

# Michael Harvey, CFM

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## **Background**

Designer and planner Michael Harvey has worked with many communities to successfully guide whitewater park and dam modification projects through planning, permitting, public-process, funding, design and construction phases. Mike has worked closely with both municipal governments and citizens groups in order to understand and meet community needs and goals. Mike has served REP as a project manager on projects of varying size and scope and in diverse communities around the country. Mike's personal interest lies as the director of a youth kayaking program and sponsored freestyle kayaker, as well as the director of the Arkansas River Trust, a non-profit organization based in Salida, Colorado. As an instructor, competitor, and designer Mike has a passion for developing whitewater features that appeal to a wide range of abilities and watercraft, while still being appropriate for freestyle kayaking.

## **Education**

B.A. Outdoor Environmental Education, Prescott College 1998

Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., 2007

## **Selected Project Experience**

2000-Present, Planner and Project Manager, Recreation Engineering and Planning. Worked with Gary Lacy to design over 24 Whitewater Park Projects. Expertise including Physical Modeling, Computer Flood Modeling, Planning, Analysis, Implementation, and Construction/Construction Oversight

2004-2006, Black River Whitewater Feasibility Study, Watertown, New York. Lead planner and project manager for this feasibility study completed for the City of Watertown. This study analyzed over six miles of the Black River for suitability for whitewater improvements including the modification of a series of low head dams for safe passage by recreational boaters.

2003-2007, South Main River Park, Buena Vista, Colorado. Chief planner, designer, and construction manager of a whitewater park project planned for construction during the spring of 2006. This project is being funded through a private/public partnership between the Town of Buena Vista and the Town Company, LL. The project has consisted of completion of a concept plan, regulatory permitting, final design, and construction which was completed in April 2007. This project combines access improvements, whitewater structures and trails with a New Urbanism inspired residential and commercial development along the Arkansas River.

2000-2005, Arkansas River Legacy Whitewater Park, Pueblo, Colorado. Served as construction manager working with the City of Pueblo and US Army Corps of Engineers to create whitewater improvements as part of a planned dam modification for fish passage. The project was completed in 2005. The project included the construction of eight drop structures and nearly a mile of bank restoration on the Arkansas River.

2002-2005, North Platte River Greenway, Casper, Wyoming. Acted as construction manager for this whitewater park project funded by BP/Amoco during the cleanup and remediation of a historic refinery. The \$2 million project included the removal of oil pipeline, removal of a rubble dam and the construction of five whitewater drop structures.

1999-Present. Arkansas River Whitewater Park, Salida, Colorado. Chief planner, designer, grant writer and construction manager for this whitewater park. Natural-appearing whitewater improvements restored the river, and provided 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. For his efforts Mike was awarded the Heart of the Rockies Chamber of Commerce, Service Award in 2003 for outstanding service to the Salida area.