



COLORADO RIVER & ROARING FORK RIVER SHORELINE RESTORATION

The City of Glenwood Springs, CO, Seeks to Stabilize and Restore the Shoreline of the Colorado & Roaring Fork River at Local Riverfront Parks

The City of Glenwood Springs, CO, seeks to stabilize and restore the shoreline of the Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers along Two Rivers Park and Veltus Park, where the banks are steep, debris-ridden, and severely eroded. The shoreline restoration will restore vulnerable riparian habitat, manage stormwater pollution, promote tourism and recreation, and protect valuable natural resources.



Colorado's longest stretch of designated Gold Medal Water is located through the Roaring Fork Valley. A designation maintained through collaboration of state and federal agencies, local communities, and conservation organizations, "Gold Medal" connotes the highest quality cold-water habitats accessible to the public that offer the greatest potential for trout fishing. Riparian habitat in Glenwood Springs is home to the mountain whitefish, brown and rainbow trout, a historical occurrence of a globally-vulnerable subspecies of the Colorado River cutthroat trout, and a rookery of a state-rare blue heron. Many species of wildlife rely on the river corridor for their survival, making it a great place to view elk, bald eagles (state species of special concern), osprey, great blue herons, moose, mule deer, and more.

The Roaring Fork and Colorado River watersheds are threatened by degradation, overuse, pollution from natural and man-made sources, and climate change. Glenwood Springs seeks to control invasive vegetation, replant with native species, and undertake extensive bank stabilization to reduce erosion and address threats to the riparian ecosystem and the watershed.

The City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Glenwood Springs River Commission, Glenwood Springs Downtown Development Authority, Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association, Middle Colorado Watershed Council, Roaring Fork Conservancy, and Ruedi Water & Power Authority, seeks support for community shoreline restoration activities, as well as comprehensive bank stabilization and erosion control. Specifically, Glenwood Springs seeks:

- Support for a pending proposal for **\$50,000** in **U.S. EPA / National Fish and Wildlife Service Five Star & Urban Waters** grant funding for community shoreline restoration activities at Veltus Park.
- Study, engineering and construction support from the **Army Corps of Engineers** for \$1 million in needed shoreline stabilization and restoration, through either a Continuing Authorities Program project (Section 206, Section 14) or a Section 7001 authorization.



Please join Glenwood Springs in enhancing public access, improving water quality, and promoting environmental stewardship along the Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers.

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