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WORK TO IMPROVE GARDEN SPRINGS CREEK IN FINCH ARBORETUM COMPLETED

The Garden Springs Creek restoration work just completed is part of ongoing efforts to improve water quality in the John A. Finch Arboretum. Approximately 50 trees and one large clump of European willow were removed to create space for aspen, vine maple, alder and other native or non-invasive trees. Invasive vegetation was also removed from the creek bed.

The \$14,000 Garden Springs Creek Improvement Project was partially funded by a Washington State Department of Natural Resources grant of \$6,300.

The grant paid for 43 new trees which have been planted close to the creek to shade the exposed stream bed and lower water temperatures. Another dozen alder will be planted soon for a total of 55 new trees. The trees chosen were either native or non-invasive specimens.

Many hours were put in on this project by Parks staff, and it is a great start toward further improvements in the Arboretum in the future.

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