

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 10-1004
Endorsing the 2010 River Vision Implementation Plan prepared by the
Department of Parks & Recreation, The Greenway Foundation
and several partners.**

Introduced by Councilmembers Montero and Nevitt

WHEREAS, the South Platte River has historical prominence as the birthplace of the City at its Confluence with Cherry Creek; and

WHEREAS, the South Platte River is one of the most important assets of the City and County of Denver, providing recreational, health, mobility, economic and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, Greenprint Denver identifies one of Denver's highest environmental priorities as improving the water quality in the South Platte River; and

WHEREAS, Denver Parks & Recreation and The Greenway Foundation, along with multiple City departments such as Public Works, Community Planning and Development and Environmental Health; many metropolitan, state and federal partners such as the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Denver Water, Colorado Department of Transportation and Division of Wildlife, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; as well as community organizations such as Great Outdoors Colorado, The Trust for Public Lands and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado; all worked to engage citizens and stakeholders in the River North Greenway Master Plan and the River South Greenway Master Plan, culminating in this River Vision Implementation Plan (RVIP); and,

WHEREAS, Denver Parks and Recreation's goal, as described in The Game Plan, of creating a Connected City with Healthy and Accessible Urban Waterways would be greatly advanced by implementation of the improvements to the open space, trail, water quality and recreational amenities as recommended in the RVIP; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the plan's recommendations will not only improve river water quality, but also enhance habitat for wildlife, spur economic development, create a place for children and adults to connect with nature, enhance connectivity and multimodal travel options, and help to build healthy, active communities in the center of the City; and

WHEREAS, Denver City Council recognizes that endorsement of this plan is a step toward its implementation, supporting the pursuit of various funding opportunities for the projects which will return benefits to the City many times beyond the initial investment;

**NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

Section 1. That the Council hereby endorses the 2010 River Vision Implementation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks & Recreation and The Greenway Foundation.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Kevin Patterson, Manager of Parks & Recreation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2010

_____ PRESIDENT