

Austin Troy: Developing the US Forest Service's Denver Urban Field Station—a hub for studying and improving nature in cities

The [Denver Urban Field Station](#) (DUFS) is a collaborative unit of the USDA Forest Service (USFS) Rocky Mountain Research Station designed to explore the connections between people and nature in the greater Front Range region, serve as a hub for research and data, and help coordinate environmental groups and researchers in the region. It joins an existing [network of Forest Service urban field stations](#) with which it actively collaborates. Among its accomplishments to date is the implementation of a major region-wide [survey](#) (STEWMAP) of over 200 environmental stewardship groups to determine who works with whom and in what ways. Austin Troy has been on DUFS' Core Team since its inception, helping to build its partner network, design the survey, and organize stakeholder meetings.

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- Partners: USDA Forest Service, USGS, EPA, Denver Parks and Recreation, Metro Denver Nature Alliance and [others](#)
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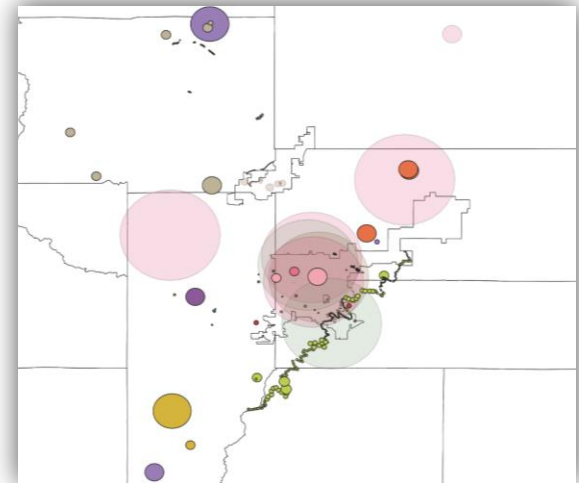


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Core Team members from DUFS planting trees in New York with members of the New York Urban Field Station



Preliminary results of environmental organizations geographic domains in Front Range from STEWMAP survey