

# South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership



## Work Plan – CY2017

**Focus:** Regional Water Quality, Water Protection, and Water Awareness

**Mission:** The South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership (SPRUWP) collaborates across jurisdictions and disciplines to engage communities, and to protect and restore the South Platte River and watershed from the headwaters to the Denver metropolitan area.

Action Item	Person(s)	Timeframe
<b>Goal: Collaborate, educate, and engage</b>		
Hold 4 quarterly SPRUWP meetings in the Denver Metro Area.	Stacey, Dana, Laura	Feb, May, Aug, Nov
Get new ambassador on board.	Dana, Stacey, Keith	Fall
<b>Goal: Connect people with water</b>		
Hold at least one workshop to activate and connect people to the Water Quality Assessment Tool and evaluate the tool. Create teacher/student tutorial.	Rachel, Amy, Donny	Fall
<b>Goal: Protect and restore through leveraging resources</b>		
Look for opportunities to collaborate on grant proposals.	Stacey, Dana, Keith	Ongoing
Secure short-term funds for ambassador. Explore longer term solutions.	Stacey, Dana, Keith	Spring
<b>Goal: Communicate achievements and share technical information</b>		
Share partnership updates that include funding announcements, upcoming webinars and trainings, and celebrate funded and completed projects. Keep website updated.	Stacey, Dana, Laura	Monthly
<b>Strategy: Develop regional information resources that meet the needs of South Platte River and Watershed environments and communities (best management practices, water quality data, public health data, etc.)</b>		
Develop the Water Quality Assessment Tool and Natural Capital Project online map/database into go-to data and assessment resources.	Rachel, Lance, Keith	Fall
Engage the Metro Denver Nature Alliance on strategic plan and regional map/vision.	Dana, Stacey	Ongoing
Work with the USFS Denver Urban Field Station to co-develop research questions and products.	Dana, Stacey, Keith	Ongoing

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<b>Strategy: Regional messaging for behavioral change</b>		
Continue to promote H2Only messages and the SPRUWP brand via the web, email communication, and in-person networking. Look at how to measure impact. Increase coordination with Colorado Stormwater Council.	Amy, Stacey, Dana	Ongoing
<b>Strategy: Advance an interconnected network of green infrastructure to benefit waterways and communities</b>		
Finalize, utilize, and promote the Natural Capital Project to facilitate and prioritize restoration and conservation projects within the watershed.	Keith, Dana, Stacey	Ongoing
<b>Strategy: Manage and conserve forests that provide drinking water supply</b>		
Continue to cultivate relationships, agreements, and projects with Denver Water, Aurora Water, and other water utilities in the watershed.	Keith, Christina, Dana	Ongoing
<b>Strategy: Create and regularly review short-term, mid-term, and long-term priority programs and projects</b>		
Empower the Advisory Committee, Ambassador, Facilitator, and committee leads to develop and execute effective programs and projects that benefit the watershed.	Stacey, Dana, Keith, Laura, Lance, Rachel, Donny	Ongoing

#### Advisory Committee Members:

- Stacey Eriksen, EPA
- Dana Coelho, USFS
- Keith Wood, CSFS

#### Facilitation, meeting logistics, and communications support:

- Laura Sneeringer, Consensus Building Institute
- Julia Golomb, Consensus Building Institute

#### Natural Capital Project:

- Lance Davisson, Ecosystem Sciences Foundation, Project Manager (co-lead)
- Keith Wood, CSFS, Project Director (co-lead)
- Dana Coelho, USFS, Project Director
- Stacey Eriksen, EPA, Project Director
- Ian Hanou, Plan-It Geo
- Jeremy Cantor, Plan-It Geo

- Tim Maguire, Ecosystem Sciences Foundation
- Zac Christin, Earth Economics

#### Water Quality Assessment Committee:

- Rachel Hansgen, Groundwork Denver (lead)
- Ben Tyler, Leonard Rice Engineers
- Bill Battaglin, USGS
- Chris Poulet, ATSDR
- Christina Burri, Denver Water
- Ian Babson, Denver Water
- Jim Dorsch, Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
- Jon Novick, Denver Environmental Health
- Jordan Parman, Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
- Julie Kinsey, EPA
- Karl Hermann, EPA
- Phil Russell, Littleton/Englewood Wastewater, Colorado Data Sharing Network
- Rhonda Birdnow, Denver Water
- Sarah Wheeler, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Stacey Eriksen, EPA

#### Education Committee:

- Donny Roush, Denver (lead)
- Amy Conklin, Barr Milton Watershed Association
- Rachel Hansgen, Groundwork Denver