

## **LITTLE THOMPSON WATERSHED RESTORATION COALITION (LTWRC) JOURNAL---Issue 8, April 11, 2014**

### **MASTER PLANNING KICK-OFF WED. APRIL 16 at 7pm IN BERTHOUD**

The next LTWRC public landowners meeting is **Wednesday, April 16 at 7 pm, Berthoud Community Center**. We ***strongly*** urge you to attend this meeting as there are a lot of important updates regarding volunteers, your role in developing the master plan, things you should/shouldn't be doing at this time and a quick review of spring runoff preparedness resources. We will also have special presentation for agricultural producers regarding a new program that may help you recover some of the flood recovery costs on your property.

### **PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE AND POSSIBLY A TIME/MONEY SAVER**

If you are contemplating making changes to the river at your property please keep in mind that a 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers is required to put ANYTHING in the river. Permits from your county may also be required depending on what you have planned. You can pull debris out of the river without a permit. Also be aware that your plans should be reviewed with TetraTech to avoid the unfortunate possibility of the work needing to be undone once the Master Plan and river design are in place. Finally, do not discard, cut up or cut the root wads off of trees that are 10 foot or longer in length and at least 10 inches in diameter. These trees are very valuable in the reconstruction process and it would really be a shame to discard or cut them up only to find out that we have to pay to have some hauled in from other areas.

### **THEY MAY NOT HAVE VISITED YOUR PLACE YET, BUT...**

We have volunteers working almost every day of the week at different sites on the river. If you have submitted a request for help you can be assured that the request will be processed and we will get you volunteers as soon as possible. At our last committee meeting we decided to focus the "big push" dates of April 26 and May 3 on the upper reaches of the river to reduce the possibility of debris coming down the river in a high water event. However, we will still be using volunteers in smaller groups for work in the lower sections.

More news at Landowners meeting Wednesday night. See you there.