

Confluence Park Stream Restoration, Colorado Springs, Colorado

(Section 206):

The study is located along approximately .71 miles of Monument Creek from Bijou Street south to the confluence with Fountain Creek and along approximately .26 miles of Fountain Creek from Highway 24 to the Confluence with Monument Creek in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The downtown reach of Monument creek and Fountain Creek is an area of high urban and industrial use and has a relatively narrow riparian zone. These activities have reduced riparian vegetation. Changed channel configuration has led to a degraded habitat. A project would restore a portion of Monument Creek and Fountain Creek to a more historical and natural riparian oxbow restoration, wetlands creation, channel widening, bank stabilization, and native plant revegetation. The estimated cost is over \$7,000,000 and is currently in the Feasibility Phase. The primary benefits from the project require that the Colorado Department of Transportation make planned changes in Highway 24, which are postponed for at least five years. As a result the proposed project is being reformulated.

