



Recreation Engineering & Planning

CLEAR CREEK WHITE WATER PARK

GOLDEN, COLORADO

The Clear Creek Whitewater park is a prime example of how our designs can impact an entire community and create an economic stimulus. REP revitalized the Clear Creek corridor through Golden by restoring and enhancing the natural riverbed to promote active and passive use of the river. The course, that includes over ten structures designed for beginner to advanced paddlers hosts large crowds for both international slalom races and pro kayaking events; when not in use for competition, it serves training athletes as well as recreational boaters, tubers, and fishermen. The project ties in with a river walk, a museum, and the downtown area. Long after other rivers on the Front Range fall below minimum flows, visitors are able to enjoy the Clear Creek Whitewater Park thanks to the deep low-flow channel that also provides year round habitat for numerous fish species.

In addition to the intangible benefits to the community, the Clear Creek Whitewater Park generates approximately \$2 million of revenue per year for the town of Golden in spite of the fact that the park is free and open to the public. This is a tremendous amount of revenue generated by a course that cost a mere \$200,000 to build.



Whitewater Play park and improved fish habitat designed in Clear Creek to provide a recreational attraction for a variety of users as well as boost the local economy

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PROJECT COST:



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