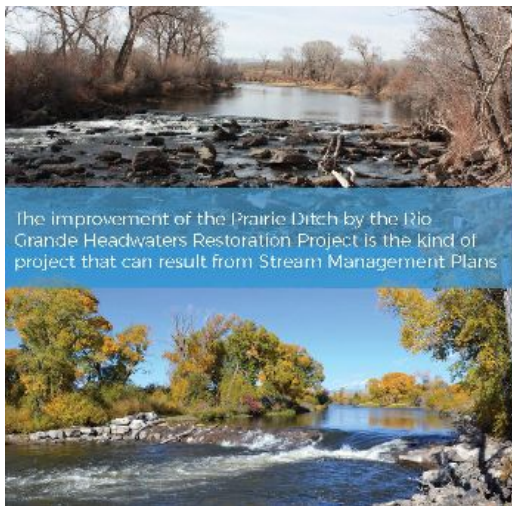


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Colorado Stream Mgt. Plan News



Announcing Coloradosmp.org

Twenty communities are creating or implementing Stream Management Plans in Colorado

Learn about the plans and the basics of stream management planning at this new online guide.



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Financial and Capacity Building Assistance Available

My personal water management challenge this year has been where to put all the

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handling the inevitable challenging years? Colorado's Water Plan has one idea for river health: covering 80% of locally prioritized rivers with Stream Management Plans by 2030.

If your community wants to balance water management, recreation and river health needs, River Network can help you get there. **Selected coalitions can receive up to \$8,000** for expert assistance to convene stakeholders, scope your project and write grant applications for funding. Coalitions led by agricultural stakeholders are eligible for additional funding.

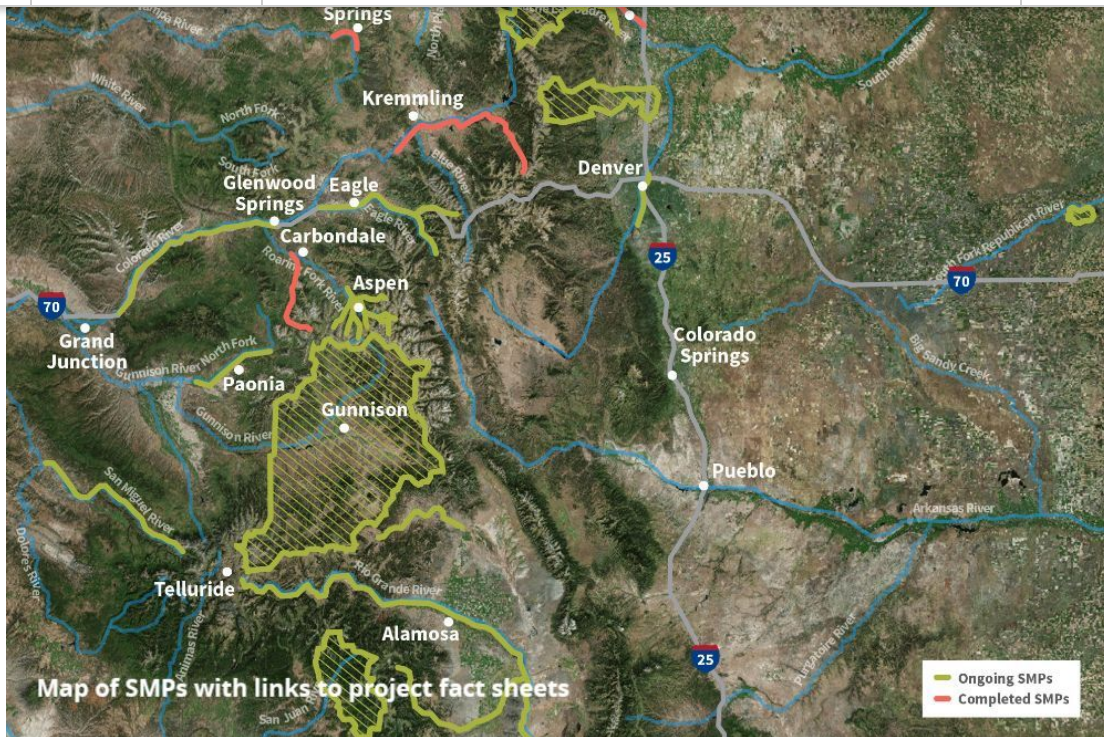
Since 2017, River Network has provided financial and hands-on assistance to Colorado communities to help them take advantage of grant funds from [CWCB's Watershed Restoration Program](#). Our work has launched over \$2 million in river health projects in 2017 and 2018 in six different watersheds.

[Information on assistance to scope and submit a grant to CWCB's Watershed Restoration Program for a SMP in 2019 or 2020 is now up!](#)

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 15TH!

Happy Spring, friends!

Nicole Seltzer



SMP Resource Guide Now On-line

River Network and CWCB are excited to announce the launch of a Resource Guide for developing Stream Management Plans! Coloradosmp.org will advance knowledge of how to craft effective and implementable SMPs. The site currently features a "101" on SMPs to answer basic questions, and fact sheets on all SMP projects. By early summer it will also include examples, best practices, and methods to consider to help you develop thorough and rigorous scopes of work, learn from the examples of others, and connect with experts for guidance.

SMPs in Action!

- In January, CWCB approved five new SMP grants to begin efforts in the Middle South Platte River, Big Thompson River, South Boulder Creek, Blue River and Yampa River. They also approved additional funding for on-going efforts in the North Fork Gunnison, Upper Gunnison and San Miguel basins. The eight requests total \$1 million in grant funding, which is an increase of 10% over 2018 grant funding.
- The City of Steamboat Springs completed the **Yampa River Health Assessment and Streamflow Management Plan**. It prioritized 15 actions including a riparian revegetation program, supporting a Yampa River Water Fund, and establishing a City "stream team" to review projects that affect river health. The City received both public and private funds in 2018 to begin

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- In February, the Eagle River Community Water Plan **held three open houses** for community members to learn about and weigh in on the future of water management, including balancing community needs and stressors like climate change and population growth.
- The St. Vrain and Left Hand Stream Management Plan **released a stakeholder survey** and held a **joint workshop** on SMPs and Agriculture with the Colorado Ag Water Alliance.
- Denver Trout Unlimited released its **final report** on how to maintain, protect and enhance the South Platte River using releases through the Chatfield Reallocation Environmental Pool.
- Have an update you'd like to share? **Let Nicole Seltzer know**

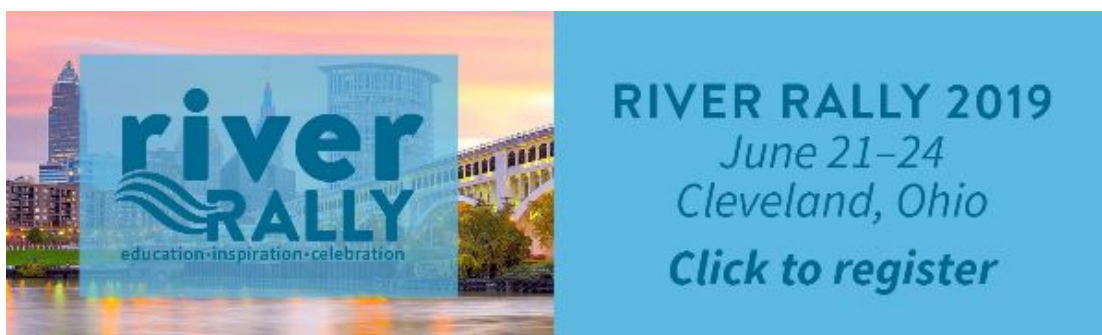
News & Learning Opportunities

The [2019 AWRA Colorado Symposium](#) is happening on April 19th in Golden. Join a panel of SMP leads as we discuss how to re-imagine the river!

2019 Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference has issued the [call for papers](#). Working on a SMP? Submit a presentation or panel discussion!

On April 26-28 in Glenwood Springs, [join TU volunteer leaders](#) from across the West to discuss fishery protection, flow strategies (including a panel on SMPs) and much more.

The Colorado Ag Water Alliance is running [several one-day water tours](#) this spring. In particular, on March 27th they will visit stream restoration projects on Lefthand Creek.



River Rally 2019 will feature relevant topics like reaching new audiences in rural communities, tools for collaborative processes, involving recreationists for river protection, and much more. **Register today!**

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