

South Platte Urban Waters Partnership

The **South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership* is one of seven pilot locations selected to launch the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Initiative. The Partnership (South Platte) is a collaboration of more than 50 federal, state, local and non-profit organizations working across governmental and disciplinary boundaries to engage communities to help protect and restore the South Platte River and watershed. The partnership facilitates stewardship and community connection; linking urban areas with forested watersheds and connecting people with nature.

In May 2013, eleven additional pilot locations were announced, expanding the program to 18 partner organizations throughout the country. These organizations engage in a wide variety of projects including creek restoration, community forestry, trash monitoring, environmental education, and developing green infrastructure to address storm water issues.

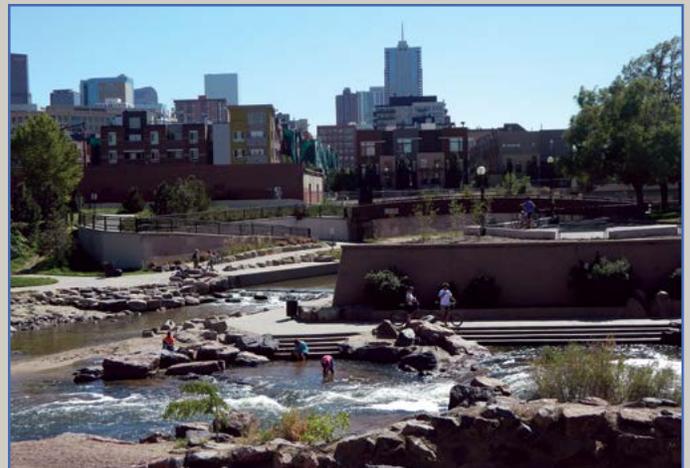
**Emerging from the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in southwest of Denver, the South Platte (along with Plum Creek) fills Chatfield Reservoir, a major flood control and water storage facility for the Denver metro area. The river flows north through central Denver, which was founded along its banks at its confluence with Cherry Creek.*

The South Platte is heavily used by families and children from the inner city as well as kayakers, rafters and fishermen. Walkers, runners and bicyclists enjoy the South Platte River Trail, the 20 Denver parks along the river, and suburban parks on the river to the north and south of Denver year round.

For more information on the Urban Waters Partnership visit:
<http://www.urbanwaters.gov/>



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South Platte River flows through Confluence Park and represents one site where water quality, recreation and education opportunities improved thanks to local collaboration.

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