



# BEAR CREEK WATERSHED

Fact Sheet 74 Bear Creek Watershed Foundation  
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*The Bear Creek Watershed Association protects and restores water and environmental quality within the Bear Creek Watershed from the effects of land use.*

Clear Creek County  
Jefferson County  
City of Lakewood  
Town of Morrison  
Aspen Park Metropolitan District  
Conifer Sanitation Association  
Denver Water Department  
City and County Denver  
Evergreen Metropolitan District  
Forrest Hills Metropolitan District  
Genesee Sanitation & Water District  
Geneva Glen  
Jefferson County School District  
Kittredge Water & Sanitation District  
Tiny Town Foundation, Inc.  
West Jefferson County Metropolitan District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Jefferson Conservation District



**Better Watershed  
Today & Tomorrow**  
**BEAR  
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WATERSHED  
FOUNDATION**

The Bear Creek Watershed Foundation is a funding support organization to benefit the Bear Creek Watershed Association. The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation established in January 2020. The Foundation is established as a funding source for projects and programs. It will establish various mechanisms for 1) funding preservation and restoration projects; 2) supporting outreach, education and training watershed programs; 3) advocating for and supporting watershed scientific programs and research (focused on water quality or environmental health); and 4) support of other affiliated partnerships, that protect, restore and preserve the Bear Creek Watershed and associated water quality monitoring region.

The Foundation can receive, solicit, administer and disburse gifts, grants, devises, bequests or other conveyances of real and personal property or the income derived there from for the benefit of the Bear Creek Watershed Association. The Foundation will seek donations from the watershed public and recreational users of the watershed. The Foundation will actively solicit federal, state and corporate grants.

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**Mission** - Education, partnerships and resources to protect, restore, and preserve the Bear Creek Watershed

**Vision**- Better watershed today and tomorrow

The Foundation Web Site is under development as

[www.coloradobcwf.org](http://www.coloradobcwf.org)

## 2020 Board of Directors

1. Alan Searcy , Executive Director
2. Gayle Gordon, Vice Director
3. Drew Sprafke, Secretary
4. Troy Campbell, Treasurer
5. Megan Mitchell
6. Russell Clayshulte (Serves as Director and Manager to the Association)

Watershed Restoration Projects	
Area within Watershed	Project or Program Type
Downtown Evergreen	Stream restoration & runoff controls
Bear Creek Reservoir & Bear Creek Park	Tributary runoff controls and nutrient reduction, in-lake management projects (e.g., aeration), biological management practices
Evergreen Lake	Tributary runoff controls and nutrient reduction
Select Watershed Tributaries	On-site systems, large animal (manure) management, nutrient reductions, sedimentation controls, education, and outreach
Wildfire Fuel Management	High hazard drainages (e.g. Evergreen), defensible space education, fuel reduction, partnerships, hazard studies
Research Support Projects	
Temperature Management in mainstem upper Bear Creek	Temperature data (air/water comparisons), channel improvements, stream restoration
Climate Modeling	Improve modeling data and models, education and outreach, adaptive management program
Sedimentation of reservoirs	Sediment loading models
Wildland fires and water quality	Post-fire studies on water quality
Remote Sensing Project	Partnership, data management
Watershed Education and Outreach	
Public education	Climate awareness programs
Outreach	Watershed virtual classrooms and webinars
Bear Creek Watershed Foundation	Interactive Foundation web site
Funding programs	Fee programs, donations, grants
Watershed forum/ conference	Public education