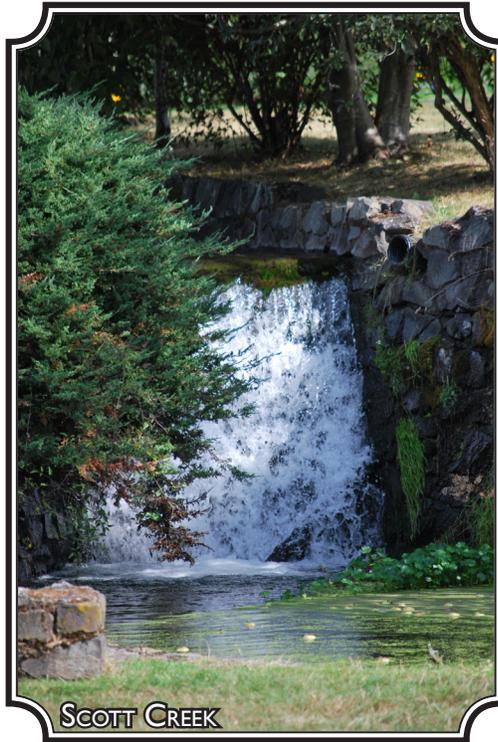




# Natural Resource Information

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT -- (503) 786-7630



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If you own or live on a property that is close to a stream or wetland, you play an important role in making sure that these water bodies, along with the habitat they provide for birds and other wildlife, stay healthy for future generations.

The City has an important role, too—maintaining rules for certain activities so that construction and development activity doesn't inadvertently harm the habitat of birds, fish, and native plants and trees.

Does your property include a protected stream or wetland, or is it close to one? You can find out by looking at one of the maps available on

the City's website: [www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/planning/project-maps](http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/planning/project-maps).

If your property is within 100 ft of an area designated as a water quality resource (WQR) or habitat conservation area (HCA), then there are a few things you should know about the rules and how they may apply to you.

Those rules are in Section 19.402 of the Milwaukie Municipal Code and can be found on the City's website: [www.qcode.us/codes/milwaukie/](http://www.qcode.us/codes/milwaukie/).

This sheet is intended to be a quick reference guide to help you understand these regulations.

## Much Remains The Same ...

Most of the everyday things that you already enjoy doing on your property are fine, assuming they do not involve heavy equipment, major earth-moving, or the use of prohibited chemicals. The following activities within or near a natural resource area do not require any review or permit from the City:

- Maintaining existing landscaping
- Installing new small gardens or outdoor play areas
- Removing invasive weeds and nuisance plants (e.g., English ivy, Himalayan blackberry)
- Planting native plants
- Other restoration activities that do not involve earth movement or tree removal
- Removing trees in the following situations:
  - Immediate emergencies
  - Downed trees
  - 3 or fewer "nuisance" species trees per year
- Major pruning of trees within 10 ft of structures
- Maintaining existing structures and accesses
- Establishing and maintaining narrow, unpaved trails

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## Check In Before You Start

Depending on the type and scale of project, these activities will probably require some level of review and permitting as they are typically more invasive and cause more disturbance to a natural area.

It could be that all you'll need to do is prepare a "construction management plan" showing how you'll protect the nearby resource during your project—or there may be more in-depth review required.

In any case, it's best to contact the City's Planning Department at (503) 786-7630 early in the process to discuss the project.

- Removing trees in these situations:
  - Non-immediate hazards
  - Dead or diseased trees
  - More than 3 "nuisance" species trees per year
  - "Non-nuisance" or "non-native" trees (up to 3 per year)
  - Where more than 150 sq ft of earth disturbance is required to remove the tree
- Major pruning of trees
- Large-scale landscaping projects (where substantial earth movement will occur)
- Additions to existing buildings
- New construction
- Dividing property that includes natural resource areas

## INTERESTED IN RESTORING OR ENHANCING YOUR NATURAL RESOURCE AREA?

Many people in Milwaukie are actively working to improve the ecological health of the natural resource area on their property, by removing invasive species and planting native trees, shrubs, and grasses. Depending on where your property is, there is likely an organization of folks who can provide information, expertise, and in some cases even funding to do restoration and enhancement projects.

The Johnson Creek Watershed Council ([www.jcwc.org](http://www.jcwc.org)) has a long track record of improving conditions along Johnson Creek and its tributaries. And recently, a similar organization has formed to address issues along Kellogg Creek—the North Clackamas Urban

Watersheds Council ([www.ncuwc.org](http://www.ncuwc.org)) is a resource for residents along the city's southern boundary.

If you think that it might be helpful to develop a long-range plan for improving the natural resource areas on your property, the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District is another available resource ([www.conservationsdistrict.org](http://www.conservationsdistrict.org)).

Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods (NIN) program is another source of useful information and grant opportunities for restoration and enhancement projects. Metro has



already awarded several NIN grants to Milwaukie organizations.

Find more info online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=13745](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=13745).

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for doing your part to protect and improve Milwaukie's water quality and wildlife habitat. Your efforts and cooperation are vital to the success of the City's program for ensuring that the natural resources found in Milwaukie continues to be a source of health and enjoyment for years to come.