



About the Colorado River Foundation

The mission of the Colorado River Foundation (CRF) is to mobilize financial and human resources to promote educational awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of the Colorado River as a sustainable resource for the quality of life and economic well-being for future generations. CRF is a 501(c)3 organization, and was established in 1994 by the Lower Colorado River Authority to supplement and support LCRA's many community service projects. CRF established total independence from the LCRA in 1999, yet continues to work closely with the agency to increase community awareness of the Colorado River's economic and environmental importance. The Foundation raises funds to support natural science education and outdoor recreation programs, particularly for at-risk and underserved youth, annual river cleanups, and additional community projects that encourage the stewardship, awareness, and protection of the Colorado River in Texas.

Education and Environmental Stewardship are the core values of the Colorado River Foundation.

The Texas Colorado River is over 900 miles long and is the longest river in the country that is contained within one state. From the Highland Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, the Colorado River provides:

- Drinking water for over 1 million people living in the Austin area
- Recreation opportunities
- Irrigation water/ 75% of irrigation water for area crops comes from the Colorado River
- Hydroelectricity
- A diverse and unique aquatic ecosystem for thousands of native plants and animals

The Foundation's goals are to 1) educate youth, with a focus on at-risk and minority youth, about the environmental importance of the Colorado River; 2) host specific programs to clean up the river; and 3) help citizens of all ages and from all economic backgrounds understand, protect, use and enjoy the natural resources of Texas.

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