



HIGH LINE CANAL CONSERVANCY



PROGRESS REPORT | October 2018

- › Framework planning moves into final stages
- › Tree Canopy Care Project underway with two crews on Canal
- › Conservancy hosts the sold-out inaugural Dine for the High Line
- › Health and Education Program Development work wraps up with results
- › Summer of 2018 ends with a number of successful programs from bioblitzes to youth education
- › Conservancy awarded Pisces Foundation grant to advance smart water solutions in the Canal
- › Stormwater master plan and model released in draft form
- › Infrastructure projects advance under leadership of jurisdictions
- › High Line Hero membership continues to grow beyond 1,000 members
- › Conservancy welcomes new team members

Dear Partners and Friends of the Canal,

What an exciting spring and summer. Our team has been busy working with the communities and planners on enhancements and permanent protections for the Canal. Thank you for your continued involvement and support!

We have some exciting new developments as well as progress on existing initiatives to share. Most notably, work to develop a comprehensive Framework Plan is coming into the final stages, studies have been completed to create smart water solutions for the Canal and jurisdictional enhancement projects continue – some have been completed, some have just begun.

In addition, this year has shown an incredible outpouring of support - from the private citizens of the region to national foundations such as the Pisces Foundation - and our Be a High Line Hero program is now over 1,000 members. Read on to learn more about the progress.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to preserve and enhance the High Line Canal! If you haven't already, please join today as a High Line Hero: joinhighlinecanal.org.

Sincerely,



Harriet Crittenden LaMair
Executive Director

The mission of the Conservancy is to preserve, protect and enhance the 71-mile-long High Line Canal, in partnership with the public.



Scenes from Dogs & Donuts
September 8, 2018

PROGRAMS + PLANNING UPDATE

FRAMEWORK PLANNING

The planning team – made up of Denver-based Livable Cities Studio led by Meredith Wenskoski, and the Boston-based team of Agency Landscape + Planning and Sasaki, led by Gina Ford – is moving into the final stages of planning to complete the High Line Canal Framework Plan.

The Framework Plan takes a deep dive into the physical characteristics of the Canal as well as future enhancements and protections along all 71 miles. The multi-faceted plan includes an existing conditions analysis, landscape design guidelines, signage design, concepts for catalytic areas and Canal-wide plans that address green infrastructure opportunities such as stormwater management, connectivity and crossings, historic resources and programming.

In the spring, the team completed the existing conditions analysis and Canal-wide framework. The Canal-wide framework includes:

- › Final character zone boundaries with vision and guiding principles for each character zone
- › Character zone frameworks addressing gateways and key connections, major crossing opportunities, significant recreation, economic development, natural resource and historic resource opportunities
- › Framework text, maps and graphics
- › Signage and wayfinding plan plus a map and guide
- › Fiscal analysis and recommendations for funding the framework plan
- › Recommended next steps to manage and govern the Canal in the years to come

The team has also identified seven distinct areas for catalytic improvements and investment. These areas have been selected from a long list of projects developed through existing conditions, jurisdictional feedback and framework analysis.

They include:

- › Waterton Road High Line Canal Trailhead / Waterton Canyon Gateway
- › Plum Creek Gap
- › Broadway Triple Threat Crossings
- › Wellshire Golf Course/Colorado and Hampden Underpass Enhancements
- › Aurora City Center
- › Sand Creek/Triple Creek Area
- › Colfax to Green Valley Ranch Enhancement

The landscape design guidelines are well underway and will establish design typologies and site-specific components in each area, such as benches, trash cans, trailheads and vegetation standards. In addition, the planning team has been working with Arthouse to finalize unified signage and wayfinding standards for the Canal.

In the coming months, the team will complete conceptual plans for the areas identified for catalytic improvements, finalize the landscape design guidelines, complete the signage and wayfinding plan and develop Character Zone plans that address local needs and areas where multiple incremental changes (smaller projects and enhancements) will benefit the Canal user experience while meeting the goals of the Community Vision Plan.

FRAMEWORK PLAN OVERVIEW + TIMELINE

1. Existing Conditions

- › Comprised of existing conditions maps and jurisdiction summaries

2. Framework Ideas / Canal-wide Prescriptions

- › Organized by the community's guiding principles; explains how these become physical

3. Character Zones

- › Resources + Values, Objectives and Summary Maps

4. Opportunity Areas

- › A prioritized selection of 7 high impact opportunity projects

5. Landscape Guidelines

- › Establishes design direction and guidelines for landscape enhancements, amenity areas, trailheads, etc.

6. Signage & Wayfinding

- › Establishes a family of sign types for all 71 miles

7. Implementation Strategy

- › Document the order-of-magnitude costs of capital project, operations and maintenance

We are here!

Throughout the planning process, input from the public through stakeholder meetings and public open houses, continues to be integral. To date, the team hosted two public open houses in the spring of 2018 focused on the existing conditions analysis, preliminary signage designs and an opportunity for input on potential enhancement projects. Additionally, in August and September, the team held a series of six focus groups targeting the different geographic regions of the Canal with the intent of receiving feedback on the preliminary opportunity area designs and on specific placement and priorities for Canal-wide amenities. As the Framework Plan draft is completed, we will reach out to invite your valuable feedback at two additional public open houses planned for mid-January as well as an online survey.

For more details on the Framework Plan and to view the public meeting reports, visit highlinecanal.org/framework.



Framework Plan Public Open House, Aurora



Planning Team Charrette, May 2018

GRANT TO ACCELERATE THE HIGH LINE CANAL STORMWATER TRANSITION

The Conservancy, with the support and expertise of its partners, Denver Water, The Greenway Foundation's Water Connection initiative and Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, recently received a \$125,000 grant through the Pisces Foundation, which seeks to accelerate to a world where people and nature thrive together. The project also has been generously supported by The JPB Foundation through the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, an administrative partner in issuing and managing this grant.

This grant will help the Conservancy and its partners plan for and implement a transformation of the Canal into an inspiring model of urban infrastructure reuse and smart water planning. With stormwater infrastructure planning already underway, this funding will help realize the benefits of integrated stormwater and urban watershed management for the ecological, physical and social health of our community and its rivers and streams. To learn more about Pisces' work and collaborations visit: piscesfoundation.org.

With this grant, the Conservancy will provide strong leadership and facilitation to accelerate implementation of projects while serving as a high-impact model for smart water solutions. Two interconnected actions are planned to realize this transformation: 1) community/stakeholder engagement; and 2) structured collaboration to advance projects, breakdown silos and promote long-term management solutions that incentivize community-wide smart water approaches.

The Conservancy is currently evaluating the work plan steps needed to commence and successfully deliver on this important program to advance stormwater management in the Canal. Cathy McCague, the new Conservancy Program Manager, will manage and lead the project.

CANAL TREE CANOPY CARE PROJECT

In the past, Denver Water and the jurisdictional parks and recreation districts responsible for the Canal's recreational trail have maintained the trees within their respective areas with emergency removals and small trimming and pruning needs focused on hazardous conditions along the trail. However, in 2016, the Conservancy, Denver Water and leadership from each of the jurisdictions along the Canal's reach joined together in an unprecedented effort to leverage funding, staff and expertise for all 71 miles of the Canal.

The first step in 2016 was a comprehensive tree inventory in which data was collected on 23,539 trees along the Canal by Davey Tree Expert. The data collection project identified, mapped and evaluated all trees with a diameter of six-inches or greater within the Canal corridor, and the results have been used to assess and prioritize actions needed for the tree canopy. Conclusions from the inventory led to immediate and long-term planning to revitalize the tree canopy, initiating the Canal's Tree Canopy Care Project.

Objectives of the Tree Canopy Care Project are to:

- › Preserve and enhance the health and beauty of the tree canopy;
- › Maintain a safe environment for trail users; and
- › Support a healthy ecosystem for plants and wildlife

Tree care maintenance began in June 2018 and the project entails a two- to three-year tree removal and pruning program. Currently, Denver Water contractors continue to make their way along the Canal removing and trimming the highest priority trees.

This current program, addressing only the highest priority trees, is possible because of joint funding from Denver Water and the jurisdictional partners, as well as private citizens through the Conservancy. This is only the beginning and continued support and funding is necessary for future work. Visit highlinecanal.org/tree-care for more information and to learn how to get involved and support the Conservancy to help enhance the Canal's landscape.



Splintered Forest crew member

Tree Care Maintenance today:

As of early October, the contractors have addressed approximately one hundred trees. About two-thirds of the work was pruning and the other one-third was removals. Due to heavy winds and storms, the crews have been responding to a significant amount of unscheduled tree work throughout the Canal corridor as part of the tree work. Moving into fall and as the leaves fall from the trees, crews will accelerate the pace of work and will be on the Canal several days a week. For weekly updates and current detours, please visit highlinecanal.org/tree-care and stay up-to-date with our twitter feed [@COHighLineCanal](https://twitter.com/COHighLineCanal).

Show your love for the trees!

For a second year in a row, all donations to the High Line Canal Conservancy for Colorado Gives Day will directly contribute to the Canal Tree Canopy Fund.

Schedule your donation starting November 1st or mark your calendar for Colorado Gives Day on December 4th. Visit: coloradogives.org/HighLineCanalConservancy.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

This summer, the Conservancy, Denver Water and Arapahoe County facilitated a successful meeting with the High Line Canal Working Group (HLCWG) to kick-off conversations about future management of the Canal corridor. The HLCWG is comprised of elected officials and senior staff from the counties, cities, districts and nonprofit groups that are contiguous to the Canal. The group was formed several years ago to have collaborative discussions and to identify ways to protect and enhance the Canal as its use changes. With the Vision Plan in place, and the Framework plan near completion, Denver Water shared their commitment to exploring and supporting a new management structure for the Canal, as well as demonstrated their strong partnership with the Conservancy.

Next steps include the Conservancy and Arapahoe County Open Space bringing in a professional facilitation team to assist with a series of stakeholder meetings to produce clear options and a path forward with a new management structure and funding agreements. We are grateful to Arapahoe County Open Space who has committed to funding the facilitation.

“The regional collaboration and shared passion for the High Line Canal is truly impressive. The Conservancy has made tremendous progress with the adoption of the Vision Plan and the Framework Plan that is in the homestretch. Denver Water understands the ecological, environmental and recreational amenities the Canal provides. We remain committed to the responsible transformation of the High Line Canal to becoming a sustainable community asset.” Jim Lochhead

CANAL PROGRAMS + INITIATIVES

ENGAGEMENT

The Conservancy continues to raise awareness for the Canal and the current planning effort through events, on-Canal tabling, community event participation and presentations. Thus far this year, the Conservancy has engaged over 2,000 citizens, including 485 youth.

- › Community Events 15
- › Presentations 8
- › Conservancy Events 18
- › Youth Engagements 9
- › On-Canal Shifts 10

HEALTH + EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Conservancy is winding down its work related to our grant from the Colorado Health Foundation, which has engaged community members in Aurora and Green Valley Ranch in planning and program development. Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), a key partner in this grant effort, is working to formalize an environmental education curriculum to be used on the Canal. In addition, ELK has led a series of Youth and Family Walks on the Canal throughout the summer, with 30 participants on a walk in Delaney Farms in early August. The Conservancy has also expanded its partnership with Walk2Connect in Aurora and NE Denver, leading community walks and generating additional “same-time same-place” walks, further activating the Canal. New walks have been generated in Aurora as well as in the Green Valley Ranch and Windsor neighborhoods of Denver. Community members have also been engaged in the framework planning process, providing ideas for enhancements that could help to increase use of the Canal in the Northeast.

The Conservancy will prepare a report on next steps for program development and community engagement in the Northeast. Along with endorsing specific Canal enhancements, the report will make several key programmatic recommendations including: growing our partnership with ELK, promoting same-time same-place community walks in partnership with Walk2Connect, developing community ambassadors in the Northeast and exploring bicycle programs such as earn-a-bike opportunities and bicycle libraries.



Full moon walk, July 2018

WALK THE CANAL

Conservancy and Walk2Connect supporters have been busy walking all 71 miles of the Canal through two simultaneous Connecting the Canal walking series. 94 community members participated in these walks and 17 completed all 71 miles. That brings us up to over 80 "High Liners" who have walked all 71 miles since 2016 with this program.

Another 71-mile series will begin early in November. Check highlinecanal.org/walk2connect for updates and the schedule.



2018 BioBlitz, Denver Park

HIGH LINE CANAL 2018 BIOBLITZ

On August 5, the Conservancy wrapped up its first BioBlitz series. This citizen science project engaged volunteers and naturalists to take part in documenting wildlife of the High Line Canal. The Conservancy hosted six BioBlitzes from June - August 2018. With over 50 volunteers, they successfully uploaded 571 observations into the app iNaturalist and 180 species have been identified. These BioBlitzes will help the Conservancy create the first natural inventory of wildlife on the High Line Canal.



Denver Botanic Gardens Field Surveyor

HIGH LINE CANAL BOTANICAL SURVEY

The High Line Canal Conservancy has partnered with Denver Botanic Gardens' research and conservation department this summer to take a deeper look into the botanicals that line the High Line Canal. Since May, assiduous botanists have been out almost every day assessing the plant species along all segments of the 71-mile corridor with several objectives in mind; including a more defined characterization of the five character zones representing the High Line Canal. Read about their progress here: "[The High Line Canal: Which plants green this greenway?](#)" by Christina Alba.



George at Dogs & Donuts, September 2018

DOGS & DONUTS

On Saturday, September 8th the Conservancy hosted Dogs & Donuts, a free community gathering. This was a successful morning event (following Dine for the High Line) that included canine camaraderie and a 1.8-mile dog walk, all while helping to raise awareness for the Conservancy. Attendees also enjoyed complimentary coffee, donuts and Santiago Breakfast Burritos. We are very appreciative to Kevin Kearney and Sally Scott for spearheading this community event.



Volunteers from the August 2018 cleanup

HOLLY HILLS CLEANUP

The Conservancy hosted its first Canal cleanup on August 4th for which over 20 volunteers came out to help. We received support from the City & County of Denver and Denver Water to pilot our first community cleanup. Focusing on a section of the Canal in southeast Denver, volunteers manned work gloves and trash pickers to clear out a large amount of litter and debris from the Canal ditch and trail. We look forward to organizing more cleanups in the future.



CANAL STORIES

From memories of floating down the Canal to recent encounters with wildlife, we've unearthed some incredible stories, helping to preserve the legacy of the historic Canal. We are working with local media company, Circuit Media, to wrap up this first phase of collection. We intend to create a short video highlighting some of the stories collected as well as host a living collection of stories on our website. We continue to collect stories and appreciate you spreading the word! Visit highlinecanal.org/stories for more.

URBAN LAND INSTITUTE DEVELOPER'S FORUM

ULI Colorado, in partnership with the High Line Canal Conservancy, and with funding through the Colorado Health Foundation and the Urban Land Institute's Building Healthy Places Initiative, conducted a one day "Opportunity Forum" on September 14th. The forum was attended by approximately 60 participants representing developers, real estate professionals, public and private sector planners and interested stakeholders. The forum focused on the Aurora City Center area and identified challenges and opportunities, as well as better ways to work together to advance sustainable development and health equity along the High Line Canal. Developers also learned about business opportunities to redevelop sites in the study area. The goal of engaging stakeholders, developers, community members and ULI members through the Opportunity Forum is to promote and advance health and access to the High Line Canal, spur smart investment and integrate Building Healthy Places principles into current and future development along the Canal.

Following the Opportunity Forum, ULI Colorado will create a summary of findings from the forum, along with a "Development Toolbox" for developers on best practices, methods and tools for development along natural resources like waterways and greenways. The report will include recommendations for development along the High Line Canal, as well as tools and methods for advancing health equity and access to natural resources with responsible development along waterways and greenways.

DINE FOR THE HIGH LINE 2018

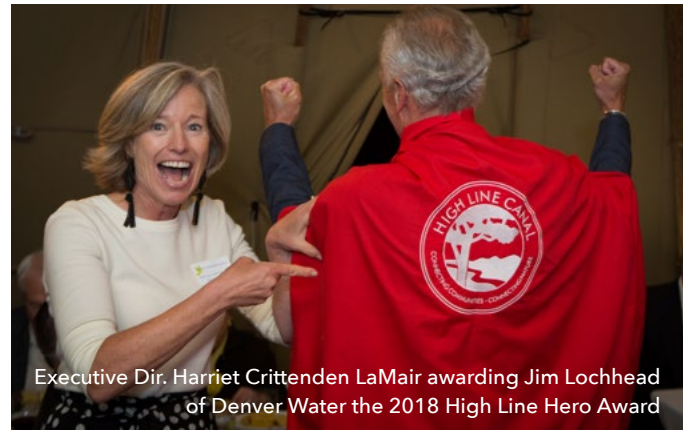
Friday, September 7th marked the inaugural fundraiser gala for the High Line Canal – an elegant affair that included cocktails and dinner under the teepees in Aurora. Community members and leaders from across the region attended this outdoor celebration along the Canal, while raising funds to ensure a vibrant and long-term future for the iconic 71-mile High Line Canal.

As part of the festivities, the Conservancy honored Denver Water as this year's High Line Hero, commemorating the honor with a cape placed on Jim Lochhead, Denver Water Manager and CEO.

"It was inspiring to see such a committed crowd connecting under the iconic teepees along such a beautiful stretch of the Canal in Aurora. Leaders from across the region mingled with community supporters unified with the passion and intention on preserving the 71-mile High Line Canal as a legacy greenway for the region," said Harriet LaMair, Conservancy Executive Director. "We are deeply dependent on financial support from each of you to pursue the Community Vision for the Canal. Tell your friends about our work for the Canal and please support our efforts – it truly does take a region to stand up for the Canal."



Dine for the High Line 2018



Executive Dir. Harriet Crittenden LaMair awarding Jim Lochhead of Denver Water the 2018 High Line Hero Award



Committee co-chairs Carol and Dirk McDermott and Kathy and Tom Tyree



Dine for the High Line 2018

IN THE WORKS

Though the Conservancy continues to focus its efforts on planning for the Canal, the work of the High Line Canal Working Group, Denver Water and the jurisdictions continues to push through some very important projects.

STORMWATER PROJECTS

Stormwater Masterplan

Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and RESPEC Engineering have released the High Line Canal stormwater operational model and master plan in draft form. The model has already been employed over the last year to evaluate the effects of potential jurisdiction stormwater projects. The draft report presents the analysis of operational and project alternatives and associated capital costs in each jurisdiction.

The model will be an important tool for identifying multi-benefit stormwater management opportunity areas and contributing to the analysis to demonstrate and quantify the social, environmental, and economic benefits of transforming the High Line Canal to a model of green infrastructure.

Model runs have addressed the project objectives which include:

1. Determining the Canal's capacity to accommodate runoff for water quality treatment,
2. Determining infrastructure needed to convey, treat, and discharge stormwater flows from the Canal,
3. Estimating annual volume of stormwater available for infiltration in the Canal,
4. Estimating capital improvement and operation and maintenance costs, and
5. Identifying future steps for project implementation.

Current model analysis has concluded that:

- › Flood flows up to the 100-year event can be managed with wastegates open and implementation of recommended stormwater improvements.
- › Water quality improvements can be accommodated with additional stormwater controls.
- › The Canal has capacity to convey existing inflows up to about the 10-year storm event with the wastegates closed.

Denver Stormwater Project

The Denver Department of Public Works, with the

Conservancy as a key stakeholder, continues to work on plans for the proposed stormwater project near Eisenhower Park.

Status: Design of this stormwater project is complete. The project has been delayed by six months due to the need for consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the impact to the historic nature of the Canal. The team is working diligently to come to a solution with SHPO, at which point Denver, Denver Water, UDFCD and the Army Corp will finalize contractual agreements and put the project out to bid. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019.

Funding: Total projected cost of \$750,000 from the City and County of Denver

Greenwood Village Stormwater

Greenwood Village (GWV) entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Urban Drainage Flood Control District (UDFCD) to develop a conceptual plan to repurpose the High Line Canal in Greenwood Village for stormwater treatment and conveyance.

Status: The IGA was approved by GWV City Council in 2016. Working with RESPEC, the study is complete and implementation is planned for 2019. In addition, GWV City Council is moving forward with a License agreement with Denver Water that will enable the Village to manage additional stormwater in the GWV portion of the High Line Canal.

Funding: \$40,000 with \$20,000 from GWV and \$20,000 from UDFCD

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Hampden and Colorado Underpass

The City of Denver, Arapahoe County and Cherry Hills Village have come together to create a safe connection where there currently is a significant gap in the Canal trail. The Conservancy is working with the City of Denver to advocate for the inclusion of a robust public art component to the underpass projects.

Location: S. Colorado Blvd. and E. Hampden Ave., Denver CO

Status: Fully funded, design almost complete.

Cost: \$5.4M, with \$4.32M coming from Federal Sources and \$1.08M coming from Cherry Hills Village, Arapahoe County and the City and County of Denver.

Parker and Mississippi Underpass

In partnership with Arapahoe County, The City and County of Denver is funding the design and construction of an underpass at Parker and Mississippi.

Location: E. Mississippi Ave. and S. Parker Road, Denver, CO

Status: Funded, design commenced and construction start expected in 2019

Cost: \$3.2M Faster Funds, \$400,000 from the City and County of Denver, and \$400,000 from Arapahoe County.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY ENHANCEMENTS

Long's Pine Grove

In 2014 Arapahoe County Open Spaces purchased Long's Pine Grove, a 2.8-acre site that abuts the High Line Canal located at Uinta Street and Florida Avenue in the Four Square Mile Neighborhood. As part of the master planning process, Arapahoe County hosted two public meetings August through October of 2017, both well attended by the Four Square Mile community. The Long's Pine Grove Open Space Master Plan was completed on February 1, 2018. Park construction will begin in 2019. For more information, [click here](#).

AURORA ENHANCEMENTS

Triple Creek Trailhead and Trail

Design for a new trailhead at the junction of the High Line Canal, Sand Creek Greenway and the Triple Creek Greenway is nearly complete. Funding for construction is in place and project construction will begin in late 2018.

With the help of an Arapahoe County grant, Aurora has contracted a consultant to complete construction documents of the trail between the Aurora Sports Park and Gun Club Road. This connects to the High Line Canal at the proposed Trailhead.

High Line Canal Trail north of Colfax and I-70 Underpass:

Design is almost final for approximately 3 miles of trail connecting the longest gap along the corridor. The project will be implemented in two phases. The first priority will be from I-70 to Green Valley Ranch. The second phase will include the I-70 underpass and connection to Colfax. Funding for construction is currently being pursued.

City of Aurora recently received a critical endorsement with Adams County recommending a \$1.1 million Adams County grant to build the portion of this trail from I-70 and Tower Road north to Green Valley Ranch.

CENTENNIAL ENHANCEMENTS

East-West Trail Connection

Proposed Phase 1 improvements for the Centennial Link Trail from DeKoevend Park to Colorado Blvd. include major street crossing signage and striping at University Blvd., near the intersection with the High Line Canal trail. Design is anticipated to start in 2019 and construction will be phased based on cost and partners. Learn more about the Centennial Link Trail here: <http://sspf.org/centennial-link-trail/>.

DENVER ENHANCEMENTS

Bible Park Enhancements

The south bridge officially re-opened to the public on March 21. The east and west bridges opened to the public on September 20, 2018.

An enhanced crosswalk to Bible Park at Amherst & Tamarac will be constructed this fall. The crosswalk will offer a pedestrian refuge halfway across Quebec. The new bridge will have an ADA accessible ramp to connect the crosswalk to the bridge.

Holly and Iliff crossing

An enhanced crosswalk and median will be constructed on S. Holly St. at the High Line Canal crossing near Iliff. The crosswalk will be built in 2019.

Yale Ave. Enhancement

An underpass at Yale & Holly was funded by the 2017 Elevate Denver G.O. Bond. Design and timeline for this project is pending.

DOUGLAS COUNTY ENHANCEMENTS

Sante Fe/Highway 85 Crossing

As part of the Sante Fe/Highway 85 improvements between C-470 and Highlands Ranch Parkway, a High Line Canal pedestrian crossing is being planned and funded by Douglas County. The pedestrian crossing is estimated at \$3.5 million and is scheduled to start in 2019.

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT ENHANCEMENTS

New Milliken Park restroom is open. See more here: <http://ssprd.org/News-And-Events/Post/18122/New-Milliken-Park-restroom-officially-open-for-business>

South Suburban celebrated the official opening of Sumac Hill Farm Overlook in May along with partners, the Trust for Public Land, the City of Centennial, Arapahoe County Open Spaces and the Smedley family. See more here: <http://ssprd.org/News-And-Events/Post/18135/Sumac-Hill-Farm-Overlook-provides-rest-and-relaxation-scenic-views>.

TRAIL NOTICES

Railroad crossing – Douglas County

It has come to our attention that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) is concerned about High Line Canal trail users crossing the railroad tracks to connect to the trails in Chatfield State Park. In an effort to prevent all incidents involving the railroad tracks and trains, BNSF enforcement officers have notified the Conservancy and local jurisdictions that they will be monitoring this area and issuing citations to people that are crossing the tracks.

C470 Crossing

Starting August 8th, CDOT closed the northbound and southbound High Line Canal trail underpass at C-470. This closure, anticipated to last for 3 months, is necessary to erect a wall as a part of the C-470 Express Lanes project. For a map and more information on the detour, visit the [CDOT website](#).



5280 magazine ad

MEDIA/PRESS

Media highlights from 2018 include:

- › Mention in Rails to Trails Magazine Winter 2018 "[Trail Vision: Colorado the Beautiful](#)"
- › Broadcast news related to the spring Public Open Houses on Aurora TV, CBS Denver 4 and Denver 7.
- › Feature story in The Villager, April 8, 2018 "[Our High Line Canal – enhancing and protecting a regional legacy](#)"
- › Cover story in the Washington Park Profile, July 2018 "[Traveling the Urban Greenway: Local nonprofit brings awareness to the 71-mile Canal](#)"
- › Colorado Expression Magazine, June 2018 "[The High Line Canal Conservancy is Safeguarding Denver's Urban Jewel](#)"
- › Littleton Independent, May 20, 2018 "[New site celebrates vista on High Line Canal Trail](#)"
- › Littleton Independent and Centennial Citizen, July 16, 2018 "[Telling Tales of the High Line Canal](#)"
- › Castle Rock News and Highlands Ranch Herald, July 31, 2018 "[Denver Botanic Gardens scientists help track plant life along urban trail](#)"
- › Full-page ad for Dine for the High Line 2018 was featured in 5280 magazine's August issue

Thank you to each jurisdiction and elected official for the various articles and mentions in your newsletters. This continues to be a very successful way of reaching the public and informing them on the important work we're all doing to protect and enhance the High Line Canal.

The Conservancy has gained more and more traction on social media – we've hit over 1,000 followers on instagram!

- › Facebook followers: 1,370
- › Instagram followers: 1,044
- › Twitter followers: 636

FUNDRAISING/DEVELOPMENT

HIGH LINE HEROES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The High Line Heroes membership base continues to grow. Since the campaign launched in April of 2017 over 1,000 members have joined to support the Conservancy.

FOUNDING PARTNERS

71 Miles Supported by 71 Founding Partners is a campaign to raise \$1,775,000 of catalytic funds through the generous support of 71 Founding Partners. To date, 50 Founding Partners have each "adopted" one of the 71 miles of the Canal.

COLORADO GIVES DAY

Again this year on Colorado Gives Day, donors will have the opportunity to show their love for the High Line Canal tree canopy! We encourage you to support our efforts through the Colorado Gives Day campaign on December 4, 2018: <https://www.coloradogives.org/HighLineCanalConservancy/overview>

ADMINISTRATION

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF!

Breana Winters, Administrative & Program Assistant:

Breana comes to the Conservancy with a background in environmental education and a passion to connect people to nature. As Administrative & Program Assistant, Breana oversees day-to-day office operations and supports the Executive Director and designated staff with various programs and projects.

Cathy McCague, Program Manager:

Cathy recently joined the High Line Canal Conservancy as Program Manager after spending 13 years with Envirolssues, a leading public involvement and communications firm in Seattle. She brings skilled project management and facilitation expertise to the team, as well as a passion for the High Line Canal where she spends time with her family.

Interns

The Conservancy has gained valuable staff support for operations, social media and public outreach through the talent of over seven interns

Upcoming Happenings

Community Open Houses scheduled for January 2019




Citizen input continues to be vital to ensure the future of the Canal is reflective of the community vision. The Conservancy will host two community open houses for the public to view the Framework Plan and provide feedback. Scheduled dates are on January 23 + 24, 2019, location TBD.

Be a High Line Hero. joinhighlinecanal.org
Help us to preserve, protect and enhance one of Colorado's most treasured assets, our historic 71-mile High Line Canal. Don't take it for granted, our Canal needs your help. Become a High Line Hero today and support what you love!

High Line Canal Conservancy Open House: first Thursday of every month from 4-5pm (next one: November 1st). Drop by our office at 915 S. Pearl St. to chat with us face-to-face.

Stay informed with our monthly newsletter ([click here](#))

Follow us on social media:

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since formation. We were sad to say goodbye to our stellar senior intern Alana Weber, as well as summer interns Will Sadler and Claire Crawford. We have hired a part-time intern this fall to help with development and community outreach tasks. Please welcome Alyssa Martin to the team!

HIRING

We are currently interviewing for a Community Outreach Coordinator as well as another part-time intern. You can find more information on these open positions [here](#). Please pass along any qualified candidates to employment@highlinecanal.org.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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