

HIGH LINE CANAL WORKING GROUP STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PURPOSE

The High Line Canal Working Group is a collaborative effort to secure funding for - and implement - projects that will help enhance and protect the unique recreation experience along the High Line Canal.

VISION

The High Line Corridor be protected forever as an intimate treasure and continuous recreation experience along a historic, naturally scenic Canal.

MEMBERS

Arapahoe County
City of Aurora
City of Centennial
City of Cherry Hills Village
City and County of Denver
Douglas County
City of Greenwood Village
Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District
City of Littleton
South Suburban Park and Recreation District

PARTICIPATING ENTITIES

Adams County
Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Advisory Board
Cherry Hills Land Preserve
Colorado Division of Wildlife
Colorado State Parks
Denver Parks and Recreation
Denver Water
High Line Canal Preservation Association
Sand Creek Regional Greenway
South Metro Land Conservancy
South Suburban Park Foundation
The Trust for Public Land

GOALS

- To identify and pursue open space properties near the High Line Canal that enhance conservation values.
- To identify and work with relevant agencies to design and construct safety improvements at roadway and railway crossings.
- To identify and improve connectivity along the trail and to other corridors near the Canal.
- To preserve and enhance the overall trail experience.
- To enhance the trail user's experience through consistent and improved signage and mileage markers.

CONSERVATION VALUES

- The preservation of views and vistas.
- The enhancement of the public's sense of place.
- The preservation and enhancement of recreational opportunities for all citizens.
- The protection of adjacent and complementary open space properties to open up the existing character of the Canal that spans multiple jurisdictions.
- The preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat and migration routes.
- The preservation, replacement and enhancement of the historic canopy that defines the Canal

PROCESS

- To evaluate each proposed project on its own merits as it contributes to the whole, acknowledging that landowner participation is voluntary and funding is subject to approval by participating boards and elected officials.
- All projects and proposals will fully respect the operational integrity of the Canal.

COMMITMENT

- To the vision and to the corridor as a whole;
- To agree to collaborate as we are more effective together than individually; and
- To a long-term effort that ensures a legacy for future generations.

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