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Partnership with the City of Aurora

• Add 14 miles of interconnection greenway and trails between terminus of Sand Creek Regional Greenway and 30,000 acres of open space surrounding the Aurora Reservoir
• Phase I: $9.2 million, 275 acres of open space
• Funding Partners:
  – Great Outdoors Colorado
  – Adams County
  – Arapahoe County
  – Rocky Mountain Arsenal Natural Resource Damage Funds (NGC)
Project Context
South Platte Trail
Sand Creek Greenway
470 Trail
Triple Creek Greenway
South Platte Greenway Legacy Project

• Preserve crucial open space, enhance connectivity, and conserve and restore habitat along the South Platte River and its tributaries.
• Total Project Cost: $25 million
  - Land Acquisition
  - Brownfield restoration
  - Trail connections
  - Park and educational center development
• South Platte Working Group:
  – Arapahoe County
  – South Suburban Park and Recreation District
  – Englewood, Sheridan, Centennial, Littleton, Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills Village, Bowmar, Columbine Valley
  – The Trust for Public Land, South Suburban Park Foundation, Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Advisory Board, South Metro Land Conservancy
  – Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfield Redevelopment Program, and Colorado Division of Wildlife.
Lessons learned

• Shared vision
• Funding
• Implementation