



## Pioneer Park Stormwater Improvement Project FAQs

### What is the Pioneer Park Stormwater Improvement and Vegetation Restoration Project?

This project serves several purposes:

- Installation of a pondage system to improve stormwater management on the north side pioneer park
- Re-route water feature discharge from the play node area
- Connect the pondage system to the irrigation re-use system to improve sustainability
- Replace overgrown/invasive vegetation with natural/native vegetation

### Was this project identified in the Pioneer Park Phase 1 Master Plan?

Yes, community input played a crucial role in shaping the improvements at Pioneer Park. The city conducted extensive engagement efforts to ensure that the park meets the needs and desires of the community. Within the finalized Phase 1 Master Plan, the Stormwater Improvement and Vegetation Restoration was identified.

#### Vegetation & Stormwater

Community input placed high value on the “natural features” of Pioneer Park. This will include a series of enhancements including restoring, improving, and maintaining the natural landscape to ensure a quality and resilient ecosystem.



### What engagement efforts have been conducted within the community?

On January 21, 2025 staff offered an open house to the community. Many community members were present and were even able to submit their preference on Proposed Planting Concepts that would replace the cleared and scrubbed vegetation on the North Side of the Boundary. We received more feedback from neighbors in coming weeks. Concept 3 featured and evergreen mix and was the preferred concept by most.



## Proposed Planting Options **Pioneer Park Restoration**

Staff has continued to work with community members and neighbors to keep them informed on this project. Targeted mailers have been delivered to residents near the area of the project and information has been provided in newsletters and social media.

### Will there be any closures?

There will be closures along the north trail of the park during construction. Please keep an eye out for trail closed signage.

### What is the timeline for the project?

Work began the week of May 12 and we expect the project to be completed in Mid-June.

### Will there be replacements for the vegetation that was removed?

Yes. This project will be using the preferred vegetation concept from our engagement efforts earlier this year. Trees that are planted will be more than five feet in height to help provide immediate buffering for the neighborhood to the North. Deciduous and coniferous shrubs will also be incorporated into the landscaping plan. On the South Side of the project area, staff will be selecting native vegetation to support local wildlife and revitalize natural habitats.

### How is this project being funded?

Funds have been identified in the Capital Improvement Project for this project. Additionally, the city was able to acquire \$100,000 in grant funding through the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Stewardship Grant.

To stay informed during construction, visit the project website: [littlecanadaconstruction.com](http://littlecanadaconstruction.com)

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