healthy and sustainable watersheds that enrich the quality of life in the Pikes Peak region.







# COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

WHERE ARE WE TODAY?





# PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING

WHERE ARE WE TODAY?





## MAKING VISIONS BECOME REALITY

Pikes Peak Waterways is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded on the premise that over a hundred years' worth of visionary planning and research ...is vital to making our region's waterways sustainable and enjoyable for generations to come. Pikes Peak Waterways serves as a catalyst for change and is turning Fountain and Monument Creek's challenges into opportunities: opportunities for restoration, opportunities for preservation, opportunities for recreation, and opportunities for community and economic development.

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# WHAT ARE THE COS CREEK PLAN GOALS

## Restore the Natural Functions of the Corridor

Reestablish natural functions of the Monument and Fountain Creek floodplains as a part of a larger plan where all stream courses within the watershed are multi-use, multi-functional community assets.

## Create a Premiere Destination for Outdoor Recreation and Leisure

Expand recreation opportunities to take advantage of the corridor's natural scenic and recreational qualities to unlock its full potential.

## Support Economic Vitality and Revitalization

Capitalize on corridor and waterway enhancements to encourage economic development and revitalization through traditional private development as well as public/private partnerships.

## Build a Strong Sense of Place Unique to Colorado Springs

Enhance the corridor's natural qualities and recreational potential integrated within the City of Colorado Springs to strengthen its sense of place, distinct identity, improve the quality of life for residents, and provide memorable experiences for visitors.







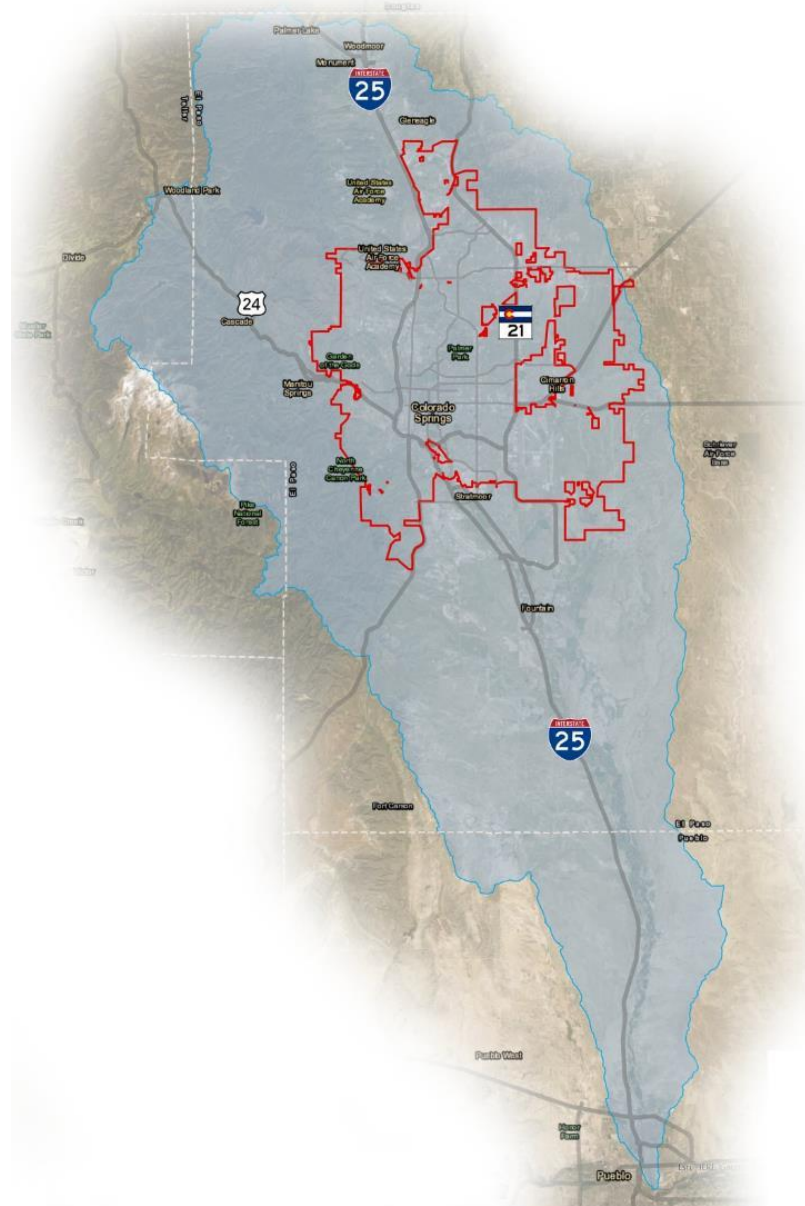
# COS CREEK PLAN







# REGIONAL CONTEXT – COMMUNITY FOCUS





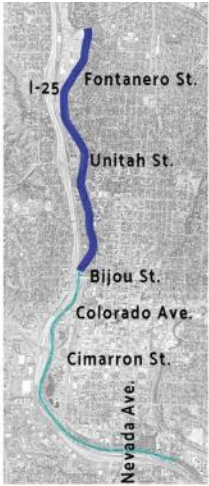
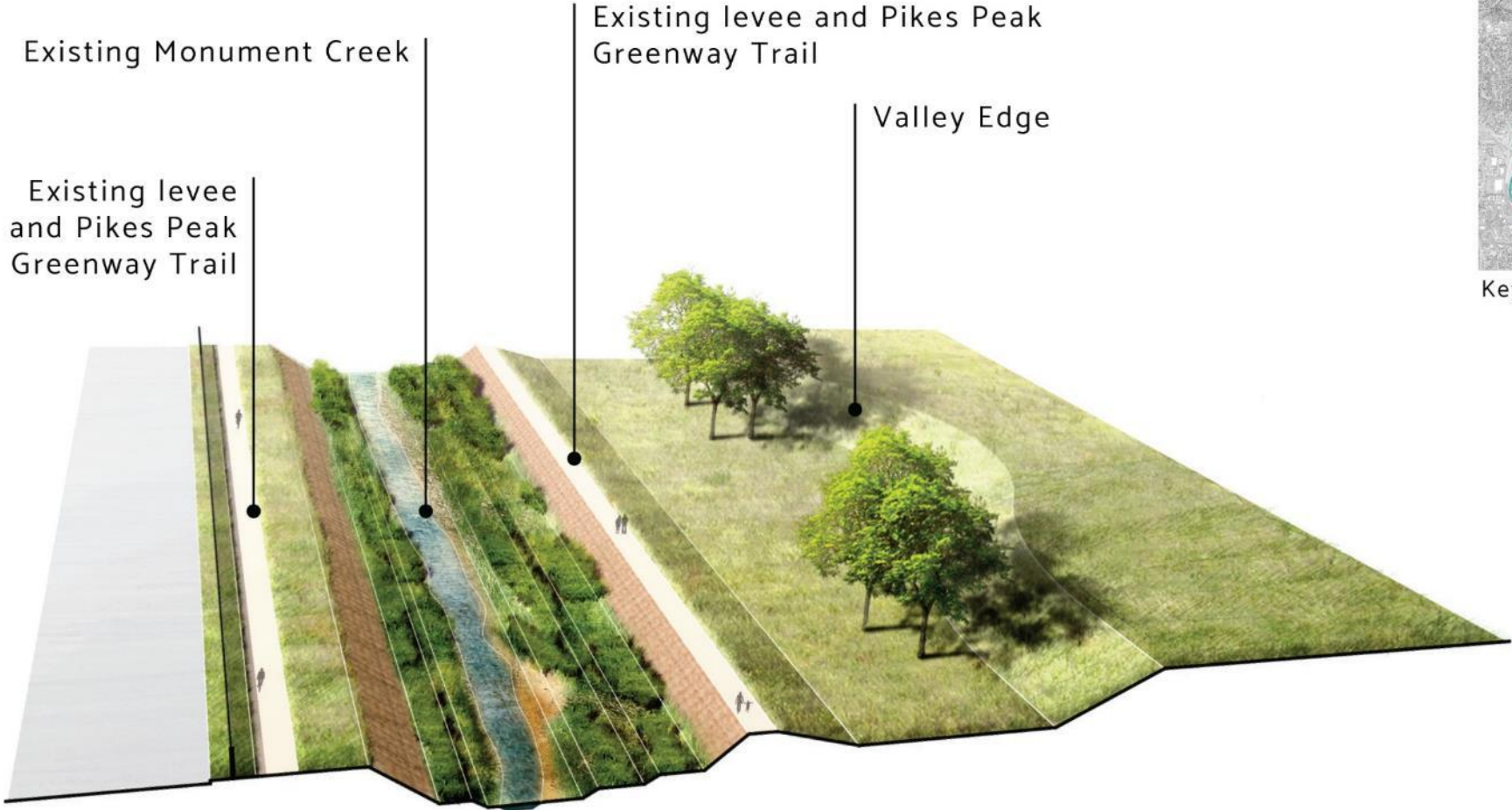
# PROJECT SCOPE





# EXISTING CONDITIONS

Channelized creek between levees/ disconnected floodplain



Key Map





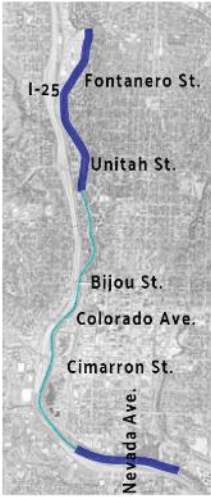
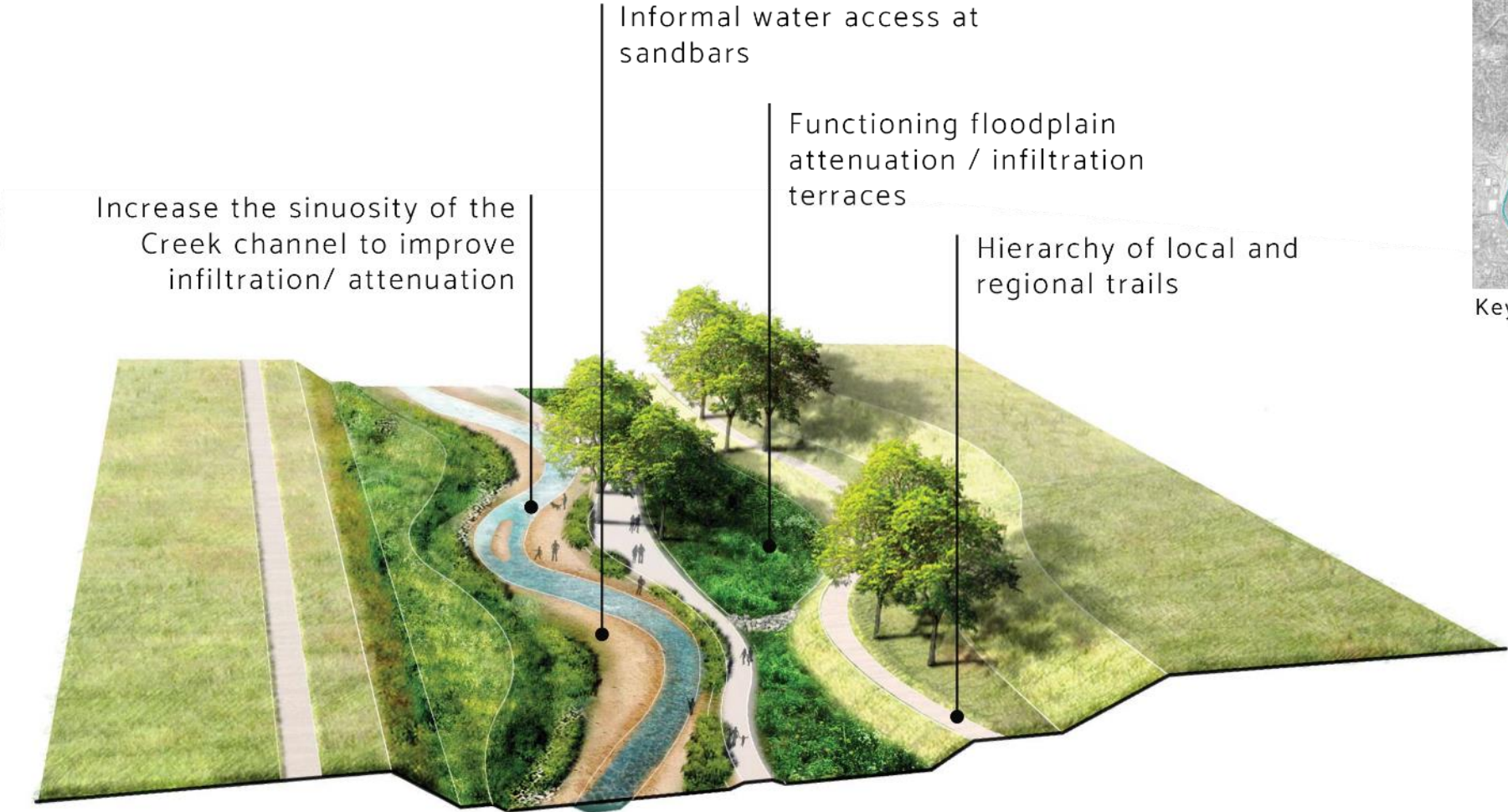
## CURRENT CONDITION





# ALTERNATIVE FUTURES PROTOTYPE

Restore functioning floodplain



Key Map



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SUPPORT

Fountain Creek Watershed District

Kissing Camels Women's Club

Pikes Peak Trout Unlimited

City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Advisory Board

Aiken Audubon Society

Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC

Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance

UCCS Development Corp

El Pomar Foundation

Downtown Partnership City Center Series

USACE: Albuquerque District

Lane Foundation

Downtown Partnership: State of Downtown

Palmer Land Conservancy

Pikes Peak Real Estate Foundation

The Nature Conservancy

Trails & Open Space Coalition

Visit COS

Friends of Monument Valley Park

Colorado College

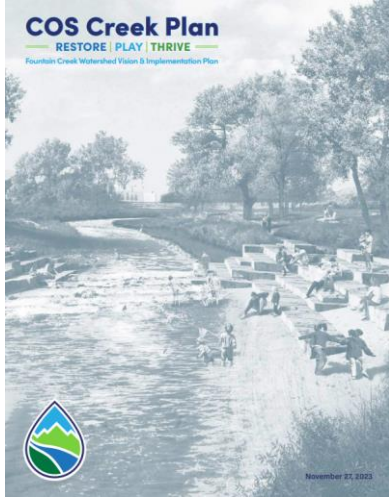
United States Geological Survey (USGS)



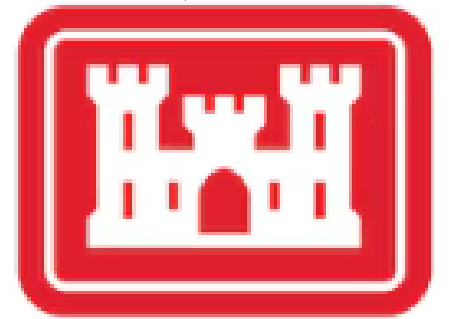




# PROGRESS AND MOMENTUM

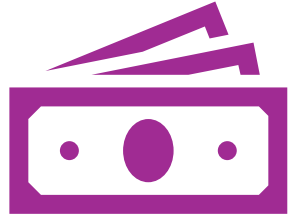


America the Beautiful Feasibility Study





## NEXT STEPS



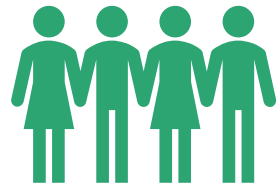
**Pursue Funding Opportunities**



**Local – 10% Feasibility Study**



**USACE – Feasibility Study**



**Ongoing Community Outreach**



**Pursuit of Partnerships**











# TODAY: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL





# GOALS: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

2024

## Feasibility & Preliminary Investigation

Start  
Feb 1

Data Collection

Opportunities Analysis

\* Phase Complete  
Sept. 30

2025

2026

## Design

Master Planning

Public Outreach

100% Design

2027

## Construction







**the water is an invitation to all...**





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