

# Hasenbank Park

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT AND CITY OF WOODBURY

Stormwater Park, Purpose, connection to dancing waters and Powers Lake trail  
The South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) and City of Woodbury are collaborating on the development of Hasenbank Park. The Park sits on along St. Johns Drive, East of Powers Lake. This exciting space brings together several of SWWD's program areas including protection of Powers Lake, education and interpretation, and landscape restoration.

## THE PARK

The focal point of Hasenbank Park will be a connected series of 3 infiltration basins. These basins will harness the filtration capacity of the underlying soil and evapotranspiration capacity of deep rooted, native vegetation to treat stormwater from Fish Lake before it can reach Powers Lake. Fish Lake collects stormwater runoff from much of the Powers Lake watershed including the Dancing Waters development. Large scale treatment will help to protect Powers Lake from ongoing degradation due to too many nutrients which can lead to increased algal problems and pollution from salt.

Development of Hasenbank Park will also include construction of several trails, benches, interpretation, and public art. When completed, the site will serve to physically connect residential developments East of St. Johns Drive to Powers Lake, connect residents to water resources by focusing on stormwater treatment and providing the opportunity to interact with the water, and provide neighborhood park amenities.

## THE RESTORATION

SWWD and the City have been working to restore the oak woodland on the property starting in 2022. This work has already resulted in a big change with removal of extensive buckthorn infestation, canopy thinning and strategic removal of downfall which will allow increased light to the ground layer. That increased light will allow for the reestablishment of grasses, flowers, and shrubs with will result in restoration of a healthier, more resilient landscape. Residents will continue to see crews, and goats, at work over the next few years as we work to prevent a resurgence of buckthorn as get grasses and flowers become established.

For more information on the restoration of Hasenbank Woods: <http://www.swwdmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Restoration-at-Hasenbank--Tree-Removal--September-292022.pdf>

Future restoration efforts on the wetlands surrounding Fish Lake are expected to begin in 2024.

