

Appendix 3.1.7 Roaring Fork Multi-Objective Planning Project and Basalt River Master Plan Excerpts

Roaring Fork Multi-Objective Planning Project

Guiding Principles for the development of the plan on the Roaring Fork and Fryingpan River Multi-Objective Planning Project included:

- Encourage public involvement through the planning processes and respond to concerns raised as a result of the flooding experienced during 1995 in the Roaring Fork and Fryingpan River watersheds.
- Devise strategies that provide protection of property from inherent river flood hazards. This includes identification of flood prone areas, tributary watersheds that experience instability or sediment loading problems, channel instability hazards, and selection of potential mitigation strategies.
- Enhance aquatic and wildlife habitat along riparian areas and promote recreational benefits to galvanize public support for channel improvement programs and encourage multiple use of river resources.
- Provide public education to address flood hazards and river safety.
- Create a plan that is easy to use, that provides effective assistance in the selection of management options and that allows for updating and maintenance at the local level. This includes development of both hard copy and computer-based Geographic Information System reports.
- Adopt a watershed-based approach whereby the resources of the river system are managed in a holistic manner.

Basalt River Master Plan

In 2000, the Town of Basalt Board of Trustees set the following goals to guide the River Master Plan process:

1. **Public Involvement, Intergovernmental Coordination and Staffing**-Include local landowners and residents, adjacent governments, agency and interest group representatives in the planning process.
2. **Assure Public Safety**-Address flood hazards effectively and proactively.
3. **Protect Infrastructure**-Identify critical infrastructure, including private and commercial buildings, roads, bridges, utilizes, etc. which need to be protected form an unstable or uncontrolled river.
4. **Incorporate Community Values**-Assure that values or outcomes identified as important by the Town are incorporated into plans.

5. Assure Long-Term, Cost-Effective River Stability-Plan for river stabilization which is founded on natural principles rather than high-cost structural solutions.

6. Assure Improvements to the River Environment-Identify the natural systems and values associated with the river. Provide for restoration, preservation and improvements of those elements.

7. Develop Implementation and Funding Mechanisms-Identify and prioritize strategies and actions to be taken by the Town, public agencies, and the public at large to implement the River Master Plan.

As a result of this process recommendations addressing issues and concerns were made and prioritized for eight geographic areas-Southside Flooding, Upper Bypass Bridge, Fisherman's Park to Emma Bridge, Emma Bridge, Emma Bridge to Midland Bridge, Midland Avenue to Pan and Fork Mobile Home Park, Levinson Property to Spring Creek, and Downstream of Basalt (http://www.basalriverinfo.net/master_plan.htm).