

# **Gunnison Whitewater Park Master Planning Process 2010**

## **Goals of the Planning Process:**

- To highlight the broad variety of uses of local rivers including but not limited to the ecological, agriculture and recreational uses of rivers and support education of these uses
- To enhance the existing amenities at the Gunnison Whitewater Park (Park) to expand use of the park by existing user groups including but not limited to: boaters, kayakers, fishermen and other park users.
- To add additional amenities to encourage different uses of the park while maintaining the rustic nature of the Park
- To encourage greater use by non-resident visitors to benefit the local economy

## **Givens:**

- The Gunnison Whitewater Park is a river-based recreational amenity providing on-water and land based access to river resources
- The Park is the site of annual Gunnison River Festival which highlights river based activities
- The existing Park design is rustic in nature
- Fishermen regularly utilize the Park for floating fishing and bank fishing
- Two whitewater features currently exist at the Park for and are regularly utilized in summer months
- The Park's parking area and put-in are heavily utilized by both commercial and recreational boaters and fishermen.
- Due to the Park's location within the flight path of the Gunnison/Crested Butte airport there are restrictions related to the development of structures for safety reasons
- The Park is largely within the floodplain of the Gunnison River and typically floods to some degree each year during high-water.
- Existing park infrastructure within the City addresses conventional needs of park users

## **Master Planning Preliminary Design Elements:**

The following map shows the preliminary design elements generated by the steering committee to help initiate dialogue on the new elements to be considered for addition to the Park.

**For more information or to provide feedback on the initial design please complete the survey found at [www.gunnisonriverfestival.com](http://www.gunnisonriverfestival.com) or contact Gunnison County Public Works at (970) 641-0044.**