



Wasatch Hollow Preserve Construction Update

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Construction at the Wasatch Hollow Preserve is moving forward despite the cold winter weather. The Salt Lake City Open Space program is excited to report that contractors have completed the following project components to date:

Site Clearing and Debris Removal: There are several areas within the Wasatch Hollow Preserve that have been treated as dumping grounds for many years. Crews have removed many truckloads of old construction debris, concrete and fencing. Removal of this debris improves the safety and beauty of the Wasatch Hollow Preserve.

Invasive Tree Removal: Contractors are nearing completion of invasive tree removal on the project site. These efforts will allow more sunlight to reach the riparian areas and provide an ideal environment for new trees, shrubs and grasses to establish along Emigration Creek. Increasing the diversity of species will help to increase the overall wildlife habitat and improve the user experience within the Wasatch Hollow Preserve.

In-Stream Rock Weirs: Contractors have completed the construction of six in-stream rock weirs. These structures will help stabilize the stream bed of Emigration Creek and prevent further bank scour from occurring. The weirs will also improve aquatic habitat by creating pool features within Emigration Creek.

Up Next:

Crews will continue to work on the project throughout the winter months and will soon begin excavation of an historic spring located on the project site. When complete, the public will have access to these areas via new user trails that will surround the newly created wetland. The excavation of the spring will require the contractor transport a significant amount of fill material from Kensington Avenue around the park to 1700 East. Neighbors may experience an increased number of dump trucks in the area during this time. Crews will work quickly to minimize the duration of this inconvenience.

Thanks for your patience during this process. We are excited to see construction moving forward and we hope you are too!

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