

South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership

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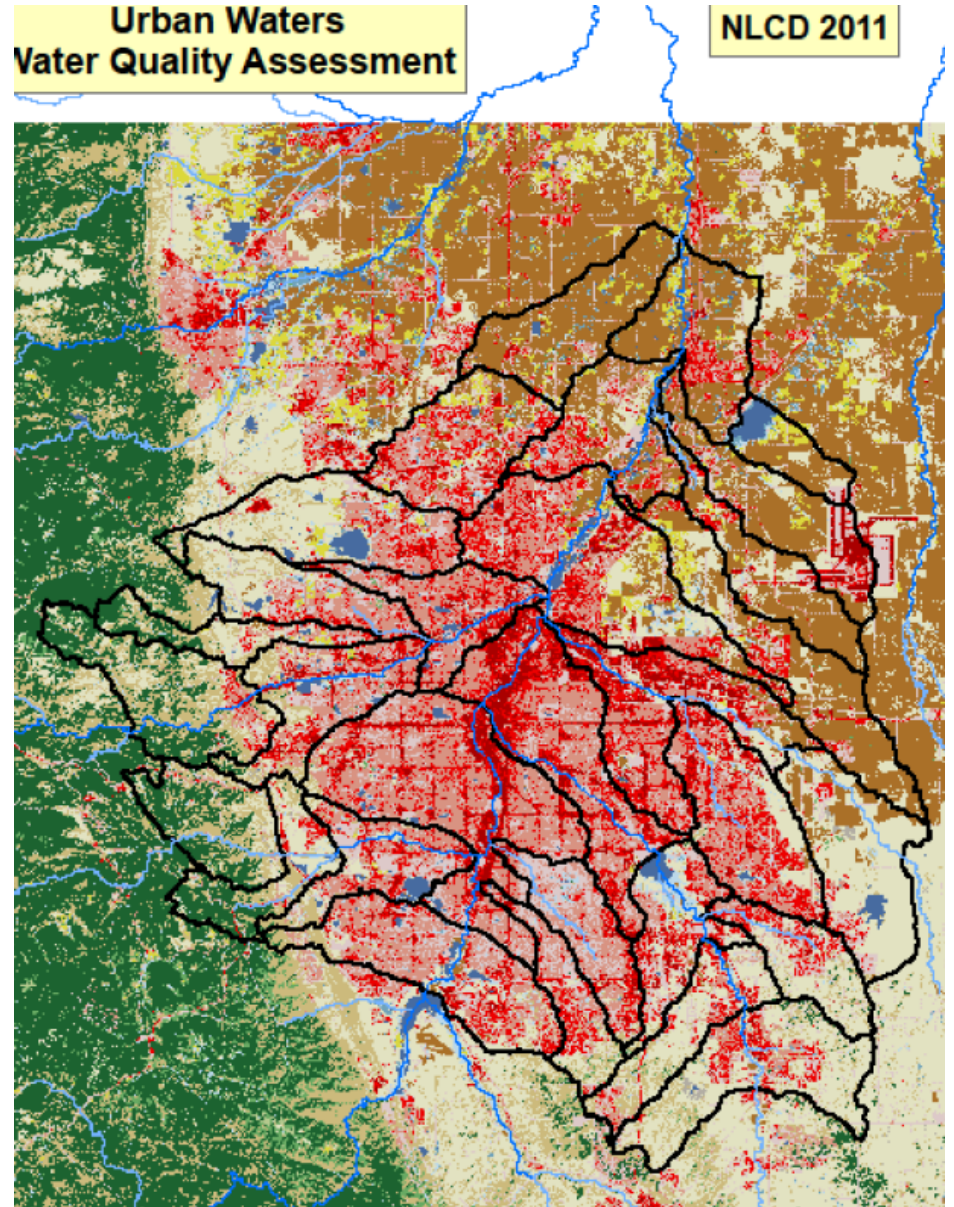
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Water Quality Assessment

Partners

EPA
USGS
ATSDR
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Denver Environmental Health
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
Littleton / Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant
Groundwork Denver
South Platte CURE (non-profit)
Coalition for the Upper South Platte



Green Infrastructure



Natural Capital

Assessment of Ecological Infrastructure



Ecosystem Services

The Water Connection



Who? Urban Waters Partnership +

Why?

- Share responsibility for action.
- New voices.
- Grow the pie.
- Maximize visibility and access.
- Presentation / Image.
- Hedge against uncertainty.



Engage with the National Western Center Partners to implement projects that are directly in line with UWP goals and priorities.



Illustrative Master Plan

Key Site Elements

- 1 Water Resources Center and South Platte Riverfront
- 2 Stockyards/Event Pavilion
- 3 CSU Equine Sports Medicine Clinic
- 4 Equestrian Center
- 5 Livestock Center
- 6 NWC Transit Station
- 7 Shared Use/TOD Parking Structure
- 8 Livestock Exchange Building/Flex Space
- 9 Trade Show/Exhibition Hall
- 10 New Arena
- 11 CSU Center
- 12 Colorado Commons
- 13 Stadium Arena Market
- 14 Coliseum Redevelopment
- 15 Forney Transportation Museum

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A word cloud featuring various terms related to water, economics, and innovation. The most prominent words are 'Water' and 'Economics', both in large, dark brown, bold fonts. Other significant words include 'Local Water' (written vertically), 'Entrepreneur', 'Innovation', 'Partnership', 'Multi-sector', 'Advancement', 'Urban', 'Demonstration', 'Cutting-edge', 'Projects', 'Mentoring', 'Industries', 'Visibility', 'Chamber-Commerce', 'Problem-solving', 'Technological', 'Business', 'Awareness', 'NREL', 'Start-up', 'Organizations', 'Internships', 'Data-driven', 'Change Forum', 'Environmental', 'Companies', 'Dialog', 'Think-tank', 'Partner', 'Entrepreneurial', 'Small-business', 'tracking', and 'Summits'. The words are arranged in a dense, overlapping cluster, with colors ranging from dark brown to light tan.