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One World One Water (OWOW) Center for Urban Water Education and Stewardship
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Denver, Colorado
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41,000 students on Auraria campus

157 acre campus at Speer Blvd.

Established in 1965

Renamed MSU Denver in 2012
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Three goals:
* Establish a Water Studies minor for all students and departments at MSU Denver;
* Develop “Water Stewards” on and beyond the Auraria Campus; and
* Provide experiential opportunities for students
Touring Irrigation and Power Generation Facilities in Palisade, Colorado
6th Grade Water Festival Hosted by OWOW, Denver Water and its providers
1,200 participants
May 2016
Every two weeks, MSU Denver biology majors David Watson and Stephen Aderholt, along with others from local nonprofit Groundwork Denver and the Environmental Protection, tramped through overgrown trails, don hip waders and collect water samples to take readings of oxygen and pH levels from 17 sites along Lower Bear Creek.

The team was led by Groundwork Denver, who received a grant to create a watershed plan for the 8.2 miles of Lower Bear Creek. In 2010, the stretch of recreational water was designated “impaired” by the state under the Clean Water Act section 303(d) because of elevated levels of E. coli.

Working on collaborative project between Czech Ministry of Education, Charles University of Prague, and MSU Denver

Comparative Study of the Elbe Catchment in Prague and the South Platte River in Denver
* Water Quality
* Land Use
* River Restoration
Water Leadership Exchange: San Luis Rio Colorado & the Colorado River Headwaters

Western Resource Advocates and the Colorado Foundation for Water Education - Study abroad class in the future
Student Club: Water Association of Student Stewards Urban Program (WASSUP Club)
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