

# What is a Watershed?

## Watershed Information Sheet



Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District  
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- A watershed is an area of land through which water drains into a common water body.
- We ALL live in a watershed.
- Whatever is on the land eventually makes it into the water.



## Fountain Creek Watershed

### About Your Watershed

- Fountain Creek is a 927-square mile watershed that includes 3 counties and 8 municipalities
- The elevation ranges 14,000 to 4,600 feet in our watershed from Pikes Peak to the plains.
- Fountain Creek is a watershed of extremes: Elevation, precipitation, soil types, temperature, steep gradients, diverse ecosystems and diverse water uses make our watershed a challenging environment to manage.

