

Wasatch Hollow Preserve Construction Update



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As the weather warms, construction at Wasatch Hollow is beginning to pick up. 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 have completed all invasive tree removal within the project area. These efforts will allow more sunlight to reach the riparian understory and provide an ideal environment for new trees, shrubs and grasses to establish along Emigration Creek. Increasing the diversity of species will help to enhance 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.

Wetland Excavation: Contractors have begun excavation of fill and debris material adjacent to Emigration Creek. This excavation work will include re-grading the stream bank to increase stream visibility and improve floodplain function along with the creation of a wetland area and improved user trails.

Bridge Construction: Contractors have begun construction of abutments that will support the new pedestrian bridge which will be placed over Emigration Creek. The bridge will provide improved access throughout Wasatch Hollow Preserve.

For more information regarding the Wasatch Hollow project please see our project website:

<http://www.slcgov.com/open-space/wasatch-hollow-preserve>

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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