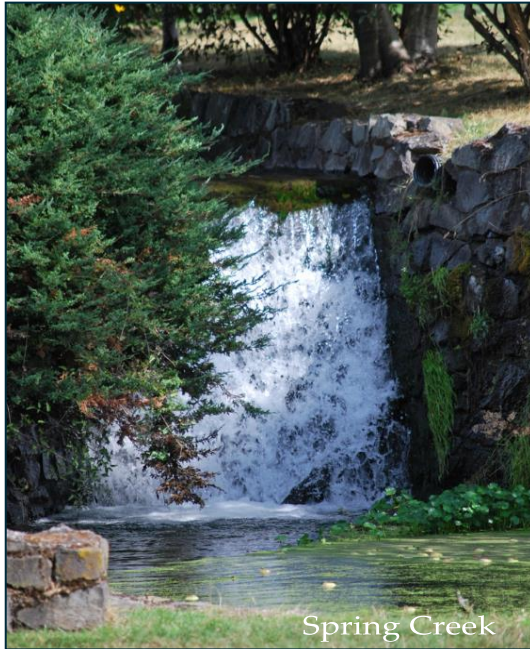




Natural Resource Information

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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 don'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:

milwaukie.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html.



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 (MMC) and can be found on the City's website: www.qcode.us/codes/milwaukie/.

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

Check in Before You Start

Depending on the type and scale of project, the activities listed below may require some level of review and permitting as they can disturb a natural area.

The review may be as simple as 1) providing a Construction Management Plan that demonstrates adequate protection of the nearby resource. Please contact the Planning Department at (503) 786-7630 to discuss your 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/year)
- Where more than 150 sq ft of earth disturbance is required to remove the tree
- Major pruning of trees
- Large-scale landscaping projects
- Additions to existing buildings
- New construction
- Dividing property that includes natural resources

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 earthmoving, 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

Interested in Restoring or Enhancing your Natural Resource Area?

Many people in Milwaukie are actively working to improve the ecological health of the natural resources 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 that can provide information, expertise, and in some cases even funding to do restoration and enhancement projects.

The Johnson Creek Watershed Council (www.jcwc.org) has a long track record of improving conditions along Johnson Creek and its tributaries. Along Kellogg Creek, the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council (www.ncuwc.org) is a resource for

residents along the city's southern boundary. If you think it might be helpful to develop a long-range plan for improving the natural resources on your property, the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District is another available resource: (www.conservationdistrict.org).

Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods program is another source of useful information and grant opportunities for restoration and enhancement projects. Metro has already awarded grants to several Milwaukie organizations. Find more info online at www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/nature-grants

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 in Milwaukie continue to be a source of health and enjoyment for years to come.



Willamette River