

**CHERRY CREEK WATERSHED
CHERRY CREEK STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- WHEREAS,** There are commonly-recognized correlations between open space preservation, natural resource protection, stream stabilization, water quality enhancement, recreational opportunities, increased property values and a community's quality of life, which impact both public and private economic interests throughout the region.
- WHEREAS,** The preservation of important cultural and historical features and floodplains, as well as the sustainability of healthy ecosystems, are important issues for governmental jurisdictions experiencing growth within the region and within the Cherry Creek watershed.
- WHEREAS,** The issues and opportunities related to the stewardship of the resources within the watershed are regional in nature and can effectively be addressed through regional solutions – resulting in a need for coordination and cooperation among all affected jurisdictions and related interests.
- WHEREAS,** The Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners group (CCSP) was formed by representatives of three counties and a diverse range of stakeholder constituencies as a regional stakeholder forum.
- WHEREAS,** The CCSP, with private, local, state and national funding and support from stakeholders and partners, provides advocacy for and engages in public outreach to address growth impacts and environmental issues in the Cherry Creek watershed.
- WHEREAS,** A commitment by regional partners will leverage the efforts of federal and state authorities, counties, cities, and special districts to keep the Cherry Creek watershed a remarkable place for all to enjoy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The undersigned entities desire to continue the spirit of cooperation and consensus building with CCSP and endorse the following goals for the overall benefit of the Cherry Creek watershed:

1. Support increased regional collaboration through the work of the CCSP, thereby fostering multi-jurisdictional relationships of mutual benefit.
2. Meet annually, or as frequently as needed, with CCSP stakeholders and partners to review and advance cooperative efforts and activities toward these ends.
3. Pursue a balanced approach to meet public open space/park/trail needs, maintain wildlife habitat, conserve land and natural resources, protect historic/cultural features and enhance water quality throughout the watershed.
4. Consider and, where possible, apply a variety of tools available to accomplish a shared regional vision for the watershed, including (but not limited to) sustainable growth practices, land conservation, public policy that facilitates stewardship, public outreach and education.
5. Direct staff and, where possible, financial resources to implement projects focused on common resource stewardship objectives.

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City and County of Denver

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Douglas County Board of County Commissioners

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City of Aurora

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City of Centennial

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City of Glendale

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City of Lone Tree

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Town of Castle Pines

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City of Greenwood Village

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Town of Castle Rock

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Town of Parker

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Town of Foxfield

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Parker Jordan Metropolitan District

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Colorado State Parks

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Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority

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Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority

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