



About the Fountain Creek Watershed

- The Fountain Creek Watershed contains eight municipalities (Woodland Park, Green Mountain Falls, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Colorado Springs, Fountain, and Pueblo) and parts of three counties (Teller, El Paso, and Pueblo Counties), and has more than 500,000 residents.
- Flooding and erosion has accelerated the loss of aquatic and wetland habitats, created the loss of hundreds of acres of productive farmland, and caused crumbling foundation for roads and homes.
- While the flow associated with extreme flood events has not statistically changed, there are increasing volumes in both low and high stream flow records.
- Creeks within the Fountain Creek Watershed contribute about 15 percent of the drinking water for Colorado Springs, are a source of irrigation for more than 100 farmers and ranchers, and provide habitat for wildlife.
- The mean annual flow of Fountain Creek has risen from an historical average of approximately 60 cubic feet per second to greater than 230 cubic feet per second.
- Over 90% of Pueblo's 100-year floodplain is developed and includes residential, commercial, industrial, and public properties.
- Parts of Pueblo's downtown business district lie directly within the historic flood plain of Fountain Creek.
- Pueblo's flooding history includes devastating floods occurring in 1921, 1935, and 1965.

