

WHO WE ARE

The High Line Canal Conservancy is a nonprofit representing the passionate community dedicated to preserving the High Line Canal. The Conservancy provides leadership that reflects the public's commitment to the Canal's sustainable future. Working collaboratively with its partners, including Denver Water, the 11 jurisdictions along the Canal's reach and Mile High Flood District, the Conservancy's efforts will lead to a natural, more connected corridor with improved access, amenities and safety for trail users.

WHY WE DO IT

The High Line Canal is one of the longest urban trails in the nation, tying together over 15 distinct communities, and has long been a cherished asset across our region. An extraordinary feat of engineering that is now nearly 150 years old, the Canal has historically delivered irrigation water from the foothills to the plains of the Denver metro area. Fast forward to today: The Canal has outlived its historic purpose as an irrigation utility and has taken on new life as a recreational and ecological resource.

For many communities along its trail, the High Line Canal is a treasured recreational pathway beckoning trail users with its grand cottonwoods, natural habitats and long, scenic views of the Front Range. However, in other areas, the Canal is simply an old utility corridor – dry, disconnected and impassable. Here, cottonwood stumps serve as reminders of the water that once filled its banks.

With present-day challenges and a rapidly growing region, the High Line Canal Conservancy recognizes the urgency to protect and enhance all 71 miles of the Canal as a place to connect with nature for all communities for generations to come. The Conservancy is committed to the vision for the Canal, as written by the community.

The Community Vision: The High Line Canal's 71 meandering miles will be preserved and enhanced as a cherished greenway that connects people to nature and binds varied communities together from the foothills to the plains.



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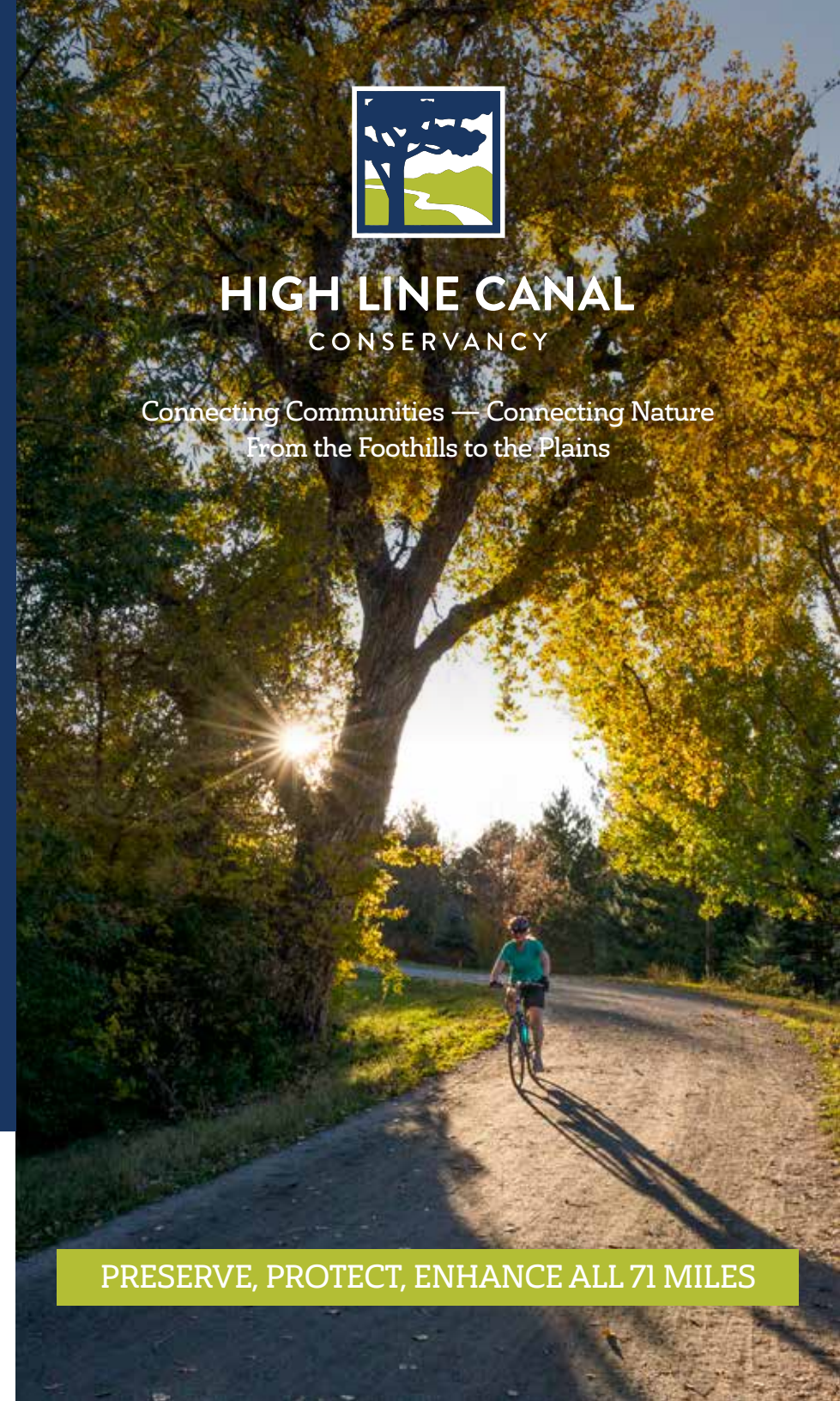
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Connecting Communities — Connecting Nature
From the Foothills to the Plains



PRESERVE, PROTECT, ENHANCE ALL 71 MILES

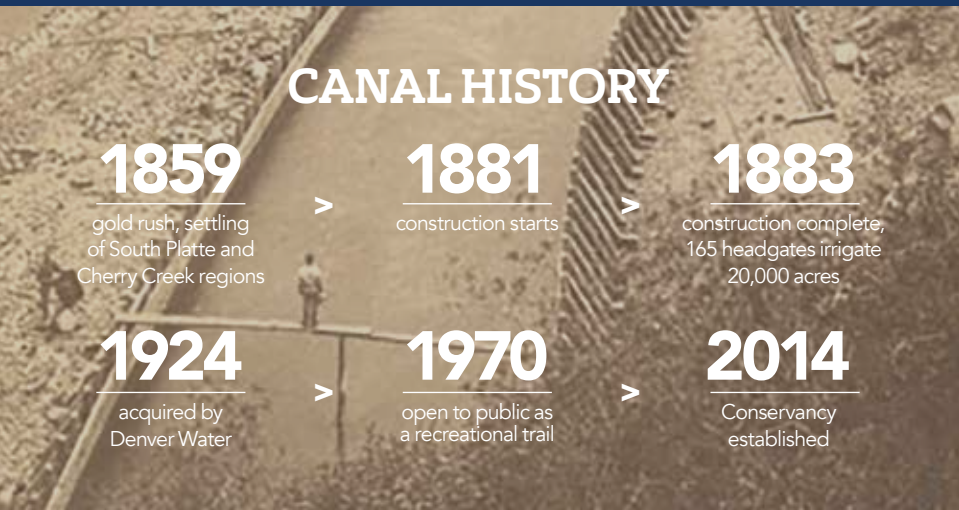


WHAT WE DO

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

To accomplish this mission, we work to:

- Ensure permanent protection of the 71-mile Canal with sustainable funding and enhancements
- Enhance public use of the Canal through improved access, safety and quality of visitor experience
- Improve the Canal's environmental health through stormwater management and other ecological enhancements for region-wide benefits



CANAL HISTORY

1859

gold rush, settling of South Platte and Cherry Creek regions

1881

construction starts

1883

construction complete, 165 headgates irrigate 20,000 acres

1924

acquired by Denver Water

1970

open to public as a recreational trail

2014

Conservancy established

OUR WORK

A community-driven *Plan for the High Line Canal* was completed in 2019 with input from over 5,000 community members and leaders from the 11 adjacent jurisdictions. Below are our priority initiatives, which include proposed protections and enhancements.

- 1 Stormwater Management:** The Canal has outlived its historic use as an irrigation ditch. We are working with partners to transform the Canal into a stormwater management system that will produce multiple benefits for our region and Canal.

40% cleaner water with stormwater management

Canal will be **100** more days per year wet

- 2 Landscape and Tree Care:** To protect this natural refuge amidst a growing urban metropolis, we are providing comprehensive tree canopy care and developing a sustainable landscape management program.

caring for **24,000** mature trees

450 plant species identified

- 3 Access and Signage:** The Canal threads its way through varied communities of the region. We are working to ensure all residents and users can enjoy the same quality of ecology, outdoor activities and ease of access.

71 new mile markers

51 new wayfinding signs

5 new trail heads

7 improved access points

- 4 Safety and Crossing Enhancements:** The Canal crosses 95 streets, including major thoroughfares and interstates. We are working to improve the safety of intersections and close gaps in the trail.

4 new underpasses

20 improved crossings

5 trail gaps connected

- 5 Education + Stewardship:** A part of our agricultural and water heritage, the Canal is an ecological resource that we are preserving through environmental education and volunteer-based stewardship.

2,500 pounds of trash, weeds and debris removed annually

400+ volunteer network

450+ youth educated annually

- 6 Neighborhood Improvements:** Local enhancements, co-created by the community are critical to making the Canal a place for all people. Through recreational programs and community-driven improvements, we are working to create stronger connections to nature.

89 new benches

4 new picnic areas

15+ new community spaces

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Join our passionate community of citizens dedicated to the vibrant future of this regional greenway for generations to come. With your financial support, we work to leverage government resources and do more for the Canal than any one group could do on its own.