

Senate Bill 09-141: The Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District

Sponsors: Sen. Tapia, Reps. Looper, Pace, Vigil

Objective: To create an independent District, modeled on the Denver Urban Drainage District, for the Fountain Creek Watershed; to address flooding, erosion, sedimentation, recreation, open space, wetlands and parks. As a taxing entity, this District would be eligible to contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control and restoration projects.

Background: Nine (9) year study with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers: **\$3 Million**
 Two (2) year detailed Master Plan by Lower Ark Valley Conservancy District and Colorado Springs Utilities: **\$600,000**
 Two plus (2+) year collaboration by the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force to generate a Strategic Plan for the watershed: **WSRA \$75,000 with \$58,000 match** resulting in a Nine Party Intergovernmental Agreement
ALL STUDIES RECOMMEND A FOLLOW-ON ENTITY

Structure of the Bill:

PART 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS
 PART 2 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND POWERS
 PART 3 SERVICE CHARGES
 PART 4 TAXES AND BONDS
 PART 5 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Limiting the Powers of the District by Defining a Watershed Management Area:

