

# Brown's Creek Restoration Project

## Brown's Creek Park to State Trail

### PROJECT SUMMARY:

The **Brown's Creek Watershed District** partnered with the **City of Stillwater**, the **MN Department of Natural Resources**, and adjacent **property owners** to restore 2,500 linear feet of Brown's Creek flowing through Brown's Creek Park to the Brown's Creek State Trail. This project improved water quality and habitat by removing buckthorn and boxelder trees, restoring the natural bends and curves in the stream, connecting high-quality areas upstream and downstream, and planting native vegetation. It also improved access to the stream with an accessible fishing pier and stairs.



### PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS:

- Streambank erosion and sedimentation
- Lack of stream meanders, pools, and riffles
- Disconnected floodplain
- Invasive species

### PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Improved stream habitat for fish, macroinvertebrates, and other wildlife
- Streambanks protected from erosion
- Stream reconnected to its floodplain
- Improved upland pollinator habitat by controlling invasive species and planting diverse native species



### PROJECT TIMELINE:

- **Spring/Summer 2024:** Tree/shrub removal and stream channel restoration
- **Fall 2024:** Invasive species management
- **Spring 2025:** Native tree/shrub plantings
- **Summer 2025:** Access points completed

### DESIGN & FUNDING:

- **Design:** Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc.
- **Funding:** MPCA 319 Grant and MN DNR "Get Out MORE" Grant



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