

Kids Creek

Get A Load Of This: Balancing Urban Life and a Healthy Stream Habitat

Kids Creek was on the state impaired waters list for some time due to its bed becoming filled. Too much storm water caused sediment to fill the creek, which ultimately led to flooding whenever it rained. The water had nowhere to go but up and over.

In comes Team Elmer's. We were hired to restore Kids Creek and get it back to its natural, and functioning, state. The problem was no flood plain relief, so our job was to remove the excess sediment and expand the flood plain. The flood plain slows down water so it flows downstream, rather than fill up and flood.

So why does this matter? This restoration has aided in sedimentation and water quality for the entire watershed. The natural fish and insect habitat was being covered by sediment, hindering the ecosystem from working as it should. With this restoration, fish and insects could return to Kids Creek. The community can now enjoy fishing in the creek and learn to create a balance between urban life and a healthy stream.

Watch the process and learn more about why this project matters:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWDbmXLQTHg>