



## DHM DESIGN

# STEPHEN ELLSPERMAN

Principal | Director of Ecological Planning

*Stephen has 28 years of experience in natural resource management, permitting, and planning. From park and open space management to wetland design and construction, Stephen's work is permeated by his deep connection to ecological relationships. He is passionate about harmonizing project planning with ecological conditions and future opportunities and is an invaluable resource that enriches both the design and the client's attitude towards environmental awareness.*

## ABOUT

### EDUCATION

B.S. in Natural Resource Management  
Colorado State University, 1991

### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

*RFOV Agency Person of the Year 2011*  
*RFC River Conservator Award 2002*  
*"USFS-BLM" Cert of Advanced Merit & Accomplishment 1996-'00*

### BOARD COMMITMENTS

Watershed Biodiversity Initiative President  
2018-Present  
ACES Rock Bottom Ranch Council  
2011-Present  
Roaring Fork Conservancy  
2000-Present  
Pitkin County Open Space and Trails Management Plan  
Advisory Committee, 2013-2015  
Eagle County Regional Planning Commission  
2012-2014  
Eagle County Open Space Board  
2006-2009, 2011-2012

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Mitigation, Reclamation and Restoration  
Restoration Design and Revegetation  
Wetland & Ecological Restoration & Construction  
Stormwater Management  
Wildlife Habitat  
Natural Resource Master Planning  
River System Restoration & Planning  
Open Space Planning & Management  
Trails System Planning & Implementation  
Community Forestry  
Due Diligence  
Permitting

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## NOTABLE WORK

### Basalt River Restoration | Basalt, CO

*CCASLA Merit Award for Design 2017*  
*CASFM Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement 2015*

The Basalt River Restoration Project involved working with a multi-disciplinary team of engineers, hydrologists, planners, and the Town of Basalt to plan, design, permit, and oversee the restoration of the Roaring Fork River. Located within the heart of downtown Basalt, the goal of this project was not only to restore the river systems and riparian systems, but also to integrate the river into the lives of the Basalt residents and visitors. We created passive recreation experiences, allowing visitors to observe wildlife diversity in the restored ecosystem areas. Our team led the significant federal, state, and local permitting for the project and completed all of the site planning, restoration design, and habitat planning. We conducted significant investigations into the baseline conditions of the natural resources and site and these activities informed our design and permitting approach.

### Jennie Adair Park | Aspen, CO

*CCASLA Design Award, ALCC Presidents Stewardship Award 2008*

The Jennie Adair Regional Stormwater Quality Project demonstrates how a stormwater and water quality extended detention basin can be designed to meet specific engineering criteria while simultaneously providing valuable wildlife habitat and beautiful public park space. The project was envisioned as a stormwater facility that would utilize natural and engineered systems to improve the quality of water flowing into the Roaring Fork River from approximately one-third of the storm sewers in central Aspen.

### Maroon Creek Wetlands | Aspen, CO

*CCASLA Merit Award, Land Stewardship Designation 2003*

The Maroon Creek Wetland Project included a careful examination of the riparian ecology and riverine conditions of Maroon Creek near Aspen, Colorado. Initial goals of providing constructed wetland for stormwater management quickly morphed as careful biological inventory of the site revealed that the area was both severely degraded and had significant restoration potential. The project design included provisions for reconnecting the floodplain to Maroon Creek, utilizing the shallow water table for constructing wetlands, identifying native vegetation and ensuring that it was genetically connected to the site for restoration, and providing a long-term monitoring and management plan.

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## RECENT PROJECTS

### Natural Resource Master Planning

Sky Mountain Open Space; Snowmass, CO

*Certificate of Excellence for Mgmt Planning, CO Wildlife Society 2012*

Rocky Mountain Institute; Basalt, CO

Windriver Ranch; El Jebel, CO

City of Aspen Noxious Vegetation Master Plan; Aspen, CO

River Valley Ranch Natural Resources Master Plan; Carbondale, CO

Blue Creek Ranch; Carbondale, CO

Midland Park Open Space; Basalt, CO

Cozy Point Ranch; Pitkin County, CO

4 Diamond Ranch; Wilsall, MT

Junebug Farm; Eagle County, CO

Bear Wallow Ranch; New Castle, CO

Navajo Nation IRMP; Fort Apache, AZ

### River System Restoration & Planning

Basalt River Restoration; Basalt, CO

*CCASLA Merit Award for Design 2017*

*CASFM Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement 2015*

Old Pond Park; Basalt, CO

Flying Fish Project; Basalt, CO

James H Smith Open Space; Aspen, CO

Mills Property; Pitkin County, CO

South Platte River Restoration; Larimer County, CO

Porcupine Ranch Stream Restoration; Castle Valley, UT

Blue River Restoration; Breckenridge, CO

Crystal River Restoration Project; Carbondale, CO

### Rural

Ucross Foundation & Ranch; Sheridan, WY

*ASLA CO President's Award of Ex. & Land Stewardship Award 2011*

Wildhorse Ranch; Harney County, OR

*ASLA Award of Honor in Analysis and Planning 2007*

*ASLA Oregon Award of Excellence 2008*

Clear W Ranch; Pitkin County, CO

Frying Pan Canyon Ranch; Eagle County, CO

Bear Ridge Ranch; Old Snowmass, CO

BelleJack Blue Ranch; Woody Creek, CO

Mountain King Ranch; Jackson, WY

Double L Ranch; Durango, CO

Sutey Ranch & Crystal River Ranch; Roaring Fork Valley, CO

Porcupine Creek Ranch; Jackson, WY

JY Bagby Ranch; Big Hole Valley, MT

Evans Ranch; Telluride, CO

4 Diamond Ranch; Jackson, WY

Yellowstone Basin Ranch; West Yellowstone, MT

Nirvana Springs Ranch; Driggs, ID

### Trails System Planning & Implementation

Crystal Valley Trail; Marble, CO

Crested Butte Trails Master Plan; Crested Butte, CO

Delta County Trails Rec Master Plan; Delta, CO

### Stormwater Management

Jennie Adair Regional Wetlands; Aspen, CO

*ALCC Grand Award 2007*

Rio Grande Park Regional Stormwater Project; Aspen, CO

Bohn Park Final Design; Lyons, CO

Nissen Reservoir Channel; Broomfield, CO

West Cook Creek Channel; Lonetree, CO

### Ecological Restoration

Rock Bottom Ranch Corona Creek Restoration; Eagle County, CO

Miles Property; Redstone, CO

Weber Creek Ranch; Mancos, CO

Ziegler-Snowmass Divide CE Restoration; Snowmass, CO

Americus Ranch; Bozeman, MT

North Star Preserve; Aspen, CO

### Reclamation

10th Mountain Hut System; Leadville, CO

Aspen Mass Restoration Project; Aspen, CO

Little Ajax; Aspen, CO

Yellowstone Basin Ranch; West Yellowstone, MT

Grazing Pastures Ranch; Fish Creek, UT

Coal Basin Restoration; Redstone, CO

### Open Space Planning & Management

Moore Open Space; Aspen, CO

*CCASLA Merit Award for Design 1999*

*CCASLA Land Stewardship Award 1999*

Platte Farm Open Space; Denver, CO

Crown Mountain Park Master Plan; El Jebel, CO

Little Ajax Open Space; Aspen, CO

Marolt / Thomas Open Space; Aspen, CO

Smuggler Mountain Open Space; Pitkin County, CO

Roaring Fork Conservancy; Basalt, CO

Naturita Parks Master Planning; Naturita, CO

Apache Tribe Master Plan; White Rock, AZ

Longmont Button Rock Preserve; Longmont, CO

### Community Forestry

City of Aspen Community Forest Master Plan; Aspen, CO

*Society of Municipal Arborist Master Plan Excellence Award 2008*

Roaring Fork Club Forestry Master Plan; Basalt, CO

Alps Forestry & Planning; Aspen, CO

Ulery's Lake Cabins; Moonlight Basin, MT

Bozeman North 7th Ave Tree Planting; Bozeman, MT

### Residential

Wheeler Ranch; Watson Divide, CO

Blackie Residence & Ranch; Snowmass, CO

Ducote Residence; Aspen, CO

76 Placer Lane; Aspen, CO

Knollwood Forestry; Basalt, CO