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A campaign to preserve
a part of Colorado history

HIGH LINE CANAL
CONSERVANCY
Connecting Communities – Connecting Nature
From the Foothills to the Plains
Everyone needs a place to connect with nature and for so many the High Line Canal is that place. Indeed, an entire generation of Coloradans, from the foothills in Douglas County to the plains in Green Valley Ranch, can remember their days floating down the Canal, hunting for crawdads trapped in its puddles and foraging for wild plums along its banks. Today, this urban refuge needs protection to endure as a legacy greenway.

THE HIGH LINE CANAL CONSERVANCY

The mission of the Conservancy is to preserve, protect and enhance the 71-mile-long Canal in partnership with the public.

The High Line Canal Conservancy is a nonprofit representing the passionate community of private citizens dedicated to protecting the High Line Canal. Working closely with its partners, including Denver Water and the 11 jurisdictions along the Canal’s reach, the Conservancy provides leadership to harness the public’s commitment to the Canal and plan for its future.

THE HIGH LINE CANAL:
AN EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

The High Line Canal extends from the foothills of the great Rocky Mountains to the expansive prairie stretching to the distant horizon. Along the way, the Canal offers the unique experience of exploring the extraordinary mosaic of people, places, landscapes and wildlife of the region. The historic Canal has always faced challenges as an irrigation delivery system due in part to its low priority water rights and high rate of seepage. Today, as the Denver region experiences unprecedented growth, the Canal offers an extraordinary opportunity to join together as responsible stewards to maximize the potential of this tremendous resource.

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Protection of the High Line Canal depends on community and philanthropic leadership.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: PROTECTIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS

In 2016, the Conservancy led an unprecedented community outreach effort in which thousands participated in the writing of the High Line Canal Vision. This vision passionately states that the High Line Canal’s 71 meandering miles will be preserved and enhanced as a cherished greenway that connects people to nature and binds varied communities together from the foothills to the plains. The vision is a critical first step, but there’s more to do. To achieve the vision will take many years of hard work, cooperation and creativity - a journey that will shape and protect an incredible legacy for the region.

FOUNDING PARTNER CAMPAIGN

71 Miles Supported by 71 Founding Partners is a campaign to raise $1,775,000 of catalytic funds through the generous support of 71 Founding Partners. The campaign supports the following:

75%  High Line Canal Planning, Protections and Leadership

Regional Planning: vision and master planning, Canal management
Stewardship: community and volunteer programs
Advocacy: environmental and historic education

25%  Conservancy Reserve Fund

Secures funds to leverage critical future opportunities

BECOME A FOUNDING PARTNER: BE PART OF COLORADO HISTORY

Founding Partners commit $25,000 over 1, 2, or 5 years. Your investment provides foundational support ensuring that all 71 miles of our High Line Canal will be preserved and enhanced as a legacy greenway for the entire Denver metro region. Each partner ‘adopts’ one of the 71 miles of the Canal. Your gift will be marked with a sandstone mile-marker with your name engraved as recognition of your foresight and commitment to the future of the High Line Canal.

photo by John Fielder

“"The High Line Canal is our urban refuge, our place of respite and one of the nation’s most spectacular linear parks. As a citizen-led nonprofit, the Conservancy is in a position to do more for the Canal than Denver Water or the governmental jurisdictions can do on their own. Your philanthropic gift is the most powerful way to support the High Line Canal and its sustainable future — and now is the critical time.”

- Harriet Crittenden LaMair, Ex. Director

71 miles in length
860 acres total
80 street crossings
350,000 residents within 1 mile
500,000 users annually

73 adjacent green spaces
199 species of birds, 38 mammals and 15 reptiles
2,179 trees with trunks greater than 6’ diameter

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