

2021

ANNUAL REPORT

Poudre Heritage Alliance



Cache la Poudre River
National Heritage Area

"What is history? An echo of the past in the future, a reflex from the future on the past." -Victor Hugo

Dear friends and supporters,

2021 felt like the end of a chapter as we concluded the second decade of the Poudre Heritage Alliance. Since its establishment as a non-profit organization in 2002, PHA has been critical in obtaining congressional designation of the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area in 2009 and developing a management plan in 2013 to guide programs and activities. In the last decade, PHA staff implemented programming to preserve the history and culture of the National Heritage Area while engaging people in the river corridor, promoting education and learning opportunities, and inspiring the next generation to preserve our natural resources.

There is excitement in the air as we celebrate 20 years as an organization in 2022 and welcome a transition of leadership. This new beginning is an opportunity to reimagine and chart a course for the next decade. We are committed to collaborating with partners in our region to preserve and improve current historical locations. We are developing strategies for interpretive planning while introducing new sub-themes to expand on existing work. We are embracing the importance of culture to the people and places along the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area and the inclusive nature of telling the stories of all people.

As the new Executive Director of PHA, I look forward to building on the legacy established before me while strengthening organizational resiliency and increasing our capacity. I will be working with regional and national partners to ensure congressional reauthorization of our National Heritage Area. Mostly, I'm looking forward to getting to know you, the history of our heritage area, and exploring our beautiful river corridor.

Thank you for your support of our work as volunteers, donors, historians, community partners, collaborators, funders, and as nature and water lovers. It is for you and because of you that we secure the future of the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area.

Who's ready to see what the next ten years have in store? I know I am!
Let's work hard, have fun, and make history.

With gratitude,

Sabrina Stoker, Executive Director



2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Poudre Learning
Center Foundation
Hall 133



design concept to plan stream/riparian restoration and increase educational and research outreach on watershed management.

\$52,652 grant
dollars disbursed



**POUDRE POUR 200+
IN ATTENDANCE**



476 students were able
to visit the heritage area
7 field trips



Eaton House Preservation
Project

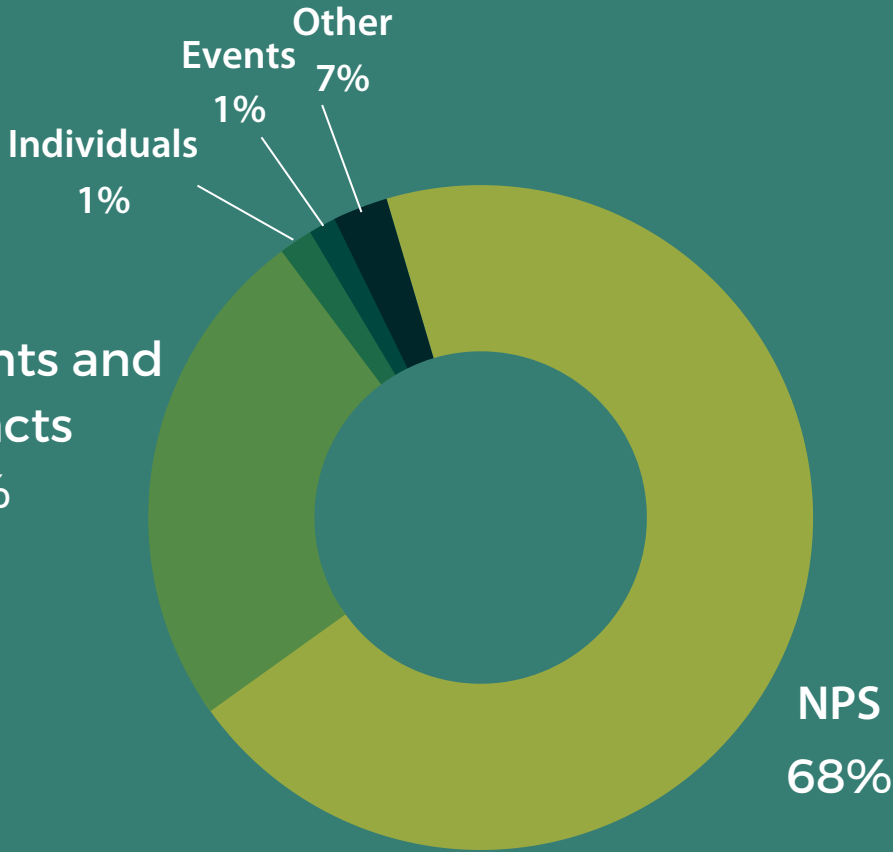


**4 PUB TALKS
55 ATTENDEES**



FINANCIALS

TOTAL REVENUE:
\$574,618

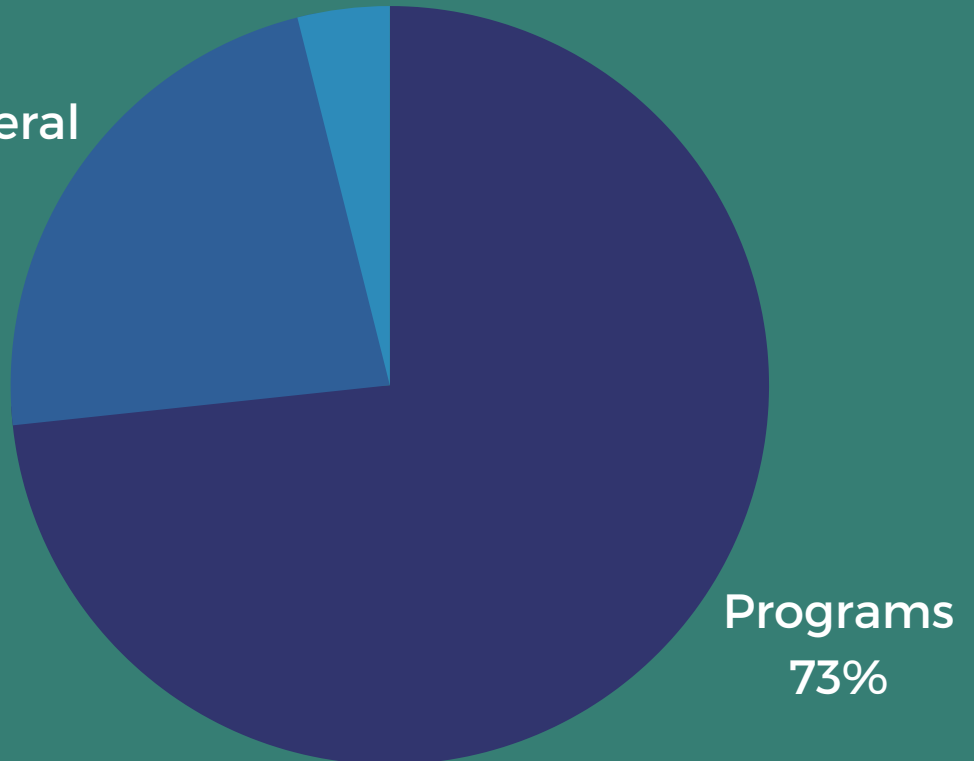


NPS
68%

Fundraising
4%

Management and general
23%

TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$463,470



Programs
73%



THE HAND THAT FEEDS GRANT



Poudre Heritage Alliance provided grant funding for the Hand That Feeds sculpture created by artist, Frank Garza. The sculpture was designed to preserve and honor the rich family history and significant contribution the Hispanic and Mexican people played in Fort Collins' and Larimer County's sugar beet history. The Sculpture is located in Fort Collin's Sugar Beet Park in the Tres Colonias neighborhood. An interpretive storyboard and educational programs will enable visitors and students to understand their impact on our community.

The sculpture tells the story of the sugar beet worker:

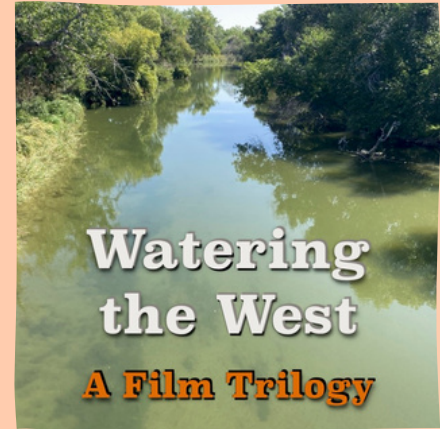
The Short-Hoe: Represents the back-breaking work required by the sugar beet workers.

The Hand: Represents the Hispanic and Mexican people who came to this area to work the beet fields and eventually settling in Fort Collins.

The short-handled hoe became a symbol of the exploitive working conditions as it took a big toll on the backs of so many. Campaigns by United Farm workers and others helped outlaw the use of the hoe in 1975.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

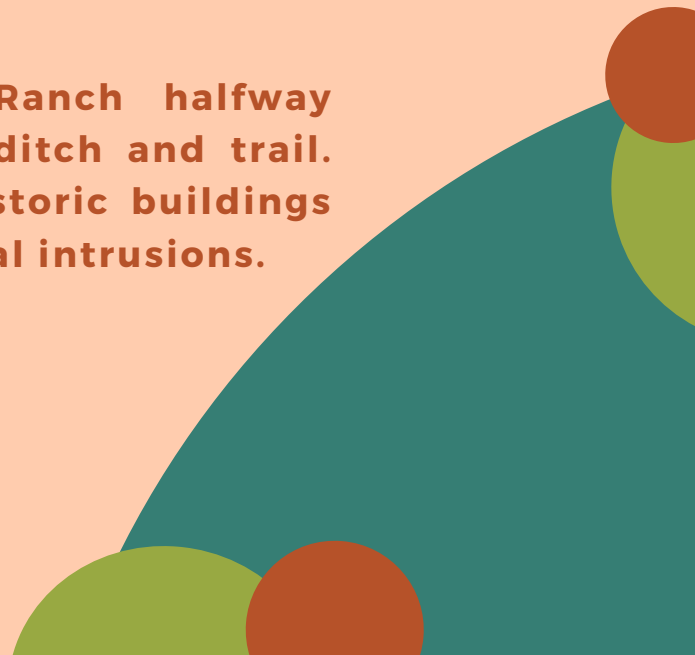
WATERING THE WEST: A WATER WESTERN



Watering the West: A Water Western STARRING the Cache la Poudre River enlightens audiences about water issues in the American West: past, present, and future, including where the water comes from, where it goes and how it gets there, the unique nature of western water law, its origins, and how growing populations and a changing climate will impact a diverse group of water users that rely on the rivers that deliver the mountain snow melt that makes the American West habitable.

JACOBY RANCH/HALFWAY HOUSE PRESERVATION

Historic preservation of the Jacoby Ranch halfway homestead adjacent to the Greeley #2 ditch and trail. Restoration and rehabilitation of the historic buildings along with the demolition of non-historical intrusions.



THANK YOU 2021 VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are a huge part of the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area! Our volunteers hold a standard knowledge of the the river and participate in events held in and around the heritage area.



Heritage Culturalist Volunteers visit historical sites and participate in interactive discussions to develop deeper knowledge of the CALA. As well as participating in training opportunities and educational events through PHA and its partner organizations.



Thank you volunteers and Heritage Culturalist for continuing to inspire us and making our mission possible!



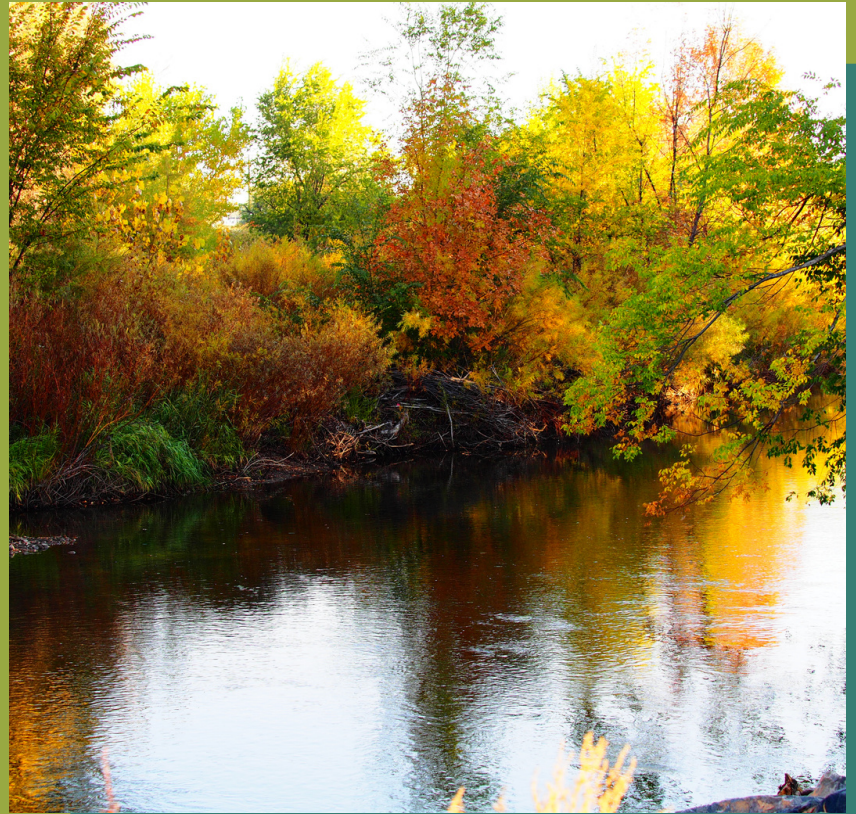
749
Volunteer
Hours

STAFF AND BOARD

Kathleen Benedict
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Vanessa Villegas-Selwyn
Administrative
Assistant

Molly Wade
COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR



Wade Willis
CHAIR

Bob Overbeck
VICE-CHAIR

Greg Dewey
TREASURER

Dan Biber
SECRETARY

Perry Buck
DIRECTOR

Meegan Flenniken
DIRECTOR

Billy Mihelich
DIRECTOR

Julie Pignataro
DIRECTOR

Nick Haws
DIRECTOR

Karen Scopel
DIRECTOR

Jared Mazuek
DIRECTOR

Julie Kallenberger
DIRECTOR

Cheri Yost
EX-OFFICIO

Chelsie Romulo
EX-OFFICIO

Jessica Salo
EX-OFFICIO

Sharon Bywater-Reyes
EX-OFFICIO

2021

ANNUAL REPORT

Poudre Heritage Alliance

Thank You!

The logo features a stylized, dotted outline of the state of Colorado, with a wavy line representing the Poudre River flowing through it.

Cache la Poudre River
National Heritage Area