

# Wetland Restoration



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## To protect, reclaim and enhance...

Marianne Williams Park presents unique opportunities to protect, reclaim and enhance the community's critical wetland and riparian functions. These functions benefit and advance wildlife values for many creatures, including blue heron, wintering bald eagles and deer herds, and trout.

Just downstream of Eckert Road a dry, weedy upland pasture has been restored to wetland as mitigation for wetlands that were destroyed when the bridge was built. Lots of dirt was removed from about 8 acres to get closer to the groundwater and many trees and shrubs were planted. Some of the levee was removed to allow the river to fill the area at flows of 3-4,000 cfs. This is part of an effort to create a corridor of healthy riparian wildlife habitat from the Barber Pools Conservation Area to the East Park Center Bridge.

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