



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
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April 24, 2008

Ms. Jennifer Gimbel
Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Letter of Support for Fountain Creek Restoration – Shryver Park Reach

Dear Ms. Gimbel:

PPACG supports the Colorado Watershed Protection Fund grant application for the *Fountain Creek Restoration-Shryver Park Reach* project. This project offers many opportunities for residents within the Fountain Creek Watershed to get a better understanding of how Fountain Creek can be viewed as an amenity by promoting the health of Fountain Creek and its tributaries.

PPACG is the designated water quality management planning agency for the region and is involved in many activities throughout the watershed. This project supports the findings of those studies, such as the Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Study which included in its list of recommendations the need for ecosystem restoration projects along the Highway 24 corridor (where this project is located). With growth and continuing development this is the ideal type of project to support to show how Fountain Creek can be restored and can be viewed as a regional asset.

The Fountain Creek Restoration Committee (FCRC) in conjunction with the Pikes Peak Community Foundation has the experience and expertise to ensure that this is a successful project. The FCRC has made certain that projects they pursue remain integrated and consistent with other activities that are ongoing in the watershed and are of the highest quality. This is also further shown by the support of Manitou Springs.

Thank you for considering this application. PPACG staff will continue to stay engaged in the activities of the FCRC and support of this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (719) 471-7080, ext. 101.

Sincerely,

Robert F. MacDonald
Executive Director