



HIGH LINE CANAL

CONSERVANCY

PROGRESS REPORT | November 2019

- › The *Plan for the High Line Canal* (the Plan) gives new life to the 71-mile regional legacy, with over 100 recommended improvements to protect and enhance the greenway for today and future generations.
- › The Plan has been endorsed by the Denver Water Board and will be supported by all of the jurisdictions along the Canal.
- › Completion of the Plan was celebrated with over 100 civic leaders and community members at Rally for the Canal-ly on September 14th in Aurora.
- › The new *Map and Guide to the High Line Canal* is now available to discover the wonders of all 71 miles.
- › The Conservancy has been awarded a second year of funding through the Pisces Foundation to advance the stormwater transition of the Canal corridor.
- › Signage and wayfinding projects to enhance and connect all 71 miles are underway.
- › 2019 was an impactful year of stewardship on the trail – over 420 active volunteers and 3,000 lbs of trash and weeds removed.
- › The Founding Partners Campaign is complete! There are now 71 Founding Partners for all 71 miles of the Canal that have committed to contribute a total of \$1.775M over the next few years.

Dear Partners and Friends of the Canal,

For so many of us, the Canal is a gift that keeps on giving; an enjoyable and renewing retreat. Day after day, year after year, the Canal is always there, waiting for you to enjoy its simple beauty and peace.

At this time of year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your support, which makes all of our work possible. Together, we made significant progress throughout the past year. With the completion and adoption of *The Plan for the High Line Canal*, projects that preserve and enhance the Canal are already being implemented. In addition, the new *Map and Guide to the High Line Canal* is making it easier than ever to explore all 71 miles.

The future of the Canal is brighter than ever and this year has shown an incredible outpouring of support, from the private citizens of the region to national foundations. Our Be a High Line Hero program is now over 2,000 members strong. Read on to learn more about the significant progress we have made together.

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 and receive the new guide as a gift.



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.



Community leaders at Rally for the Canal-ly, September 2019

PROGRAMS + PLANNING UPDATE

THE PLAN FOR THE HIGH LINE CANAL

The comprehensive, Canal-wide plan, completed early fall of 2019, is supported by communities throughout the region and will guide upcoming protections and enhancements for our 71-mile recreational and ecological greenway.

The 71-mile-long High Line Canal will soon be infused with new life as a result of a collaborative planning effort, led by the High Line Canal Conservancy (Conservancy). *The Plan for the High Line Canal* (The Plan) lays out clear guidance for repurposing the historic Canal, improving the health of people and the environment, and increasing accessibility and enjoyment for generations to come.

The multi-jurisdictional planning initiative has been grounded by the community with engagement of over 5,000 community members and civic leaders. Throughout the planning process, input from the public through stakeholder meetings and public open houses has been integral.

"The Plan brings life to the community vision to honor, enhance and repurpose a landmark of our agricultural heritage, a 71-mile irrigation canal,

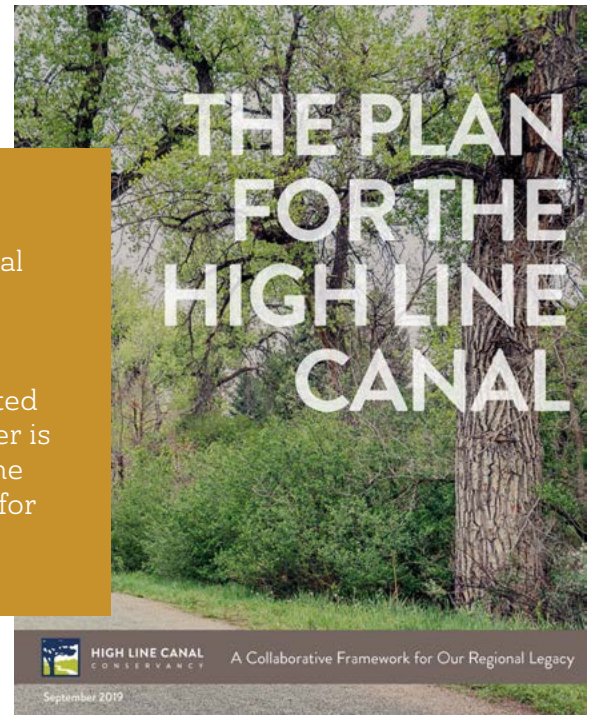
into one of our region's premier green spaces connecting neighborhoods, people and nature." Harriet Crittenden LaMair, High Line Canal Conservancy Executive Director.

The visionary and collaborative plan reclaims the historic waterway for the region and depicts a new life for this legacy greenway. The Plan recommends over 100 improvement projects, which are exemplified by the Conservancy's next stage of work, a revitalization initiative that will lead to a natural, more connected corridor with improved access, amenities and safety for users.

The Conservancy has already begun this initiative focusing on the following projects:

- › Stormwater management
- › Landscape and tree care
- › Access and signage
- › Safety and crossing enhancements
- › Education and stewardship opportunities
- › Local neighborhood improvements

"The regional collaboration and shared passion for the High Line Canal is truly impressive. We reached across jurisdictional boundaries to ensure cooperation to preserve a 71-mile-long urban green space within our growing region. Thanks to the input from community members, the leadership commitment from elected officials and the time and expertise from dedicated staff, The Plan is now ready to be put into action. Denver Water is excited to continue the regional collaboration for the High Line Canal to honor the history while creating new life as a model for green infrastructure." - Jim Lochhead, Denver Water CEO & Manager



For more on The Plan, visit highlinecanal.org/plan.

Thank you to our partners for helping to create this impactful plan.





RALLY FOR THE CANAL-LY 2019

The Conservancy officially celebrated the release of The Plan along with Denver Water, the adjacent jurisdictions and the public at Rally for the Canal-ly on September 14th in Aurora. At the event, over 100 community leaders and members came together to gather and clean a portion of the Canal. The celebration also included a generous gift of \$56,000 from Subaru's Share the Love Event – money dedicated to and donated by community members through Schomp Subaru on Havana St. in Aurora. This donation, along with the continued support of Arapahoe County, Denver Water and the jurisdictional partners, will help launch the Conservancy's implementation initiative.



One Water Conference, Austin, September 2019

HIGH LINE CANAL STORMWATER TRANSFORMATION

The Stormwater Transition and Enhancement Program (STEP) has been funded for a second year. 2019 has been a year of incredible progress. In addition to the completion of The Plan, the Conservancy and partners made huge strides in advancing the Canal's transformation from an irrigation ditch to a more sustainable, smart water infrastructure system. Through STEP, the Conservancy, with the support and expertise of its partners, Denver Water and Mile High Flood District, is working with local jurisdictions to improve regional stormwater quality and conveyance as well as public health resulting



Rally for the Canal-ly, September 2019
Photo credit Roman Tafoya, Schomp Automotive



Rally for the Canal-ly, September 2019

in a cleaner, healthier and a more vibrant Canal corridor that will bring a host of quality of life benefits. STEP is convening a broad coalition of diverse policy, planning and engineering leaders while developing innovative financing, programmatic and policy models that can serve to advance long-term stormwater management at multiple scales within the region, state and nation.

The program was recently awarded a second year of funding of \$125,000 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 next year of work will focus on identifying and advancing stormwater projects on the ground, elevating STEP through effective stakeholder and community engagement, building smart water champions and developing region-wide maintenance and financial models for successful implementation of these transformational projects.

Four demonstration projects, which cover 8 miles of the Canal, have been approved and will be executed in 2020:

- › Eisenhower Park, Denver
- › Greenwood Village
- › Littleton (NEW!)
- › Solstice, Douglas County

For more, visit highlinecanal.org/STEP.



Show your love for the trees!

All donations to the High Line Canal Conservancy for Colorado Gives Day will directly contribute to the Canal Tree Canopy Fund. Schedule your donation or mark your calendar for Colorado Gives Day on December 10th.

CANAL TREE CANOPY CARE PROJECT

Comprehensive tree care maintenance along all 71 miles of the Canal, which began in June 2018, continues as maintenance crews remove and prune unhealthy trees along the corridor. The work is focused on maintaining a safe environment for trail users, preserving the health of the tree canopy and supporting a healthy ecosystem. In 2019, spring snowstorms and other weather events led to a significant number of unplanned tree removals and trims.

Project Status: 162 trims, 316 removals

Updates and detours: Twitter [@COHighLineCanal](https://twitter.com/COHighLineCanal)

This current program, addressing only the highest priority trees, is possible because of joint funding from Denver Water and our 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.

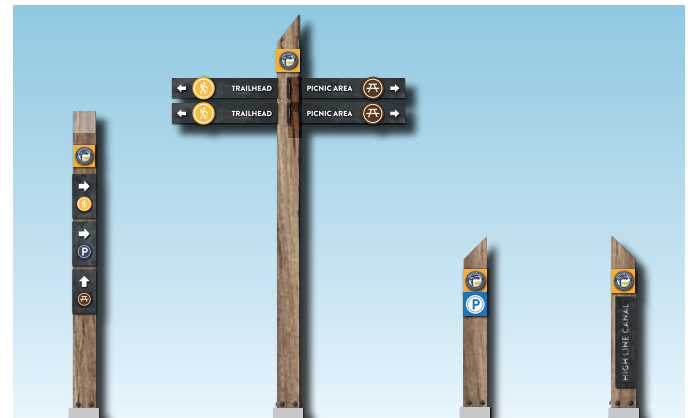
To help enhance the tree canopy, donate on Colorado Gives Day on December 10, 2019.

SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

The Plan for the High Line Canal has created a uniform package of signage and wayfinding to increase awareness about the Canal and help users connect to and move along the corridor. All of the jurisdictions along the Canal will install some wayfinding signage in 2020 with many jurisdictions plan to install all of the wayfinding signs recommended in The Plan.

Highlights:

- › Wayfinding signage includes signs at street crossings, trail junctures, trailheads and key wayfinding locations.
- › The Conservancy will be managing fabrication of signs for Douglas County, Highlands Ranch, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills Village, Denver and Arapahoe County.
- › Aurora will be the first jurisdiction to fabricate signs, installing them along the new section of trail being constructed north of I-70.
- › Over 150 signs will be installed along the Canal in 2020 in addition to the new mile markers.



Signage and Wayfinding Designs



MAP AND GUIDE TO THE HIGH LINE CANAL NOW AVAILABLE!

The new *Guide to the High Line Canal*, recently published by the Conservancy, is an indispensable tool for discovering the wonders of the historic trail. It breaks down the 71-mile linear park into 27 walkable, bike- and equestrian-friendly trail segments and adventures. The guide and map include navigational tips and highlights of the Canal's history and natural wonders, highlighting access points, landmarks and adjacent trails.

NEIGHBORHOOD CANAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Plan identifies eight Community Activation Zones - under-utilized areas of the Canal - in communities where improvements are needed to increase use and enjoyment of the trail. These improvements range from gathering places with seating and shade structures that promote community connections to nature play areas and fitness stations that encourage healthy living. Additional community engagement is anticipated to reach deeper into the identified neighborhoods and create a local plan that is developed in partnership with residents. The Conservancy has applied for funding to support prototyping and formalizing infrastructure improvements in the first of the eight Community Activation Zones along the Canal in 2020.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Over the past several months, a Governance Subgroup of the High Line Canal Working Group has been working together to develop a collaborative governance and management model for the future of the Canal. The group has held seven meetings, which have highlighted successes of the Conservancy and the other working groups with regional collaboration. The group studied national models for collaborative multi-party management and governance structures and learned preferences from our governmental partners and stakeholders. The group has been successful at coalescing around a working model that will be finalized in the coming months.

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 2,512 citizens, including over 450 youth.

- › 21 Community Events
- › 30 Conservancy Events
- › 25 Presentations
- › 4 Youth Engagements

CARING FOR THE CANAL: COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

In the spring of 2019, the Conservancy kicked off its first-ever Caring for the Canal, community cleanup series. The program was a tremendous success due to the dedication of many volunteers and committed citizens, as well as the support of partners, Denver Water and the parks and recreation departments from Arapahoe County, Aurora, Denver, Highlands Ranch and South Suburban.

Program details:

- › 8 community cleanups at various locations along the Canal in Denver, Centennial, Aurora, Highlands Ranch, Green Valley Ranch and Arapahoe County.
- › 281 participants
- › 2,545 lbs. of trash removed
- › 17.3 miles of the Canal covered

Looking forward: After receiving positive feedback from its partners and participants, the Conservancy is working to further develop the program into 2020. Stay tuned for locations, dates and times for 2020 cleanups and email volunteer@highlinecanal.org if you are interested in volunteering.



Eisenhower Park Cleanup, April 2019

NOXIOUS WEED REMOVALS

The summer of 2019 brought a new partnership and stewardship program to the Canal. Along with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC), the Conservancy hosted three noxious weed removal cleanups in Aurora along DeLaney Farm. The first program of this kind for the Conservancy, VOC and the Conservancy led volunteers in Aurora and removed over 750 pounds of various weeds that invade the Canal.

- › 3 noxious weed removal events
- › 51 participants
- › 761 lbs. of weeds removed
- › 1 mile of Canal covered

Looking forward: The Conservancy is excited to expand this program next year with the support of Denver Water and the jurisdictions.



Noxious Weed Removal, September 2019



VOC Leader Alex at a Noxious Weed Removal, September 2019

PILOT BRUSH REMOVAL

The Conservancy has partnered with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) to care for the Canal as a natural system and begin developing natural resource management best practices. The Conservancy held its first pilot brush removal project with WRV this fall, engaging youth from Groundwork Denver's Aurora Green Team. The project was a huge success, clearing brush from nearly two miles of the Canal in Expo Park in Aurora.

Looking forward: In 2020, the Conservancy intends to complete two additional projects with WRV and Groundwork Denver, either removing brush or noxious weeds from the corridor and continuing to advance natural resource management of all 71 miles of the Canal.



Denver Botanic Gardens Field Surveyor



Volunteer Appreciation Mixer, November 2019

WALK THE CANAL

The Conservancy and Walk2Connect supporters have been busy walking the High Line Canal throughout the year. The Connecting the Canal winter walk ended in April and the summer walk occurred from June to October. The walks continue to have full participation and allow walkers to explore parts of the Canal beyond their backyard.

Program details:

- › 173 registered walkers
- › 45 walkers completed all 71 miles of the High Line Canal
- › 3 themed walks: history, botanical and wildlife

Looking forward: An abbreviated winter series will be led by Conservancy staff beginning this November and continue through March 2020. The Conservancy will spend the winter planning for a summer program that meets the desires of the public in line with the Conservancy's goals. See Upcoming Events below for dates and details on the 2019-20 winter walks.

HIGH LINE CANAL BOTANICAL SURVEY + 2019 BOTANIC BIOBLITZES

Since 2018, the Conservancy has partnered with Denver Botanic Gardens, whose team of experts took a deeper look into the botanicals that line the High Line Canal through on-the-ground research and citizen-science-based bioblitzes. Denver Botanic Gardens recorded and preserved over 450 species of plants which is detailed in the full report found here: highlinecanal.org/resources. Following on the heels of the inventory, the Conservancy and Denver Botanic Gardens hosted three trainings and seven bioblitzes focused on biodiversity and the High Line Canal.

- › Program details:
- › 125 participants
- › 2,295 observations
- › 226 unique species identified*

*14 new species were identified that weren't found in the 2018 Botanical Survey.

Looking forward: In 2020, the Conservancy will continue to offer opportunities for individuals to help record more plants and animals along the Canal through bioblitzes and is working with Denver Botanic Gardens to plan out the next stage of important botanic work.



Walk to Connect, Segment 6 September 2019



Eisenhower Park Bioblitz, June 2019



Greater and Greener Bike Tour

On July 20th, the Conservancy led a bike tour along the Canal through Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills Village and into Denver with 30 participants from around the country. Thank you Denver and B-Cycle for partnering on this great event!

Greater and Greener Bike Tour, July 2019

IN THE WORKS

Along with the Conservancy's efforts, the work of the High Line Canal Working Group, Denver Water and the jurisdictions continues to advance some very important projects.

CANAL-WIDE PROJECTS

Mile Markers

The Conservancy has raised funds to install new mile markers along the Canal. Seventy-one sandstone mile markers will replace the existing mile markers and will help orient users and guide their travel along the corridor.

- › Location: Canal-Wide
- › Status: Installation anticipated in the spring or summer of 2020
- › Funding: These mile markers were made possible with the generous support of private Founding Partner donors.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROJECTS

Hampden and Colorado Underpasses

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 City and County of Denver is in the process of selecting an artist to enhance the underpass with a public art project. [Click here to learn more.](#)

- › Location: S. Colorado Blvd. and E. Hampden Ave.
- › Status: Funded, design completed, construction start expected in spring 2020
- › Cost: \$5.4M, with \$4.32M coming from Federal Sources and \$1.08M coming from the City and County of Denver, Cherry Hills Village and Arapahoe County

Parker and Mississippi Underpass

The City and County of Denver and Arapahoe County have partnered to fund the design and construction of an underpass at Parker and Mississippi. During construction, the High Line Canal trail will be closed from Parker Road north to the edge of Fairmount Cemetery and a trail detour will be in place. [Click here to learn more.](#)

- › Location: E. Mississippi Ave. and S. Parker Road
- › Status: Funded, design completed, construction start expected in spring 2020
- › Cost: \$3.2M FASTER Funds, \$400,000 from the City and County of Denver, and \$400,000 from Arapahoe County

STORMWATER PROJECTS

Denver Stormwater Project

The Denver Department of Public Works, with the Conservancy as a key stakeholder, is seeking final approval for the proposed stormwater project near Eisenhower Park. The current design proposes installing three water quality berms in the Canal to manage the flow of water, four forebays to clean water before it reaches the Canal and two water quality vaults to remove trash and sediment.

- › Status: Design of this stormwater project is complete. The project will move forward after consultation has been completed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding any significant impact it will have on the historic nature of the Canal. The team is waiting on this consultation from SHPO, at which point Denver, Denver Water, Mile High Flood District (MHFD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will finalize contractual agreements and put the project out to bid. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.
- › Funding: Total projected cost of \$750,000 from the City and County of Denver

Greenwood Village Stormwater Project

Greenwood Village (GWV) entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with MHFD 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 2020. In addition, GWV City Council has signed an IGA with Denver Water that will enable the Village to manage existing stormwater in the GWV portion of the High Line Canal.
- › Funding: \$40,000 with \$20,000 from GWV and \$20,000 from MHFD



Enhanced Canal Conditions

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. A master plan was completed in 2018 that called for converting the property to a public park. Construction on the park started in August 2019 and is anticipated to be completed in May 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

- › Location: E. Florida Ave and the High Line Canal
- › Status: Under construction with anticipated completion in May 2020
- › Funding: The project is funded by Arapahoe County Open Space

AURORA ENHANCEMENTS

Triple Creek Trailhead

The Triple Creek Trailhead was completed this summer at the junction of the High Line Canal, Sand Creek Greenway and the Triple Creek Greenway. This trailhead provides critical trail access to the High Line Canal on E Colfax Ave in Aurora, while connecting Canal users to other regional greenways. The project was made possible by Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space with grant funding from Arapahoe County Open Space.

- › Location: E. Colfax Ave and the High Line Canal (at the confluence of Sand Creek and the Canal)
- › Status: Completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony held on 10/16/19
- › Cost: Design - \$171,000 and Construction - \$846,000



Triple Creek Trailhead Ribbon Cutting, October 2019

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

The City of Aurora is working to construct 3 miles of trail connecting the longest gap along the corridor. The project will be implemented in two phases. Construction has started on phase 1, the section from just north of I-70 to the border with Denver in the Green Valley Ranch neighborhood. This phase should be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting. The second phase will include the I-70 underpass and connection to Colfax to the south and is anticipated to begin construction in 2021.

- › Location: High Line Canal from Colfax to Denver/the Green Valley Ranch neighborhood
- › Status: Northern half under construction, southern half to be constructed in 2021
- › Funding Partners: Conservation Trust Fund, Adams County Open Space Grant and Adams County Open Space Tax Shareback. A funding source for phase 2 will be a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Grant.

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE ENHANCEMENTS

Hampden Underpass Trail Connection

The City of Cherry Hills Village will use a combination of city funds and two grants from Arapahoe County to create a trail connection to the new underpass being installed at Hampden Avenue. Users will follow the existing High Line Canal Trail to Hampden, and will then be able to cross a newly installed footbridge across the Canal and follow a new trail to reach the underpass.

- › Location: High Line Canal south of Hampden Avenue
- › Status: Timeline will be determined by Hampden Underpass installation, which is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2020

Cherry Hills Village Irrigation Project

Cherry Hills Village plans to install additional irrigation along the High Line Canal immediately north of Bellevue Avenue. This project will help maintain existing trees, and new trees will also be planted as part of this project.

- › Location: High Line Canal north of Bellevue Avenue
- › Status: Planned for 2020
- › Cost: Estimated \$25,000

DENVER ENHANCEMENTS

Holly and Iliff crossing

An enhanced crossing will be installed on S. Holly St. at the High Line Canal crossing near Iliff. Stay tuned for details.

DOUGLAS COUNTY ENHANCEMENTS

Sante Fe/Highway 85 Crossing

As part of the Santa Fe/Highway 85 improvements between C-470 and Highlands Ranch Parkway, a High Line Canal pedestrian underpass is being planned and funded by CDOT and Douglas County. The pedestrian crossing is estimated at \$3.5 million and is scheduled to start in 2020.

- › Location: S. Santa Fe Drive and the High Line Canal
- › Status: Design underway. Construction scheduled to begin in 2020
- › Cost: Estimated at \$3.5 million

GREENWOOD VILLAGE ENHANCEMENTS

Bellevue Underpass Improvements

Greenwood Village and Cherry Hills Village plan to work together to improve the Bellevue Underpass in 2020. The underpass floor is currently dirt, which creates issues for cyclists and pedestrians after heavy rains. The two cities plan to address this issue by installing a concrete floor.

- › Location: High Line Canal and Bellevue Avenue
- › Status: Planned for 2020



"First Flush" of the Orchard Road Trailhead Restrooms, October 2019

S. Franklin Street At-Grade Crossing

Greenwood Village has installed a raised crossing at the heavily-used S. Franklin Street crossing. This at-grade crossing improvement will slow vehicular traffic and help make pedestrians more visible.

- › Location: S. Franklin Street and the High Line Canal
- › Status: Completed

Orchard Trailhead Restrooms

Greenwood Village has installed permanent restrooms at the Orchard Trailhead. The restrooms will have electronic locks that will allow for them to be locked from dusk to dawn. This project is being funded through a combination of Greenwood Village Funds and a grant from Arapahoe County Open Space.

- › Location: High Line Canal and E. Orchard Rd.
- › Status: Completed
- › Funding: The project was funded through a partnership between Greenwood Village and Arapahoe County Open Space



Trail Detour – Douglas County

Starting December 2nd, there will be trail detours in place on the High Line Canal in Douglas County just west of Roxborough Park Road. The trail will remain closed until the Spring (estimated March 31, 2020). This half mile stretch along the new [Solstice Development](#) will be one of the first sections of the Canal to see the implementation of a stormwater management project.

Douglas County, Solstice site

MEDIA/PRESS

RECENT MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- › 9 News KUSA: "[Volunteers Rally for the High Line Canal](#)," September 14, 2019
- › Denver's 7 KMGH: "[High Line Canal Plan Unveiled](#)," September 14, 2019
- › Aurora Now – TV: "[Come Rally for the Canal-ly](#)," September 11, 2019
- › 5280 Magazine: "The Long and Short of It," October Issue and [digital feature](#)
- › Washington Park Profile: "[Protecting the High Line Canal](#)," October Issue



Other significant media highlights from 2019 include:

- › I Heart Radio/KOA News: "[Front Range Focus](#)" with host Susan Witkin and Josh Phillips, July 28th 2019
- › Colorado Public Radio (CPR): "[How Colorado's Canals Came to Be, And How They're Remaking Themselves Today](#)" featuring Harriet LaMair and Andrea Dukakis, July 8, 2019
- › AVID Lifestyle Magazine: "[Take it Outside! To the HIGH LINE CANAL](#)," cover story July Issue
- › 4CBS Denver: "[Highline Canal Trail At Center Of Improvements](#)," January 22, 2019

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.

Social media

We continue to see steady growth in both audience and engagement across all social media platforms, particularly Instagram. Analytics to date:

- › Facebook followers: 1,835
- › Instagram followers: 1,475
- › Twitter followers: 745

Upcoming Happenings

Explore the High Line Canal winter!

Walks occur at 8:30am unless noted: December 14, February 8 and March 14. Visit highlinecanal.org/canal-walks for details





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.

Conservancy Open House

First Thursday of every month from 4-5pm (next one: December 5). Drop by our office at 915 S. Pearl St. to chat with us face-to-face.

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FUNDRAISING/DEVELOPMENT

HIGH LINE HEROES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The High Line Heroes membership base continues to grow. There are over 2,000 High Line Heroes from across the region. Now's a better time than ever to join or renew as a member (or give it as a gift for the holidays!). For a limited time, new and renewing High Line Heroes will receive a free gift of the new Map and Guide to the High Line Canal.

FOUNDING PARTNERS

CAMPAIGN COMPLETE!!

With 71 Founding Partners committed, the 71 Miles Supported by 71 Founding Partners campaign is complete and has raised a pledged \$1,775,000 of catalytic funds to preserve, protect and enhance the High Line Canal.

COLORADO GIVES DAY

Help nature thrive. Stand with the trees.

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 10, 2019

Conservancy Job Opportunities

The Conservancy is growing in order to fully support its mission! Stay up to date with new job postings on our website or email employment@highlinecanal.org for more information.

highlinecanal.org/job-postings

ADMINISTRATION

WELCOME OUR NEW 2019 STAFF!

Josh Phillips, Director of Planning and Implementation

Josh is an urban planner with a passion for conservation, equity and improving quality of life in the Denver Metro Area. After working with the Conservancy for over two years part time, Josh has taken on the role of Director of Planning and Implementation as of April 2019. He's using his boundless energy to collaborate with our jurisdictional partners along the Canal and ensure the Plan for the High Line Canal becomes a reality.

Michelle Freeman, Community Outreach Coordinator

Michelle has a passion to protect the environment through education and awareness and to inspire people to connect to the outdoors. Michelle is growing the Conservancy's stewardship and recreational programs, providing greater opportunity for the community to connect with nature and the Canal.

Interns

Over the past four years, the Conservancy has gained valuable staff support through the talent of many interns. This year, our work has been enhanced and our office brighter due to the hard work of Alyssa Martin, Elise Martinez and Shannon Bauman.



Conservancy staff (starting in the top row, left to right): Chip Brunk, Josh Phillips, Suzanna Jones, Cathy McCague, Connie Brown, Alyssa Martin, Michelle Freeman, Harriet LaMair, Lindsay Moery, Breana Winters and Shannon Bauman

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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