



## DHM DESIGN

# STEPHEN ELLSPERMAN

Principal | Director of Ecological Planning

*Stephen has 25 years of experience in all aspects of 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 the protection and understanding of native ecosystems and strives to harmonize project planning with ecological conditions and future opportunities. Stephen's ability to translate the ecological processes at work within each project 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

### BOARD COMMITMENTS

Roaring Fork Conservancy  
2000-Present  
Eagle County Regional Planning Commission  
2012-2014  
Aspen Center for Environmental Studies  
Rock Bottom Ranch Council  
2011-Present  
Eagle County Open Space Board  
2006-2009, 2011-2012  
Pitkin County Open Space and Trails Management Plan  
Advisory Committee, 2013-2015

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

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## NOTABLE WORK

### Jennie Adair Park | Aspen, CO

*2008 CCASLA Design Award, ALCC Presidents Stewardship Award*

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.

#### Services

- Constructed Wetlands
- Stormwater Conveyance System
- Pre-Treatment Sedimentation Vaults
- Public Park and Interpretive Signage

### Maroon Creek Wetlands | Aspen, CO

*2003 CCASLA Merit Award, Land Stewardship Designation*

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.

#### Services

- Wetland Restoration
- Stormwater Management
- Fisheries Habitat Improvement
- Amphibian Habitat Improvement

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## RECENT PROJECTS

### Natural Resource Master Planning

Sky Mountain Open Space; Snowmass, CO

*Certificate of Excellence for Management Planning  
Colorado 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

Basalt Bluffs; Basalt, CO

Cerise Ranch; Garfield County, CO

Cozy Point Ranch; Pitkin County, CO

Pokorny Development; Basalt, CO

4 Diamond Ranch; Wilsall, MT

Junebug Farm; Eagle County, CO

Bear Wallow Ranch; New Castle, CO

### River System Restoration & Planning

Basalt River Restoration; Basalt, CO

Old Pond Park; Basalt, CO

Flying Fish Project; Basalt, CO

Bear Dance Ranch; Eagle County, 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

### Rural

Ucross Foundation & Ranch; Sheridan, WY

*ASLA Colorado President's Award of Excellence in Planning 2011  
ASLA Colorado 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

Moon Run Ranch; Old Snowmass, 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

### Stormwater Management

Jennie Adair Regional Wetlands; Aspen, CO

*ALCC Grand Award 2007*

Rio Grande Park Regional Stormwater Project; Aspen, 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

### Reclamation

10th Mountain Hut System; Leadville, CO

Henry Stein Park; Pitkin County, CO

Aspen Mass Restoration Project; Aspen, CO

Little Ajax; Aspen, CO

Yellowstone Basin Ranch; West Yellowstone, MT

### Open Space Planning & Management

Platte Farm Open Space; Denver, CO

Moore Open Space; Aspen, 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

### Trails System Planning & Implementation

Crystal Valley Trail; Marble, CO

Crested Butte Trails Master Plan; Crested Butte, 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

Maroon Creek Ranch Forestry; Aspen, CO

Aspen Alps Forestry & Planning; Aspen, CO

Ulery's Lake Cabins; Moonlight Basin, MT

### Residential

Wheeler Ranch; Watson Divide, CO

Blackie Residence & Ranch; Snowmass, CO

Skyline Residence; Kiev, Ukraine

Ducote Residence; Aspen, CO

76 Placer Lane; Aspen, CO

Knollwood Forestry; Basalt, CO