




COLORADO FLOOD HISTORY

Remind and educate Colorado communities about their historical flood risk

PRIMARY OUTCOME & CHALLENGES


- Project improves individual flood risk preparedness and awareness through informational signs on historic flood events and creating StoryMap online.
- Signs are a reminder of flooding risk and consequences with purpose being to overcome normalcy bias and highlight the need for shared responsibility in flood risk management.
- Project received high-quality photographs and narratives from local community representatives.

To view footage of the 2013 event, visit:



Evans, CO

September 18, 2013





Between September 11 and 13, 2013, 15" of rain fell on the Colorado Front Range, causing the South Platte River to swell beyond its banks, eventually peaking in the early morning hours of September 13, at nearly 19 feet in depth and expanding to one mile at its widest point. The flood resulted in the total destruction of Riverside Park and uncovered that the park had served as a landfill decades ago.

Five years later, on October 27, 2018, the fully rebuilt Riverside Park opened with much fanfare and includes ballfields, open space, a concession building, playground and one-of-a-kind climbing wall. The park was designed to be more flood resistant by being raised above the 100-year flood elevation, floodwater storage was added to the riverbank to store excess waters and dissipate energy. Enhanced protections were integrated into the design to stabilize the west bank of the South Platte River against flood-related challenges.

Riverside is more than just a park; it is a symbol of our community's strength and resiliency.

To learn more about Colorado's flood history, visit:



HISTORICAL MARKER
This sign was produced in collaboration with the Colorado Silver Jackets: A team of federal, state and local agencies focused on flood risk reduction and mitigation for the state of Colorado.

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COLORADO SILVER JACKETS TEAM PROJECT PARTNERS

- Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- 15 Local Community Contacts
- USACE
- FEMA