



# The South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership

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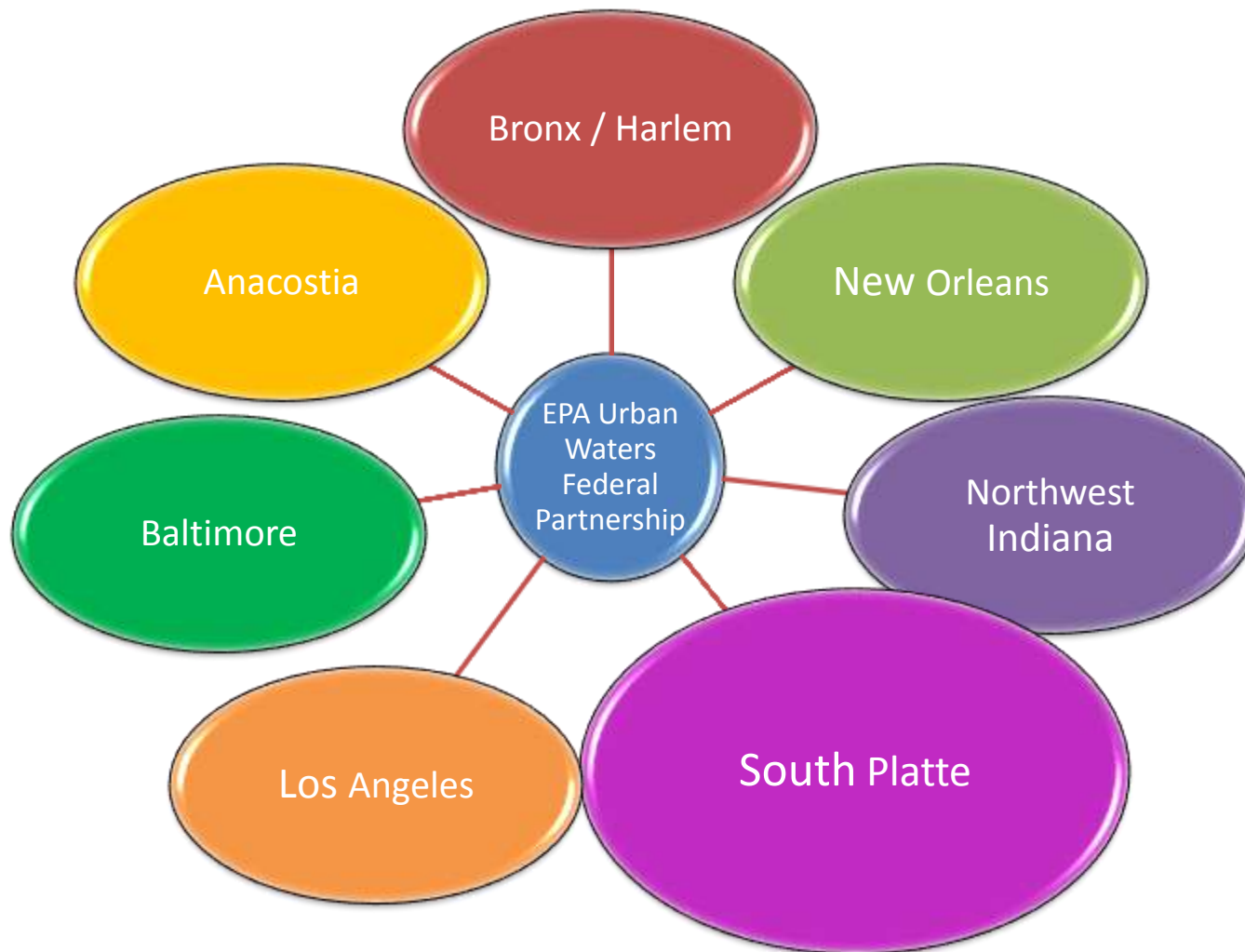
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# Federal Partners



# Original 7 Pilot Locations



# Expansion - 11 New Locations

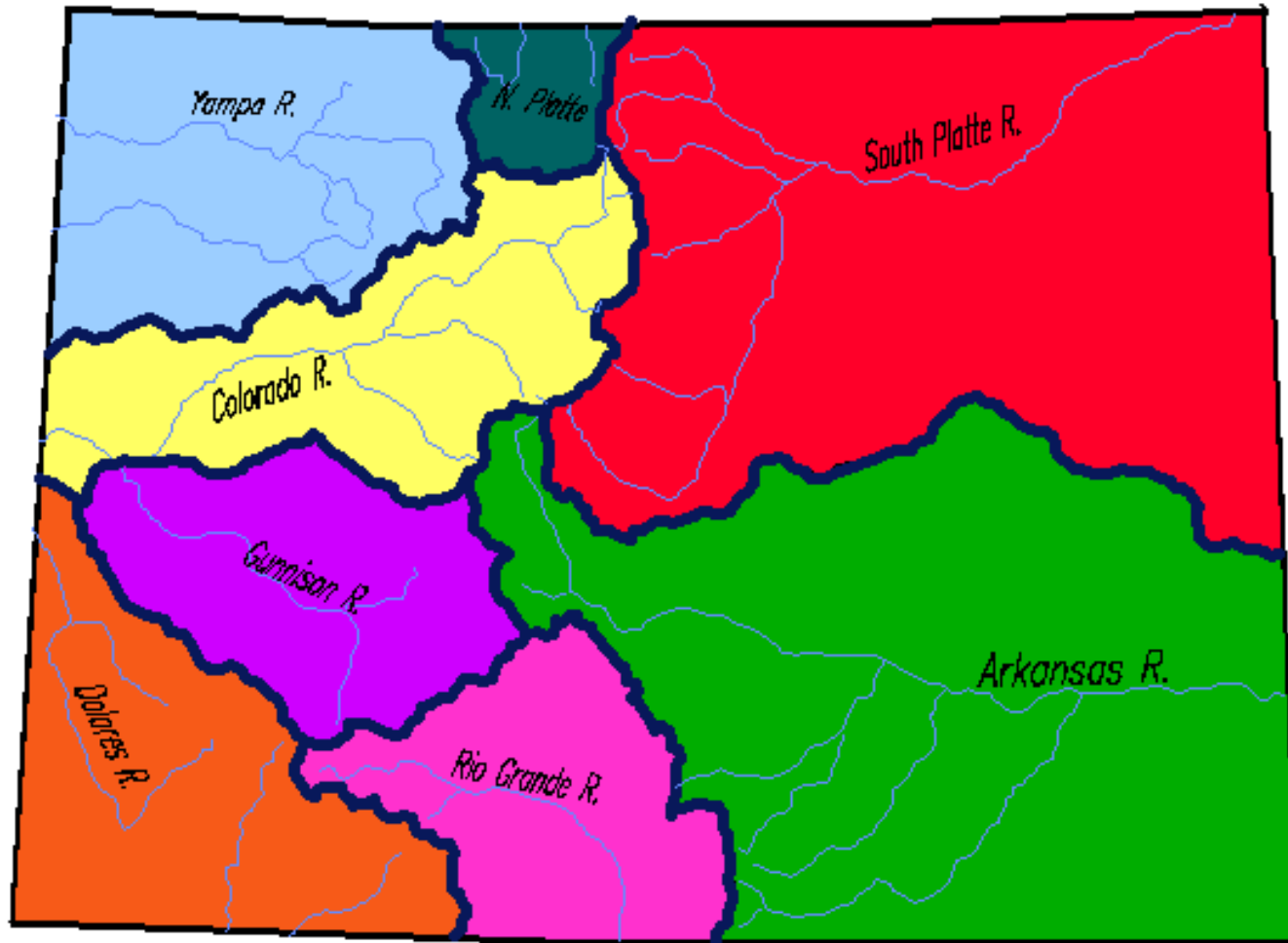
## May 2013

- Big River and Meramec River watersheds near St. Louis, MO
- Delaware River Basin that covers Philadelphia, Camden, N.J., Chester, Pa., and Wilmington, Del.
- Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Green-Duwamish River in Seattle
- Mystic River watershed in Greater Boston
- Martin Pena Canal in San Juan, P.R.
- Middle Blue River in Kansas City, MO.
- Middle Rio Grande in Albuquerque, N.M.
- Passaic River in Newark, N.J.
- Proctor Creek watershed in Atlanta
- Western Lake Erie Basin near Toledo, Ohio

# Partners:

- The Greenway Foundation
- Groundwork Denver
- Coalition for the Upper South Platte
- Trust for Public Land
- National Forest Foundation
- Colorado Watershed Assembly
- Chatfield Area Network for Outreach & Educ.
- Earth Force
- South Platte CURE
- Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership
- Westerly Creek Connection
- Clear Creek Watershed Foundation
- Institute for Environmental Solutions
- Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners
- City and County of Denver
- City of Aurora
- Commerce City
- City of Englewood
- Adams County
- Jefferson County
- Douglas County
- Tri-County Health Dept.
- Jefferson Conservation District
- Barr-Milton Watershed Association
- Urban Drainage & Flood Control District
- Denver Water
- Aurora Water
- CDPHE
- Colorado State Forest Service
- USEPA
- USFS
- NPS RTCA
- ATSDR
- USGS
- USACE
- HUD
- NRCS
- USFWS
- USDOJ

# Colorado Watersheds





# Focus Area





# UW **Federal** Partnership Mission Statement

*The “Urban Waters Federal Partnership” will help urban and metropolitan areas, particularly those that are under-served or economically distressed, connect with their waterways and work to improve them. This federal partnership will put communities first. We will work to break down government program silos and to ensure that our collective efforts will reverse past neglect, energize existing programs, and engage new partners. We will listen to, engage and serve the communities where we work, ensuring they are full partners in restoring and protecting the water that surrounds them. We will establish strong partnerships with effective community-based organizations and local government officials to make the most effective use of economic incentives and other beneficial actions. With the right set of federal, state, and local tools and the local commitment of political will, the partnership will leverage existing neighborhood assets. These actions will be geared to promote early and visible victories to fuel long-term action. Success will advance the missions of our partnership, our agencies, and the federal government as a whole.*



# Our Mission

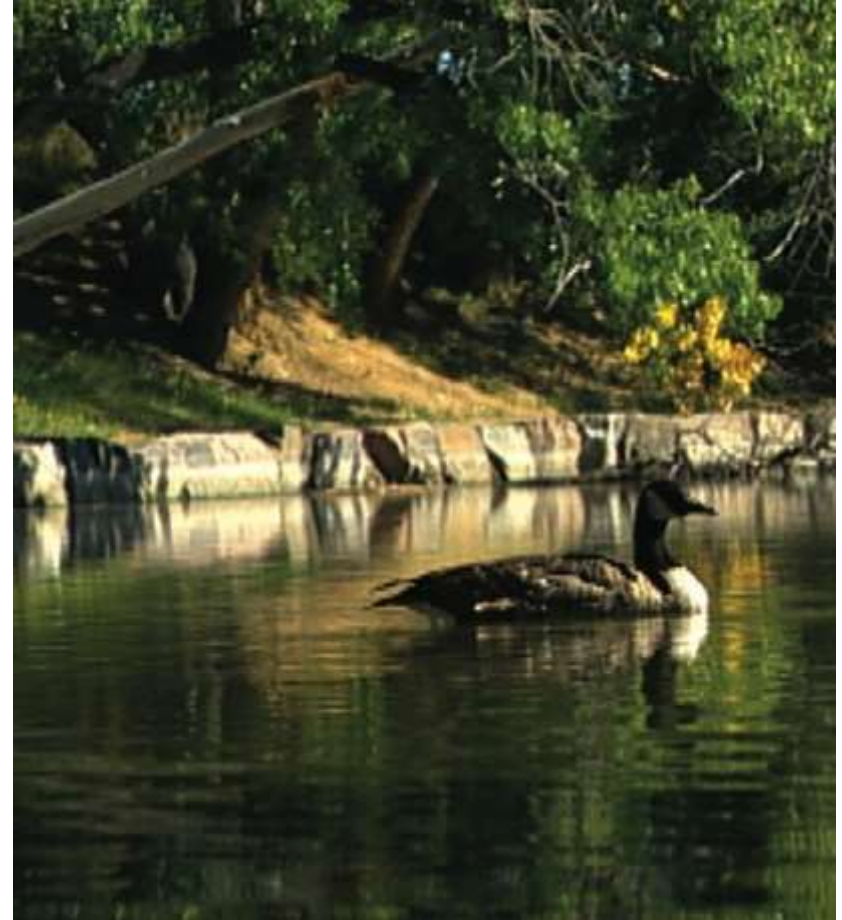
***The South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership collaborates across jurisdictions and disciplines to engage communities, and to protect and restore the South Platte River and Watershed.***



Water Quality

Water Protection

Water Awareness



Communication +  
Coordination

Leverage Resources

Platform for  
Partnering







# Whole System Holistic Perspective

## Landscape Scale Water Quality Initiatives







# South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership

Connections

Communication

Foundation

Vision



“Ownership”

Trust / Turf

Time

Funding

Keep it Simple

Don't Build in  
Bureaucracy



Nimble  
+  
Flexible

Relationships  
Before Projects



# *Moving Forward...*





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*Thank You!*

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