

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SITE**

**Big Dry Creek Water Quality Partnership**

Concerns about water quality and ecological issues in Colorado's Big Dry Creek basin caused federal and state regulatory agencies, the Cities of Broomfield, Northglenn, and Westminster with the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in 1996 to form a consensus group. The Group's focus was limited to water quality issues impacting wastewater dischargers in the basin. In early 1998, the Cities, with the Department of Energy, entered into a formal agreement to take a community-based, watershed approach to biological and water quality monitoring and implementation of watershed protection activities. The Big Dry Creek Water Quality Partnership began as an extension of the original consensus group but has evolved to include any entities or individuals interested in water-related issues in the basin. The goals of the Partnership include public education, monitoring activities, and the protection of water quality, aquatic life, and habitat. A Watershed Coordinator has been hired by the Partnership with an EPA grant to implement activities and facilitate communications among stakeholders and surrounding communities.

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