

Surfers for Wetlands



How are the Wetlands at Swaner Preserve Being Restored?



Where are the Wetlands at Swaner Preserve?

The wetlands at Swaner Preserve are located in Park City, Utah. Though Park City is better known for its mountains, area wetlands are also a crucial part of Park City's natural surroundings. Volunteers at Swaner Preserve work tirelessly to preserve these fragile wildlife habitats by planting willows.

Why are trees—and in particular, willows—important to the stream restoration work?

Willows are particularly great for stream restoration work because they can be planted as poles, rather than as seeds or potted plants. This gives them a head start, allowing them to grow larger faster, and also allows us to plant them with minimal disturbance to the stream bank.

How does planting willows improve the water quality?

The willows provide shade, reduce water temperatures and increase oxygen availability for fish. Willows also absorb phosphorous runoff, and reduce stream bank erosion, which minimizes sediment levels in the water.

What Can You Do to Help?

Get involved by volunteering to help plant willows; install beaver dam analogs, stream revetments, bird boxes; perform water quality monitoring; or spreading native seed on the preserve. Contact Drew Potter at: andrew.potter@usu.edu.



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