



DENVER COMMONS PARK

DENVER, COLORADO

CITY OF DENVER, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



Denver Commons Park is the centerpiece of Denver's riverfront park system, and a key link in a 10.5-mile river greenway. Working as design partners with Civitas, Inc., Jones & Jones provided the overall park vision and architectural design for all its structures.

The park restored an ecologically degraded site at the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River—Denver's birthplace. The landscape forms and functions—slough creeks, back slough prairie marshes, cottonwood bosque and pine ridges—manifest the original riparian corridor through sand hills of the western plains. The park also provides an array of social spaces, from the intimate to places for large groups.

Denver Commons Park reconnects the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods to the river, and brings nature back to the downtown core.

FACTS

Natural stormwater filtration
Accessible by bike, foot or shuttle

BENEFITS

Brownfield restoration
Demonstration of natural processes
Healthier river
New life for a neglected riverfront
Catalyst for urban redevelopment

Annual Achievement Award, 2002

Downtown Denver Partnership

Merit Award-Design, 2001

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