

Strategies & Activities

Improve area land management

- Distribute Best Management Practices brochure to area landowners
- Hold educational forums on BMP's

Restore stream bank vegetation

- tree plantings
- invasive salt cedar species removal

Restore water flow and fish passage

- Participate in Forks Dam fish passage working group
- Encourage farmers to shift their source of irrigation water to wells

Create forum for conflict resolution and promote collaborative problem-solving

- hold monthly stakeholder meetings
- hire a facilitator

Promote more effective planning

- enforce local zoning ordinances
- work with local politicians to promote smart growth
- explore the potential for a purchase of development rights program

Expand existing stream access trails

Create system to coordinate projects and monitoring initiatives among organizations active in watershed

+ New grants available from State DNR to help landowners put in buffers and ranchers fence off stream segments from cattle

+ Large project membership base

+ Board members of group represent multiple interests in the community

Assets & Threats

-- Sediment and nutrient run-off from farming, ranching and development

-- Water shortages due to salt cedar invasion, over-pumping, and irrigation inefficiencies

-- Barriers to fish passage: Forks Dam and irrigation diversions

-- Conflict between farmers, ranchers, anglers, and environmentalists over water withdrawals and access to public lands

-- Increased development from expanding Waterton

-- Lack of coordination among organizations

Goals & Objectives

Goal: Protect and restore biodiversity and water quality in the Dana River Watershed

Improve water quality

Maintain viable populations of fish and endangered mussel species

Goal: Maintain rural character of the region

Preserve open space, including farms, ranches, and forests

Maintain sport-fishing opportunities