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**Town of Carbondale's Crystal River Restoration and Weaver Ditch Enhancement Project seeks public input**

The Town of Carbondale with partners, Aspen Valley Land Trust (AVLT), Roaring Fork Conservancy (RFC), and American Rivers, invite members of the public to participate in the planning process for restoring a one-half mile long reach of the Crystal River along the town-owned Riverfront Park in River Valley Ranch.

Riverfront Park lies between the Carbondale Fish Hatchery and Crystal Bridge Drive (see attached map). This reach of the Crystal River was identified by the 2016 Crystal River Management Plan as being severely to unsustainably impaired. The project aims to restore ecological integrity, improve channel stability, create a low-maintenance Weaver Ditch diversion structure, and enhance the passive user experience of the adjacent wildland park.

In 2018, a consultant team comprised of River Restoration, DHM Design, and Lotic Hydrologic (all of Carbondale, CO) conducted a thorough site survey and analysis of the reach to identify which parts of the river and riparian system were functioning in a healthy way, and which parts were not.

The consultant team will be presenting the results of their site analysis, along with conceptual design ideas, at a community open house on Wednesday evening April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Carbondale Library Community Room. The presentation will begin at 6:15pm sharp followed by opportunities for the public to ask questions and provide feedback.

Members of the public arriving after 7pm (the end of regular library hours) are asked to use the West entrance on the side of the Library building.



*Summer 2018 photo looking north up the Crystal River from the middle of the project reach. The existing push-up dam for the Weaver Ditch diversion is in the foreground. Riverfront Park runs alongside the left side of the river. Crystal Bridge Drive is in the background. Photo courtesy of River Restoration.*

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