

Vegetation Cutting and Disposal Work Notice

Where: Cottonwood Creek in Cherry Creek State Park

Who: The Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority's contractor (L&M Enterprises)

What: Vegetation (primarily cattails) cutting and disposal

Why: To maintain Cottonwood Creek and improve water quality in Cherry Creek Reservoir

When: late September to late October 2021

More Information:

The Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority's (CCBWQA) mission is to improve, protect, and preserve water quality in Cherry Creek Reservoir. CCBWQA built and maintains the Cottonwood Creek Wetland Pond and Stream Reclamation projects. This work includes vegetation (primarily cattails)

cutting and disposal (see map).

The roots will be left in place so the vegetation is expected to regrow and regenerate (like mowing a lawn), except that it may take a little longer.

The removal of this vegetation will benefit water quality by preventing two key nutrients (Phosphorus and Nitrogen) from being carried to Cherry Creek Reservoir after the plants decay.

The vegetation effectively acts as a natural treatment plant (literally several thousands of them) to aid water quality in the reservoir.

The removal and regrowth of the vegetation provides a sustainable and natural way to improve water quality.

Care has been taken to maintain suitable habitat for birds and other wildlife during this project.

CCBWQA loves vegetation and wetlands, please join our appreciation of the natural beauty and benefits of these vital resources in Cherry Creek State Park.



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