



## LEFTHAND WATERSHED oversight group

We are writing to let you know that the Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group has recently secured funding to restore flood damaged portions of Left Hand Creek and **one of our funded project areas includes your property.**

Included below is some helpful information about our organization and the project. Please contact us at your earliest convenience (phone or e-mail below) to let us know when you may be available to meet with our staff to learn more about this opportunity and discuss next steps if you are interested in participating.

Thank you!

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### **Who is Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group?**

Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization guided by a Board of Directors representing diverse interests in the watershed. Our mission is to assess, protect, and restore the quality of the Left Hand Creek Watershed, and to serve as a hub of communication about watershed issues through the fostering of stakeholder collaboration. Learn more at our website: [www.lwog.org](http://www.lwog.org).

### **What is the Project?**

Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group has secured over \$1,500,000 in funds from Colorado Division of Local Affairs Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery to be used on design-build restoration projects in Upper Left Hand Canyon (see attached map). Basic project goals include:

- reducing hazards and increasing flood safety for residents living along the creek
- stabilizing banks and reducing active erosion adjacent to homes
- improving ecological conditions for fish and wildlife
- improving homeowner access to the creek
- maintaining or improving water quality

Funding includes costs for design and construction work. As the Project Sponsor, Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group will manage all aspects of the project including working with participating property owners, administering funding and grant compliance, and overseeing the design-build team that will implement the project.

### **What is the landowner's role?**

On a basic level, landowners chose to or choose not to participate at critical junctures, assist in in developing project goals, participate in reviewing and commenting on draft design plans.

## What will the projects look like?



The example above shows before and after photos of work completed in 2017 at one of our restoration project sites in the upper portion of Left Hand Creek. Floodplain grading, including debris removal, bank reconstruction, benching and channel shaping was implemented to provide capacity and a more effective cross-section for transporting water and sediment. Following earthwork and grading, channel work involved installation of habitat boulders, in-channel features, and bank stabilization treatments to stabilize eroding streambanks caused by disruption from the flood flows. Construction was followed by revegetation, including seeding with native seed mix, staking live willow and cottonwood material, and planting trees and shrubs.

## Map of Upper Left Hand Canyon Projects

Sites one through nine on this map are included in this project.

