



Colorado Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program
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Watershed Recovery Projects

The Colorado Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program provides funding to implement emergency recovery projects to address hazards to life and property in watersheds impaired by the 2013 Colorado flood events.

The EWP Program provides financial and technical assistance to local project sponsors to implement projects – on public and private property - to reduce erosion, protect stream banks, and more.

Rather than protecting individual sites, EWP funds are used to enhance overall watershed recovery and resiliency by restoring stream function and reestablishing connections between stream reaches and their associated floodplains, to better protect homes, businesses and infrastructure.

Quick Summary

- **Purpose:** Implement emergency recovery measures to protect life and property in watersheds impaired by a natural disaster
- **Funding:** \$63.2 mil. total/ \$47.4 mil. Federal over 3 years
- **Projects:** 74 designated as eligible
- **State Sponsor:** Colorado Water Conservation Board
- **Local Sponsors:** Counties, cities/towns, watershed coalitions, others
- **Timeline:** January 1, 2018 technical assistance agreement ends.

Colorado EWP Program Vision

To implement watershed recovery projects that reduce risk to life and property, enhance riparian ecosystems, and generate long-term stream system resilience through a collaborative, watershed-based approach that incorporates the needs of diverse stakeholders

Watershed Coalitions

In most of the flood-affected areas, watershed coalitions are charged with coordinating the identification, prioritization, and implementation of EWP projects.

Coalitions work to restore healthy and resilient watersheds through the collaboration of diverse stakeholders, including private landowners, governments, and nonprofit organizations.

Watershed coalitions assisted in selecting EWP project areas consistent with the highest priorities established in their watershed master plans.

EWP Allocations by County

County	Amount	Watershed Coalitions
Boulder	\$28,777,927	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourmile Watershed Coalition • Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group • Saint Vrain Creek Coalition
Larimer	\$28,497,557	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Thompson Watershed Coalition • Little Thompson Watershed Restoration Coalition • Estes Valley Watershed Coalition
El Paso	\$3,713,468	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Paso County Regional Watershed Collaborative
Weld	\$1,243,955	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle South Platte River Alliance
Jefferson	\$900,063	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coal Creek Canyon Watershed Partnership
Morgan	\$111,119	



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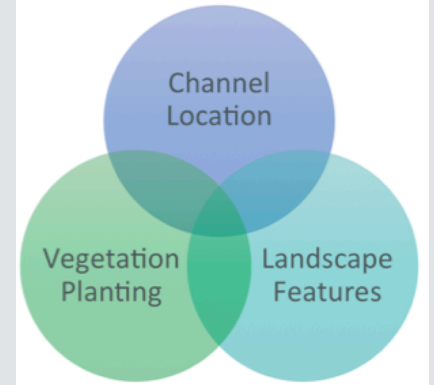
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Benefits to Landowners and Communities

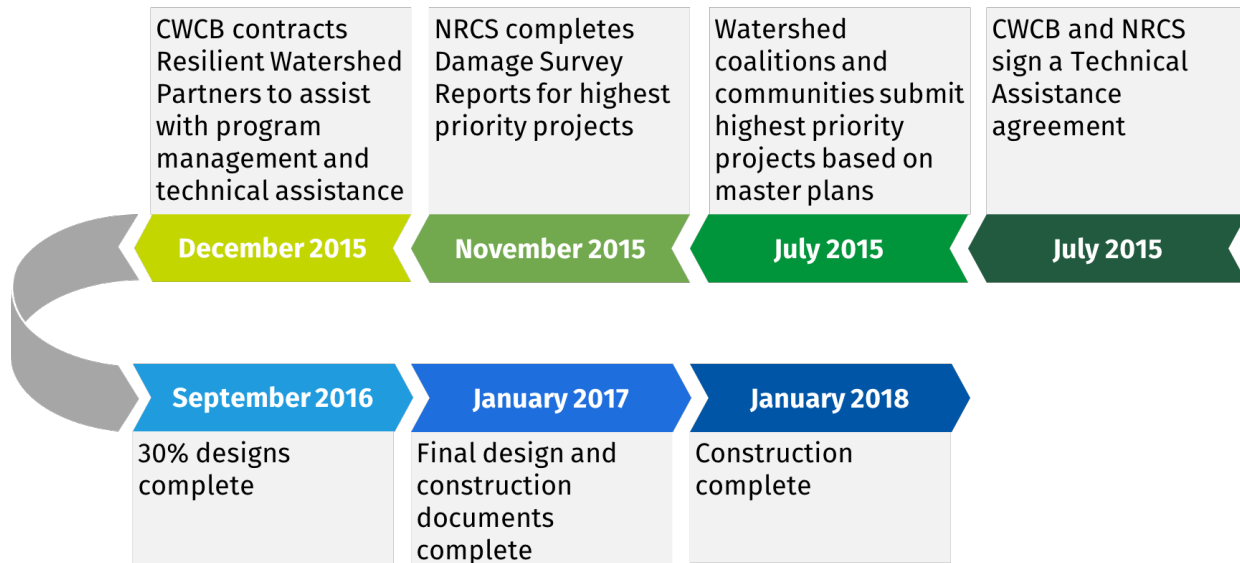
Every project funded through the Colorado EWP Program must be approved through a formal design review process.

- **Safety** – Projects are designed to reduce risk to life-safety, property, and critical infrastructure from future flooding and erosion.
- **Holistic Approach** – Projects are designed to consider the whole stream system and to minimize impacts to downstream properties, as well as address reach-wide water and sediment management issues.
- **Stream and Habitat Health** – Projects improve ecological health of the stream corridor through reestablishment of native plants and in-stream habitat for fish and aquatic life.
- **Shared Costs** – Projects are funded through federal, state, and local sponsors, without capital cost to landowners.

Key Areas of Collaboration in Project Design



Program Timeline and Milestones



Learn More

Visit the Colorado EWP Program website at www.coloradoewp.com for more information and an interactive map of the EWP watershed recovery projects.

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The NRCS and CWCB have partnered through a Technical Assistance agreement to implement the EWP Program, Phase II-2013 Colorado Flood Recovery