

Appendix D: Cherry Hills Land Preserve Education Programs

At Quincy Farm, CHLP will build on the nature and conservation education programs it already provides to the community and expand them to create diverse education programs that are responsive to community interests. These programs are distinct from open community access to the property.

CHLP currently offers the following types of education programs:

- Family education programs
- Annual community conservation project (such as the 2021 Bee project)
- A Speaker Series bringing experts on Colorado conservation, history and culture
- Youth leadership and access to environmental education (including community grants)

Our goal is to engage all ages and spark curiosity, wonder, and learning about our natural world and thereby inspire people to care. We create opportunities for families to learn together, encourage lifelong learning and connection with nature, and foster youth volunteerism and leadership development. For example, we are designing a Youth Ambassador program for teens who are curious about conservation and want to learn more through community volunteering, field research projects, or short-term internships with local conservation organizations like CHLP, Denver Audubon, 4-H, local urban farms, Inland Ocean Coalition, and others.

CHLP already collaborates with many education organizations and nonprofits to deliver its programs (including Denver Audubon, CSU Extension, Nature’s Educators, Happy Busy Bees, and more). CHLP will work with the following organizations to pilot and evaluate education programs for the community.

Partner	Program Topics	Examples
Denver Audubon	Birds & Conservation Wildlife & Habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birding and wildlife walks • Owl and hummingbird programs • Naturalist and Master Birder programs • Elementary school group visits
Happy Busy Bees	Community Beekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain 2-6 beehives on property • Education sessions with beekeepers
CSU Extension	Native Plants & Pollinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Your Native Pollinators • Planting for Pollinators • Worms, Compost, and Garden Science
Nature’s Educators	Raptors & Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Trail Walk (Bring owls, hawks) • Raptor education sessions
History Colorado	Historic Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers from HC, Preservation Inc • Volunteers from HistoriCorps
High Line Canal Conservancy	Past and Current Role of the High Line Canal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary exhibit on HLC history • Importance of tree canopy, native plants • Stormwater initiative in warming climate
Kent Denver School	Programs for community Programs for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stargazing & Dark Skies • Outdoor skills • Mini-farm education programs
Cherry Hills Garden Club	Education Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design raised-bed gardens for kids • Sponsor beehives

CHV Arts Commission	Art in Nature Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Art or Sculpture Walk • Visiting artists program
Wildland Restoration Volunteers	Habitat restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on noxious weed removal • Pond area habitat restoration
Local Schools	Small group school visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits by local or under-resourced • Adopt a Garden for target schools
Staff organized	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Walk - 10 conservation orgs • Backyard Chickens 101 • Young at Art (with local art teachers)

Examples of our planned education programs for 2021 include:

Family Education Programs

- Birds & Conservation (bird walks, species highlights, local habitat & ecosystems)
- Kids in the Creek (creeks, critters & riparian ecosystems)
- Plants & Pollinators (beekeeping, soil health, pollinators, invasive plants)
- Stargazing (solar system, nocturnal wildlife)
- Meet the Locals: Wildlife profiles. (e.g. raptors, hummingbirds, snakes, etc)
- Family Trail Walk (annual community event on conservation efforts of 10-12 organizations)

Community Conservation Project– 2021 Bee Project at Quincy Farm: To support honeybees and native pollinators in the Village.

- Community Beekeeping at Quincy Farm: Local hives with a master beekeeper providing monthly information sessions for both novices and experts, expand local pollinators for healthy gardens;
- Research on native pollinators & habitat health (research at Quincy Farm with University of Denver on native pollinators, including Bioblitz baseline study).
- Plant A Garden, Feed the Bees Challenge: Encourage residents to Take the 3P Pledge (reduce pesticides, plant locally-sourced native plants, design pollinator food pathways)

Speaker Series: Launch new series to inform and engage the “big kids” with guest experts and speakers to share insights on nature, conservation solutions, and Colorado history.

- Nature & Conservation in Colorado – sample topics include
 - Wildfires & The Changing Front Range
 - Climate solutions: The Nature Conservancy & Yampa River Project
 - Regenerative agriculture and healthy soil in Colorado
- Inspired By Nature: Guest Artists at Quincy Farm

Youth Leadership & Access to Environmental Education: CHLP connects students to resources and opportunities (including small grants) that:

- Advance learning and research about nature & wildlife
- Foster youth volunteerism and leadership development (grades 6-12)
- Expand access to nature education for underserved youth (grades K-6)