

Scope of Work

STATE: Colorado
STATE IDENTIFIER: FIF2602
PROJECT TITLE: Beaver Pond Trailhead – Fort Collins, CO
GRANT PERIOD: July 1st, 2026 – December 31st, 2028

PURPOSE:

Improve angling opportunities, accessibility, and angler satisfaction in Northern Colorado by enhancing infrastructure and aquatic habitat at Beaver Pond.

NEED:

Arapaho Bend Natural Area is a high-traffic destination with over 160,000 annual visits, yet Beaver Pond currently lacks formal access. Anglers must navigate steep banks and "social" dirt trails, creating significant barriers for those with mobility impairments. Furthermore, visitors currently park on the narrow shoulder of Strauss Cabin Road, creating a safety hazard due to heavy semi-truck traffic from nearby gravel mines. Current restroom facilities are a half-mile away, and the lack of structural diversity in the pond limits the concentration of sportfish near accessible shorelines.

OBJECTIVES:

By December 31st, 2028:

- Construct a designated trailhead and parking area to eliminate hazardous roadside parking.
- Install a universally accessible (ADA) fishing pier and 2,122 sq. ft. of ADA-compliant concrete pathways.
- Install a double-unit vault restroom to serve the Beaver Pond fishery.
- Improve aquatic habitat by installing 8 structures and stabilizing banks to support warmwater species including Largemouth Bass, Walleye, and Channel Catfish.

EXPECTED BENEFITS:

This project will provide the first truly barrier-free fishing access point in southeast Fort Collins. Benefits include increased angler safety, enhanced sportfish spawning success, and a functional space for youth fishing clinics. By concentrating access in designated areas, the project will also reduce shoreline erosion and improve the ecological health of the 34.8-acre fishery.

APPROACH:

The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department (NAD) will manage the project, currently at 60% design. Following final permitting in mid2026, a contractor will be hired for heavy civil work (grading, concrete, vault installation) to occur between August and December 2027 to avoid disturbance to nearby nesting eagles.

In Spring/Summer 2028, NAD staff will assemble and place the floating fishing pier and aquatic habitat

structures. The City will also perform native revegetation of eroded banks. Placement of habitat structures will be coordinated directly with CPW aquatic biologists to maximize angler benefit.

LOCATION:

Beaver Pond, Arapaho Bend Natural Area, 1745 Hoffman Mill Rd (Access via Strauss Cabin Rd), Fort Collins, CO 80524.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS: **Exhibit B**

The total estimated cost of the project is **\$117,400**. CPW grants **\$72,700 (62%)** in Fishing is Fun funding. Local matching funds from the City of Fort Collins total **\$44,700 (38%)**, exceeding the minimum 25% requirement.

Budget Detail

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
ADA Concrete Sidewalk to Pier (sqft)	2,122	\$18.00	\$38,196
ADA Concrete Parking & Toilet Landing (sqft)	1,278	\$18.00	\$23,004
Floating Fishing Pier (Dock Expense)	1	\$18,500.00	\$18,500
Floating Dock Footing	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000
Boulder Retaining Wall (linear ft)	98	\$100.00	\$9,800

Habitat Structures	8	\$500.00	\$4,000
Staff Project Management (In-Kind)	297.5 hrs	\$40.00	\$11,900
Total Estimated Cost			\$117,400

Match Summary

Source	Type	Amount
City of Fort Collins	Cash	\$32,800
City of Fort Collins (Personnel)	In-Kind	\$11,900
Total Match		\$44,700

USEFUL LIFE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

The useful life of the trailhead, concrete paths, and restroom facility is anticipated to be 20 years. The floating pier system is anticipated to have a useful life of 20 years with regular maintenance.

PERSONNEL:

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SCHEDULE:

- **Jan – Jul 2026:** Permitting and Final Design.
- **Aug – Nov 2027:** Trailhead construction and vault restroom installation.
- **Spring/Summer 2028:** Fishing pier assembly, habitat structure placement, and revegetation.