



Good Neighbor Policy

Adopted by the Board of Directors
Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
February 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District was established by the Colorado General Assembly in 1969 in order to assist local governments with multijurisdictional drainage and flood control problems, including the authority to levy property taxes for operations and planning; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has subsequently authorized the District to levy property taxes for design and construction of projects, for maintenance, and for the South Platte River; and

WHEREAS, the District has constructed approximately \$180 million in drainage and flood control projects in partnership with local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the District has contributed approximately \$12 million to the acquisition and preservation of key floodplain areas in partnership with local jurisdictions and other partners; and

WHEREAS, many District projects are designed and constructed, by necessity, for rare events; and are therefore not utilized very frequently for their primary intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, the District staff has worked with local government partners to enhance the projects to make them more valuable to their constituents on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Natural and Beneficial Functions (NBF) of drainageways and floodplains; including trail corridors, parks, recreation, wildlife habitat, flood storage, and groundwater recharge, can serve as amenities to adjacent neighborhoods and entire communities.





NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Directors of the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District adopts the following “Good Neighbor Policy”:
2. The Master Planning Program will, during the preparation of storm drainage criteria, major drainage plans, outfall systems plans, and other master planning studies, identify and incorporate NBF and other opportunities.
3. The Floodplain Management Program will continue to map the 1% and 0.2% floodplains in undeveloped areas in order to identify areas that are hazardous to develop, and areas of significant NBF; and to work with local governments in the management of future development in or near these hazardous areas to minimize future flood risks and maximize preservation of the NBF.
4. The Design, Construction, and Maintenance Program (DCM) will, when feasible, include amenities in flood management projects that enhance neighborhoods and preserve NBF. As a result of including these amenities, the public will be drawn to the flood management projects; therefore, public safety is of paramount importance and will be included in all planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of these facilities.
5. The DCM Program will participate with local government partners and others such as Great Outdoors Colorado and the Trust for Public Land to acquire and preserve areas of significant NBF and/or flood hazards.
6. The Information Services and Flood Warning Program will continue adapting state-of-the-art information technologies to keep decision-makers, partners and other stakeholders informed concerning past, present and future flood threats; and will provide local governments, consultants, affiliates, and the general public with easy access to educational material, publications and other helpful information associated with District programs and activities.

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