A MURAL
AND A FUTURE

MURAL MOCK-UP DESIGN BY YULIA AVGUSTIONOVICH
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Why a Future Fund?

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First Project:

**A MURAL NEAR WESTERLY CREEK**
**BY ARTIST**
**YULIA AVGUSTINOVICH**

The confluence of Sand and Westerly Creeks in Denver is a vibrant area for wildlife—Great horned owls, bald eagles, fox, muskrat and beaver, waterfowl, wildflowers and pollinators and invertebrate life—and has become a learning lab for environmental education and habitat restoration on our Sand Creek Greenway.

We’re working with mural artist, Yulia Avgustinovich to add a 13 ft by 275 ft mural depicting the wildlife of the Greenway to one of the remnants of Denver’s original airport—the north runway tunnel wall by the Smith Road trailhead—an area frequently marred by graffiti. When the design is completed, there will be ample room for more community-supported murals on both north and south walls next to Sand Creek and the Greenway trail.

With COVID–19, traditional funding sources were postponed or discontinued; so we’re turning to the community for help. We started 100% participation from our board and a generous match from the Trust for Public Land, and we’re already halfway to our goal of $25,000 for this first project of the Future Fund.
THE FUTURE FUND STRENGTHENS OUR ORGANIZATION AND ENSURES OUR WORK CAN CONTINUE THROUGH UNCERTAIN TIMES

Sustaining and Building

EDUCATION
REACHING UNDERSERVED YOUTH WITH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS
BETTER TRAIL EXPERIENCES
New signage, habitat restoration work and support of volunteer efforts.

ORGANIZATION SUSTAINABILITY
RESOURCES TO WEATHER UNCERTAIN TIMES
Retaining our staff to provide stability, maintaining nonprofit governance and fiscal best practices and community outreach.
Goal: $50,000 for 2020

COMPLETE OUR FIRST MURAL
Install the first mural on runway tunnel walls, provide funding for maintenance and graffiti removal, and seed funding for additional public art across the Greenway.

CONTINUING OUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
Volunteer work days, educational programming, advocating for trail improvements and communicating trail user concerns to officials can only take place with staff support. With funding sources drying up, your gift makes an even stronger impact.

A MORE STABLE 2021 AND BEYOND
Future Fund support will provide much needed gap funding to ensure our work can continue through and beyond the economic impact of 2020’s pandemic.
A Thank You for Future Fund Donors
A Neck Gaiter featuring the Mural Design

While supplies last, donors of $100 or more will receive a neck gaiter as a thank you gift for your support. Our mural artist generously allowed us to use elements of the wall’s design for this thank you gift.

As an extra bonus, the gaiter’s manufacturer—PrimalWear—is making an in-kind donation to our youth programs.

When you give, be sure to provide your mailing address so we can get your gaiter to you right away. The fair market value of the gaiter is $18, so the gift value of a $100 donation is $82. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

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You can make a difference

With close collaboration among city partners, dedicated volunteers and funding, the Sand Creek Regional Greenway will be enhanced, habitat will be restored and neighbors will have a stronger community resource.
“What I like most about the Sand Creek Regional Greenway is the way it connects multiple underserved neighborhoods in three different cities to an abundance of nature and green space. One does not need wealth or great resources to access this natural waterway, only the willingness to go for a walk on foot, or take a leisurely bike ride on one of the many trails leading to and through the Greenway. My support continues because I want many others to learn about this great natural amenity, which is readily accessible to residents of Aurora, Commerce City and Denver.”

Bob LeGare, Retired Aurora Mayor and City Council Member, At-large Director, Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership

“The Sand Creek Greenway is a beloved feature of our community. My daughters love to run along the trail,particularly in the autumn. I’m grateful not only for a bit of wilderness in the city, but also the outreach and educational opportunities that the Partnership provides beyond the Greenway’s 14 miles.”

Geoff Horsfall, Vice President SUN

“The Greenway provides a great opportunity to connect with nature without traveling far from home. Running on the trail, exploring the river banks and looking for wildlife have helped my family stay happy and healthy as we stay close to home — I love supporting an organization that provides this resource to the greater Denver community.”

Ann Prouty, Sand Creek Regional Greenway Board of Directors
So we may be resilient and continue to improve this precious resource

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