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Background

Gary is the most experienced whitewater design engineer in the country. He has designed over 79 whitewater parks projects in his 28 years as President of Recreation Engineering and Planning. These projects scan the gamut from the \$1 million Pueblo dam modification and whitewater park to the highly successful \$1.4 million Reno Whitewater Park that has revitalized Reno's downtown river corridor. Gary is a registered Professional engineer in several states; has a broad educational background, diversified practical experience in planning, design, and construction of recreational corridor projects, trail systems, including the City of Boulder's award winning 40 mile trail system, water and drainage systems, and flood control projects; Gary is skilled in management, working as part of a design team, extensive public relations experience; successful coordination of large projects; and effective in dealing with people at all levels of responsibility in both the public and private sector.

Education

M.S., Public Administration with minor in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin - Madison, May 1982. Course work included water and land use law and regional water system planning.

B.S., Civil Engineering with hydraulic emphasis, minor in environmental science, Colorado School of Mines, Golden Colorado, May 1978. Course work included extensive field surveying and ecological studies.

Work Experience

1983-Present, President, Recreation Engineering and Planning. Responsible for overseeing a company that works almost entirely with municipal governments to plan, design, manage, and coordinate major public projects and programs. Responsible for management of many diverse professionals, large intricate budgets, and sensitive political situations. Responsible to a number of City Councils, Boards, and citizen groups to keep them informed and ask for direction when appropriate. Also responsible for guiding these projects through a wide-array of public processes and approvals.

2000-Present, Arkansas River Whitewater Park, Salida, Colorado. Chief planner, designer, and engineer of a plan funded by the Arkansas River Trust. Natural-appearing whitewater improvements were designed to restore the river, and provide economic and recreational benefits to the downtown area. A key aspect of the project includes whitewater course improvements at the site of the longest-running whitewater kayak race in North America, FibArk.

1999-Present, Gunnison River Whitewater Park, Gunnison, Colorado. Chief planner, designer, and engineer for this \$200,000 river park. The project included state-of-the-art whitewater improvements, stream bank restoration and access, and overall site improvements. This park was the basis for a ground breaking water rights case that ended in Colorado's Supreme Court and affirmed many of the issues associated with recreational water rights.

1999-2000, Truckee River Whitewater Park, Reno, Nevada. Chief planner, designer, and engineer of a plan funded by the Nevada Commission on Tourism to restore and integrate the Truckee River into the urban fabric of downtown Reno. Key aspects of the project include a whitewater slalom course and riverside trails, plazas, and esplanades which mesh with in-stream improvements and adjacent commercial activity. This park is credited with bringing millions of dollars a year in economic impact into Reno's central business district.

1995, Santa Fe River Corridor Master Plan - City of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Chief Planner and overall Project Coordinator for this plan which recommends \$8 million of improvements to the Santa Fe River corridor. This plan combines food control, environmental restoration, a continuous trail system, and recreational improvements within the corridor. The plan was developed in conjunction with the River Task Force and approved unanimously by the Planning Commission and City Council. The plan was done on time and within budget. Over \$2 million was budgeted for first phase construction.

1989-1991, Yampa River Trail - City of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Completed a master plan for the Yampa River Corridor for the City of Steamboat Springs. After the successful passage of a \$2 million bond election, Recreation Engineering & Planning was retained to design and implement this major trail/corridor project.