

CANAL COLLABORATIVE

TREMENDOUS PROGRESS FOR THE CANAL

Through strong leadership and collaboration, the local communities along the Canal have made significant investments to enhance our High Line Canal.

This year marked the culmination of some of the most significant enhancement projects on the Canal to date. One of the largest scale projects, the Colorado and Hampden underpasses, has been in development since 2014, the same year the Conservancy formed.

Since that time, the local governments along the Canal have invested over \$32 million in improvement projects closing trail gaps, creating safer street crossings, improving access, and enhancing the natural environment up and down the 71-mile corridor.

This progress over the last eight years has created incredible momentum to help the Canal reach its full potential as a recreational and ecological resource. But we're just getting started! Through the Canal Collaborative, these local government partners and the Conservancy are working together to implement *The Plan for the High Line Canal*, with another \$42 million in projects in the works for the next five years.



SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS



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CONNECTIVITY \$21.1M

Four underpasses, an overpass and five at-grade crossing upgrades are improving safety and connectivity for trail users.



TRAIL GAPS CONNECTED \$2M

Newly constructed segments of trail have closed two of the Canal's final five trail gaps, allowing users to explore more of the 71-mile corridor.



ACCESS \$3.3M

Three trailheads and nine new pedestrian bridges have connected users to the trail and improved accessibility.



LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT \$2.4M

Six stormwater projects, Canal-wide tree canopy care, and new tree planting pilots have improved the environmental health of the Canal and resiliency of adjacent neighborhoods.



AMENITIES \$3.5M

Two new restrooms serving trail users and a brand new park along the Canal have improved the trail user experience.



STORMWATER TRANSFORMATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



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TRANSFORMING THE CANAL WITH STORMWATER

The Canal's transition to green stormwater infrastructure is resulting in a cleaner, healthier, and more vibrant corridor providing benefits to the environment and communities of our region.

Two additional stormwater projects came online in 2021, one in Douglas County and one in Centennial (managed by the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority). This brings the total number of active projects to six, representing nearly 12 miles of the Canal.



MEDIA HIGHLIGHT: STORMWATER MAGAZINE

A new Life for Denver's Historic Irrigation Ditch

May 15, 2021

This year we celebrated the installation of the Canal's first water quality berms, implemented as a part of the City and County of Denver's innovative stormwater project along Eisenhower Park and Wellshire Golf Course. The berms, shown right before and after a storm, will retain stormwater that flows in the Canal, improving water quality by increasing stormwater filtration and infiltration. The Plan for the High Line Canal recommends installing similar water quality berms about every half-mile in the Canal in sections repurposed for stormwater management.

“With a hidden treasure in every sector, this is a not-to-be-missed adventure in the heart of Denver. Thank you to the High Line Canal Conservancy for nurturing this jewel for posterity.”

Athanassios Yannoukos,
Walk FOR the Canal Participant



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Water quality berm near Eisenhower Park



The same water quality berm after a storm.

CANAL PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

ACTIVE AND COMPLETED PROJECTS SINCE 2014

For more information about current and upcoming projects, visit highlinecanal.org/trail-updates.



- 5 Crossing Enhancements
- 1 Neighborhood Access
- 2 Open Spaces
- 1 Overlook
- 9 Pedestrian Bridges
- 2 Restrooms
- 6 Stormwater Projects
- 3 Trail Enhancements
- 3 Trailheads
- 5 Tree Planting Pilots
- 1 Tunnel Art
- 5 Underpasses/Overpasses

Douglas County Stormwater Project
Douglas County
Initiated in 2021

Bellevue Trailhead
Greenwood Village
Completed in 2021



Hampden Underpass Connection
Cherry Hills Village
Completed in 2021

Eisenhower Stormwater Project
City & County of Denver
Completed in 2021



S. Holly Street Bridge
City & County of Denver
Completed in 2021

Parker & Mississippi Underpass
City & County of Denver, Arapahoe County
Under construction

Valentia Crossing Enhancement
City & County of Denver
Completed in 2021

Colorado & Hampden Underpasses
City & County of Denver, Arapahoe County, Cherry Hills Village
Completed in 2021

Conservancy Tree Planting Pilots
Littleton, Centennial, Denver
Completed in 2021



Centennial Stormwater Project
SEMSWA
Initiated in 2021



SEMSWA = SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY
SSPRD = SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Denver International Airport

Waterton Canyon

CANAL-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

71 mile markers installed

34 wayfinding signs installed

250 trees planted