



The Ponds of Whisper Creek are a source of scenic beauty for our neighborhood, a valuable habitat for birds and other wildlife, and a source of recreation for folks who like fish. These ponds are interconnected stormwater basins, and they are the responsibility of the Mountain Shadows Metro District. They are designed to capture and hold rainwater runoff from our neighborhoods and local roads. Their purposes are to prevent downstream flooding, mitigate soil erosion, and act as a natural filter to remove pollutants before the water re-enters the local watershed. Some components of this system were installed 20 years ago. At this point, they require ongoing maintenance to clear overgrowth, prevent erosion, and remove silt so they can function properly well into the future. This year's drought has reduced the flow through the ponds and increased the growth of algae and aquatic plants. This summer, the Metro Board has funded efforts to reduce algae, clear vegetation from pond entry and exit points, and take down trees that are near concrete infrastructure. Over the next few years, efforts will include further clearing of vegetation in the stormwater path, thinning the trees around the perimeters of some ponds, and working to control erosion. We will also be considering long-term budget plans to ensure the ponds remain a beautiful and functional resource well into the future.