

THE GREENWAY FOUNDATION

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MISSION

The Greenway Foundation's mission is to enhance and protect Denver's waterways through equitable community engagement, education, and stewardship.

VISION

Care for and enjoyment of all Denver waterways supported by a vibrant, inclusive, and informed community.

TAGLINE

A cleaner, safer, more accessible river for all.



HIGH RETURN ON INVESTMENT

from Denver's SOUTH PLATTE RIVER

Denver's investments in the South Platte River and the related greenways through Denver led to tangible and proven benefits, as identified by an objective economic study completed in 2023.

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In 1970, the parcels within one-half mile of the water and greenways ("Study Area") was valued, on average,

45.2% LOWER
below that of the rest of the city



In 2025, the parcels in the same area are valued

84% HIGHER



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\$11.9 BILLION

PROPERTY VALUE



At least \$11.9 billion in additional property market value would not exist if the conditions of 1965 persisted today. This value accounts for 75% of the total property value found within the Study Area and 6% of total property value found in Denver

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As a result, the City and County of Denver see \$61.3 million in additional property taxes and Denver's schools receive \$40.5 million in additional funding.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS RECEIVED



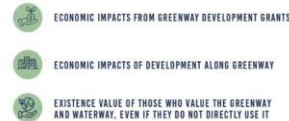
This money accounts for 9.5% of overall property taxes collected by Denver.

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OVER \$910 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM



ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, NOT QUANTIFIED AS PART OF THE STUDY, INCLUDE:



PERFORMING FUNCTIONS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NEED MAN-MADE SOLUTIONS.

EDUCATION

SPREE

South Platte River Environmental Education

SPREE's mission is to inspire meaningful personal connections with nature in order to foster a lifelong sense of pride in, belonging to, and stewardship for our natural world by connecting the children of Denver to the South Platte River through engaging educational experiences.

"I love seeing when kids who struggle in the classroom can come outside and just gain so much calmness and confidence. It is magical to see. That's why we love your trips so much." -2nd grade teacher



Field Trips

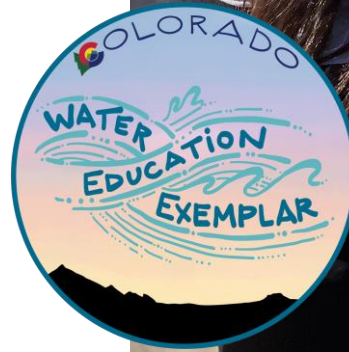
School- year field trips run every weekday during the school year, September through December; February- May

Most programs are with DPS ECE-5th students

Take place in 6 Denver public parks

All curriculum is based on Colorado state education standards and Next Generation Science Standards (All curriculum is reviewed and updated annually)

- 3264 students in 2024; 88 trips
- 28 different schools 2024-2025 school year
- ⅓ trips conducted in Spanish, increasing annually
- All requests for custom programs met
- New award in 2025!



"This field trip is exactly what every kid in Denver needs." - teacher, 4/9/25

Field Trip Costs by the Numbers

\$561

Cost to run a large trip
(60 student capacity, 4
staff; not including
overhead)

\$130

Average price paid by
class in 2024

96%

of students received
scholarship pricing in
2024

*All Excursions are subsidized by fundraising and grants to ensure cost is not a barrier to students



Free MOC Programs

- Custom field trips funded through My Outdoor Colorado (GOCO GenWild coalition)
 - All programs are run with no cost to students or schools
 - TGF is reimbursed per student through the GOCO grant
- Primarily work with DPS Discovery Link program
- Programs take place at school locations or as a walking field trip to avoid bus costs
- 17 so far in 2025 with ~5 more scheduled for fall
- 12 in 2024



Summer Camps

- Hands-on education all day every day
- Guest speakers: DPR, DOTI, Nature's Educators
- 32 1st-5th graders per week
 - 5:1 student:teacher ratio
- 21 half-price scholarships awarded
- 18 Leaders-In-Training (middle schoolers)
- 159 kids attended 2025



I love this place. I love dropping my kids off here. It's like a warm hug! - camper parent



"Just so you know, SPREE is actually the best camp" - summer camper

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS



RIVER RANGERS

School-year internship with Westwood high school students



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Hire teen students as camp staff; train in job readiness, leadership, and environmental



GLC

Free monthly trips that decrease barriers so teens can explore the outdoors and different careers



GLC ADVISORS

Employment for teens to better connect students with GLC opportunities



"The impact that SPREE had on me is almost too profound to explain."



- Former River Ranger



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Family Events

- Creating ways for families to connect with the outdoors without financial barriers
- Free, and all equipment, tools, and food are provided by TGF
- Family Fishing Day
- MOC Campout
- MOC Cookout
- Spring & Fall Family Stewardship Days
- Partner with many other groups!
 - MOC partners
 - CPW
 - DPR



CROSSCURRENTS

- Creating a community celebration that connects people to the river through music, food, and activities
- Free event, no admission
- Something for the whole family
 - Kids Zone
 - Live music
 - Cultural performances



STEWARDSHIP

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Through hands-on stewardship programs, we work to engage the community in meaningful ways to restore and protect our river



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Large-scale cleanups and that bring the community together to make a lasting impact.



PRIVATE VOLUNTEERING

Custom stewardship opportunities for businesses, schools, and groups looking to give back.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Quarterly meetups where emerging leaders connect, clean up, and network while making a difference.



ADOPT A PARK

TGF completes a trash pick up in Confluence Park and Johnson Habitat Park each month.



2024 Stewardship in Numbers

6

Community
trash pick
up events

1,419

Hours of
park clean
ups
completed

11,232

Gallons of
trash
removed

21

Number of
clean up
events held

131

of days in
the year
when we
picked up
trash





THANK YOU.