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2017 Urban Waters Cycle Bike Tours June 6th and 7th, 2017

In June, the Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir Watershed Association (BMW) in collaboration with the Colorado Stormwater Council (CSC) and partnering with the Colorado Foundation for Water Education led two bike tours with an approximate total of 65 participants along Colorado's South Platte River. Registration was free for all participants. Together the groups explored the relationship between river health and urban development in terms of the impacts of land use to stormwater management and water quality.

A diverse set of speakers shared their expertise with the group: *Jeff Shoemaker*, The Greenway Foundation; *Scott Schrieber*, Denver Trout Unlimited; *Jill Piatt-Kemper*, City of Aurora and Colorado Stormwater Council; *Michael Bouchard*, City and County of Denver; *Jon Novick*, Denver Environmental Health, *Celia Vanderloop*, North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative; *Donny Roush*, Denver Public Works; *Brian Petersen*, ECI; and *Dave Bennet*, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.

Our sponsors provided critical support for program development and delivery, outreach and marketing, materials for the participants, food, and transportation.

This year, a template has been developed for others to use in organizing bike tours in their communities and is included as Attachment A. Documentation of final matching contribution amounts, both cash and in-kind is shown in Attachment B. The follow up survey from the participants is shown in Attachment C.

"For me the biggest takeaway was a mostly coherent story of the political and physical transformation of the South Platte from a dead waterway to an urban amenity, and the implications of that transition for corridor management and for communities affected by that transition. I also came to the tour with a lot of questions, and most were answered (either by speakers or through networking)"

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THESE TOURS POSSIBLE FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS!!





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