



IGA Stormwater Projects Fact Sheet

The City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Utilities and Pueblo County signed an [Inter-Governmental Agreement](#) April 28 committing the City and Colorado Springs Utilities to spend for stormwater infrastructure, maintenance and education programs in the amount of \$460 million over the next two decades (contingent on annual appropriations) to improve the City's stormwater system. The IGA describes the City's responsibilities for the provision of stormwater services within the City's jurisdiction and under the MS4 permit issued under the federal Clean Water Act and its state counterpart. The 71 projects were selected based on negotiations with Pueblo County to identify and prioritize stormwater projects that would benefit both Colorado Springs and downstream communities.

Included in the \$460 million dedicated to the Stormwater Control Program is funding for the following types of projects:

- **\$185.5 million – 69 IGA Projects-** This is a high priority list developed through coordination between the City and Pueblo County. These sixty-nine projects are specific infrastructure projects.
- **\$30 million for Community and Local Projects (\$1.5 million annually - IGA Project No. 70) –** These are often unplanned projects and repairs associated with local/neighborhood drainage and flooding issues. These projects are typically smaller in nature ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000, and are identified through citizen input, scheduled inspections, and previously identified project lists.
- **\$2 million for Capital and Grant-Funded Projects (IGA Project No.71) -** leverage funding for the design and construction of larger stormwater related capital projects by applying for and securing federal, state, and local grants in 2016, 2017, and 2018.
- **\$80 million for the Colorado Springs Utilities Creek Crossing Program**
- **\$160 million- Stormwater Operations (Average of \$8 million annually) –** This is for MS4 compliance, stormwater operations and maintenance (including street sweeping and drainage way/facility maintenance), planning, design review, education and outreach, and project management.

* The above numbers are for 2016 and would adjust annually at a rate of 2 percent for inflation making the total investment \$460 million over 20 years.

Sand Creek South of Platte Channel Stabilization Project:

The Sand Creek Stabilization south of Platte project is one of the IGA projects scheduled to begin design in 2016. Channel stabilization will result in reduced sediment reaching Sand Creek and ultimately into Fountain Creek, enhancing public safety and reducing damage to public and private property.

Improvements will begin at the Platte Avenue Bridge and end at the confluence of Sand Creek and West Fork Sand Creek. The proposed design and construction activities will include construction of four grouted boulder drop structures to slow the flow of water through the creek and stabilize the bottom of the channel and prevent future erosion around the Platte Avenue bridge piers and buried utilities.

The proposed design also includes bank protection and stabilization between each of the drop structures. This includes riprap bank protection on the outside of bends and downstream of drop structures and bioengineered bank stabilization where riprap lining is not required. The proposed bank stabilization and concrete structures will slow the erosive flood waters and protect the channel bottom and slopes against damages during the minor storm events (2, 5, 10 yr. floods) and would require minimal maintenance after the higher storm events (100 yr. & 500 yr. floods).

Project Cost (2016): \$5,290,000

Project Dates: 2016-2018

Stormwater Projects Interactive Map

Residents can view the interactive map to see stormwater projects to take place around Colorado Springs at www.ColoradoSprings.gov/StormwaterProjects and clicking on the picture of the map.

2016 Stormwater Projects

A complete list of the 71 IGA projects and 2016 stormwater projects (IGA, Capital and Grant Projects, and Community and Local Projects) is available on the City's website at <https://coloradosprings.gov/stormwaterprojects>.