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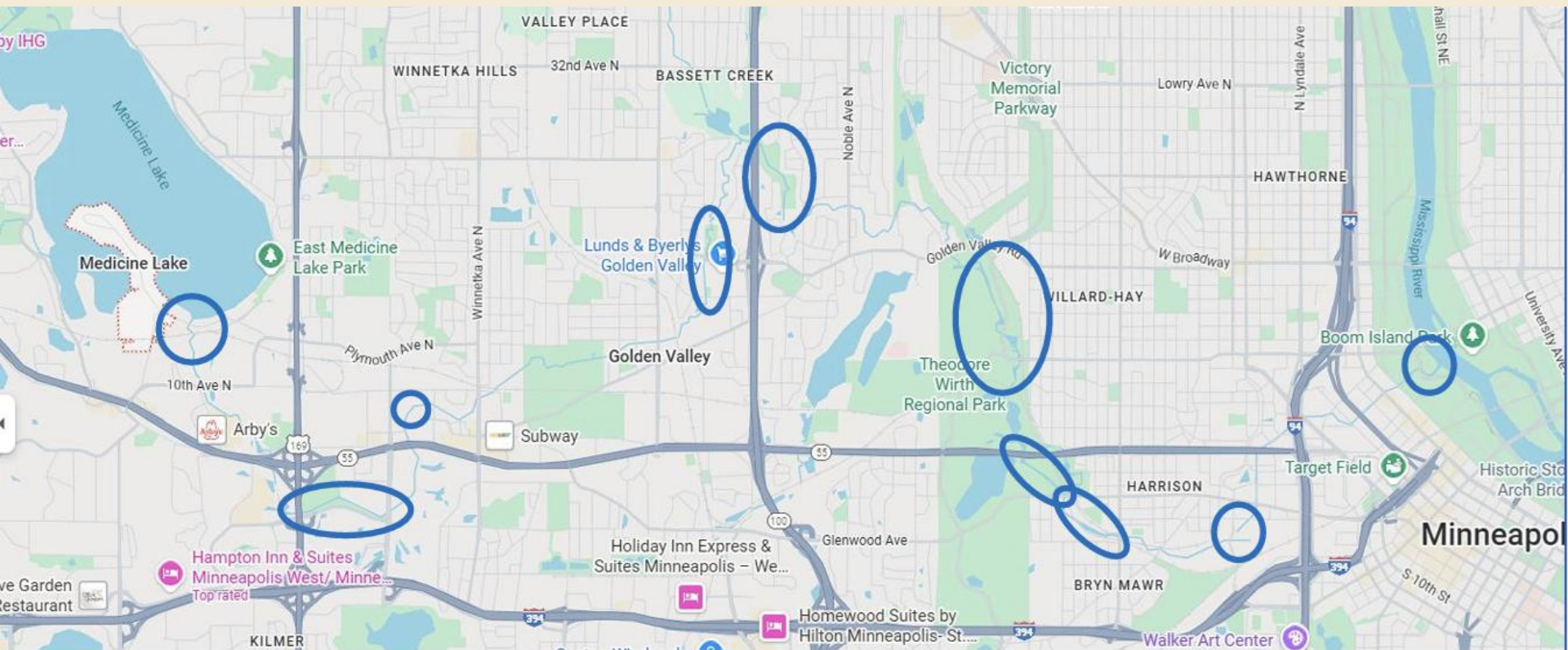


Ĥahá Wakpádan: Overview

- Ĥahá Wakpádan begins at Medicine Lake in Plymouth and flows for about 13.5 miles before connecting with the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.
- The watershed is part of the homelands of the Dakota people. For millennia it supported sustainable uses like seasonal hunting, fishing, and gathering.
- “Since 1851, changes in land use along the creek have reflected a shift from the Dakota tradition of sustainable practices to an industrial model that rerouted and polluted the water”
- The health of Bassett Creek deteriorated rapidly after the area was opened to settlers, who used it as a dumping ground as they industrialized Minneapolis
- Later efforts recognized the creek as a Dakota landscape. In 2021, the Ĥahá Wakpádan / Bassett Creek Oral History Project began working with cultural advisors to raise awareness of the creek’s Dakota name

Ĥaĥá Wakpádaŋ: Photography Project

- **All seasons photography project**
 - **2 shoots per season**
 - **Winter**
 - **Spring**
 - **Summer**
 - **Fall**
 - **Each season 1 shot will be at the creek end at James I Rice park, where the creek meets the Mississippi river**
 - **1 of the shoots will be at any of the other 9 highlighted access points to the creek (shown in the next slide)**
- **Goals of the photography project**
 - **Highlight the creek in multiple seasons**
 - **Highlights the creek's flora, and the important cultural plants for Dakota people**
 - **Highlight the industrial changes and cut points to the creek's natural flowing state**



Medicine Lake Outlet
plus Luce Line Trail

Mallard Creek
Apartments

General Mills
Nature Preserve

Bassett Creek Nature Area,
plus behind Byerly's

Briarwood
Nature Area

Theo Wirth Park,
north of Hwy 55

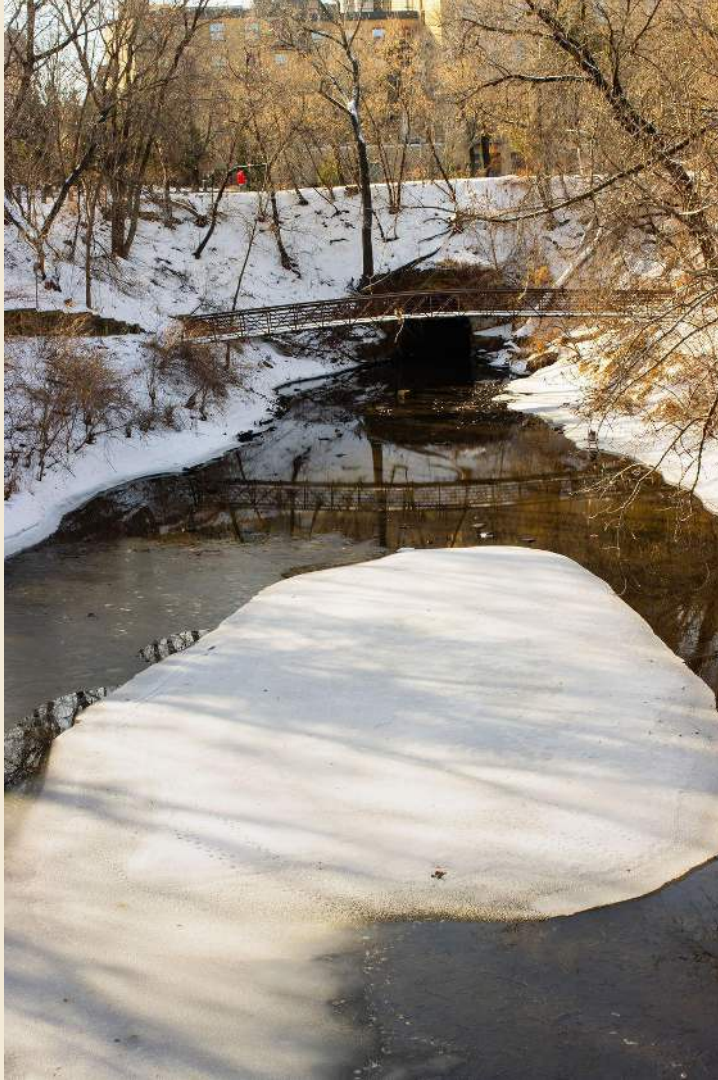
Theo Wirth Park,
south of Hwy 55

Utepils
Brewing

Minneapolis
Impound Lot

James Rice Park

James I Rice
Park
Winter





James I Rice
Park
Winter



Medicine Lake
Outlet
Winter





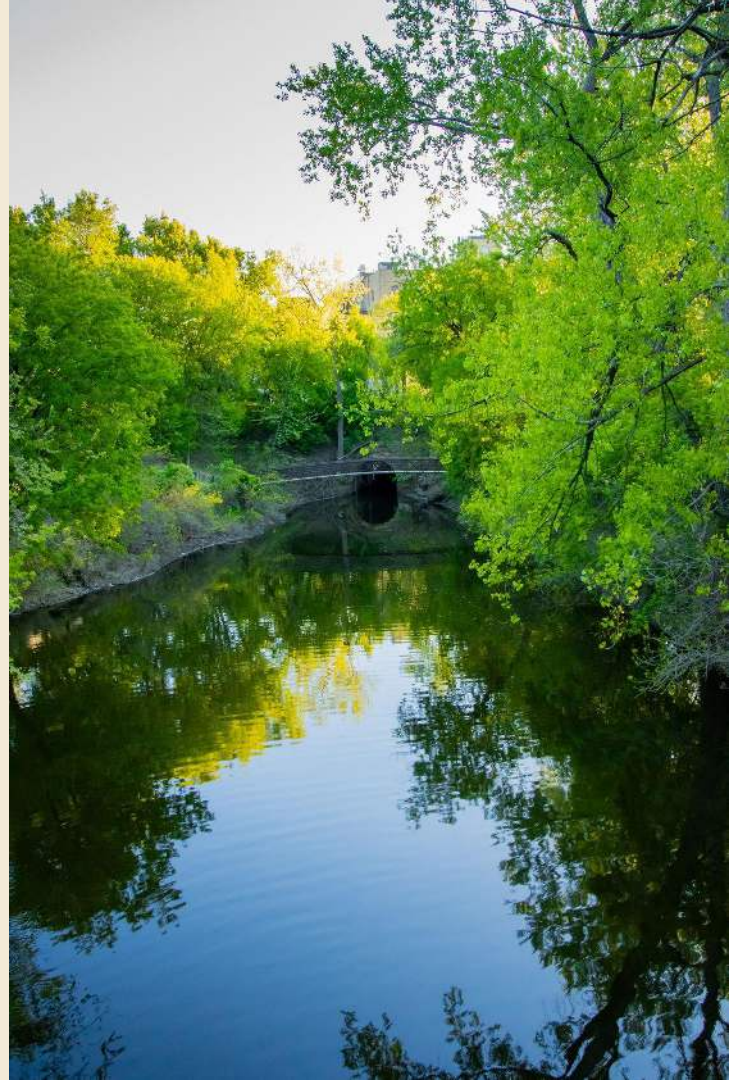
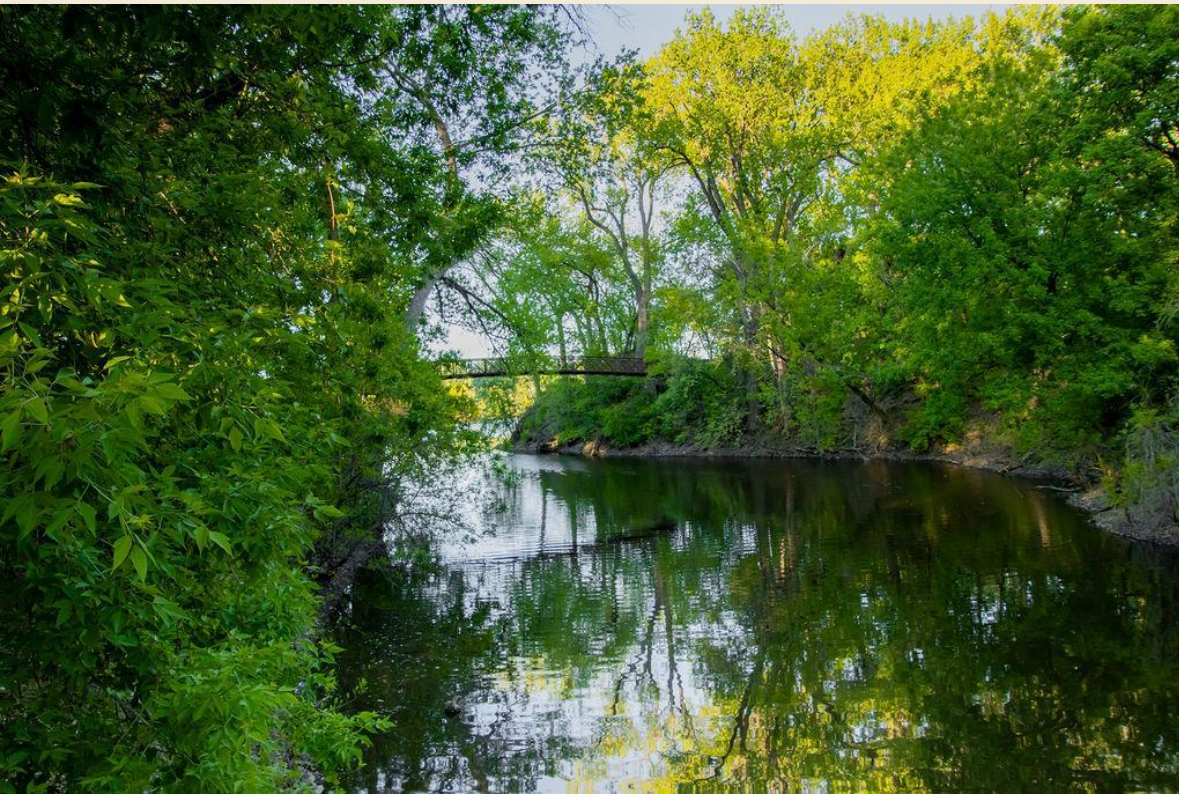
Medicine Lake
Outlet
Winter





James I Rice Park
Spring

James I Rice Park Spring



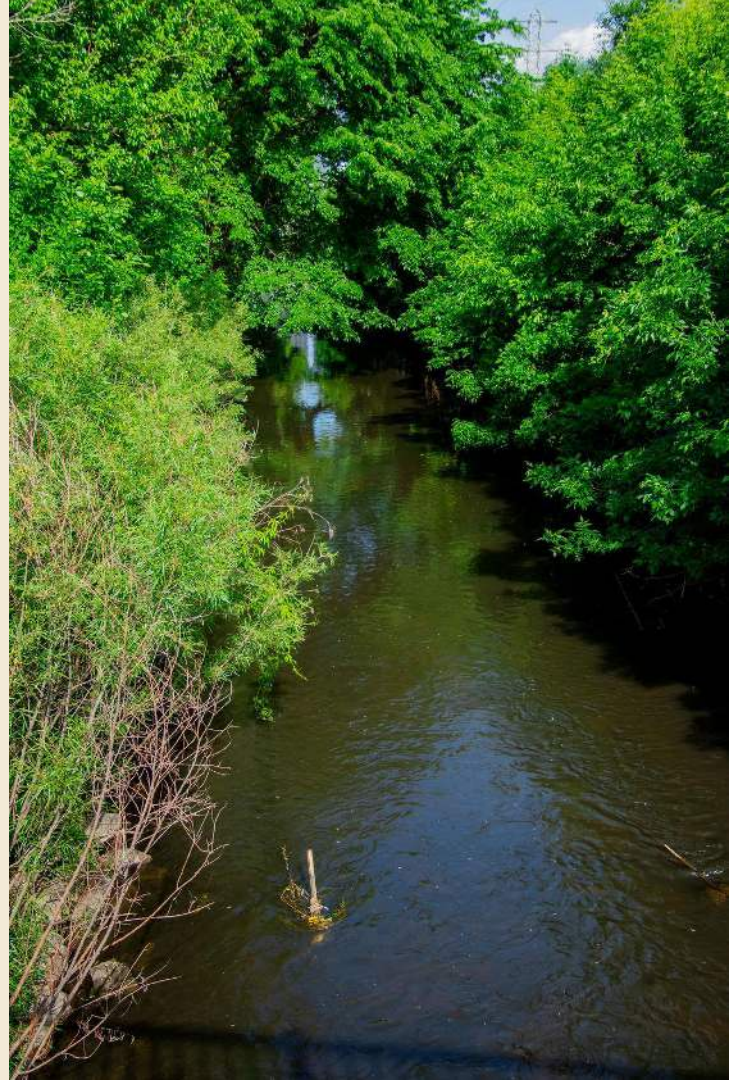
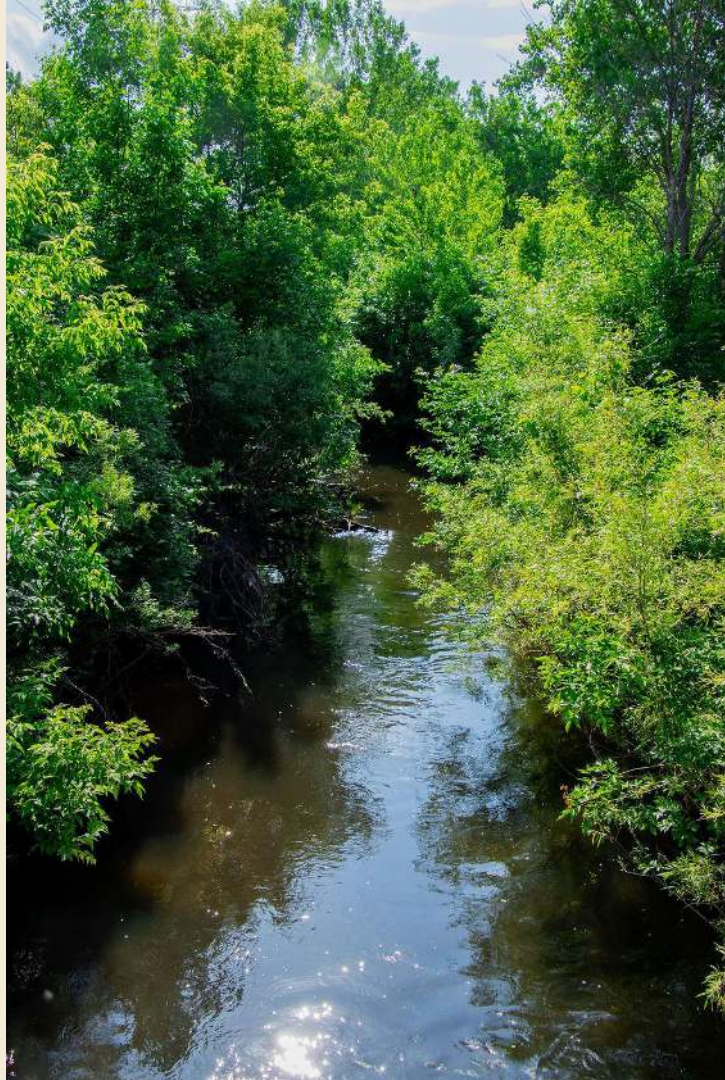
James I Rice
Park
Spring



James I Rice Park
Spring



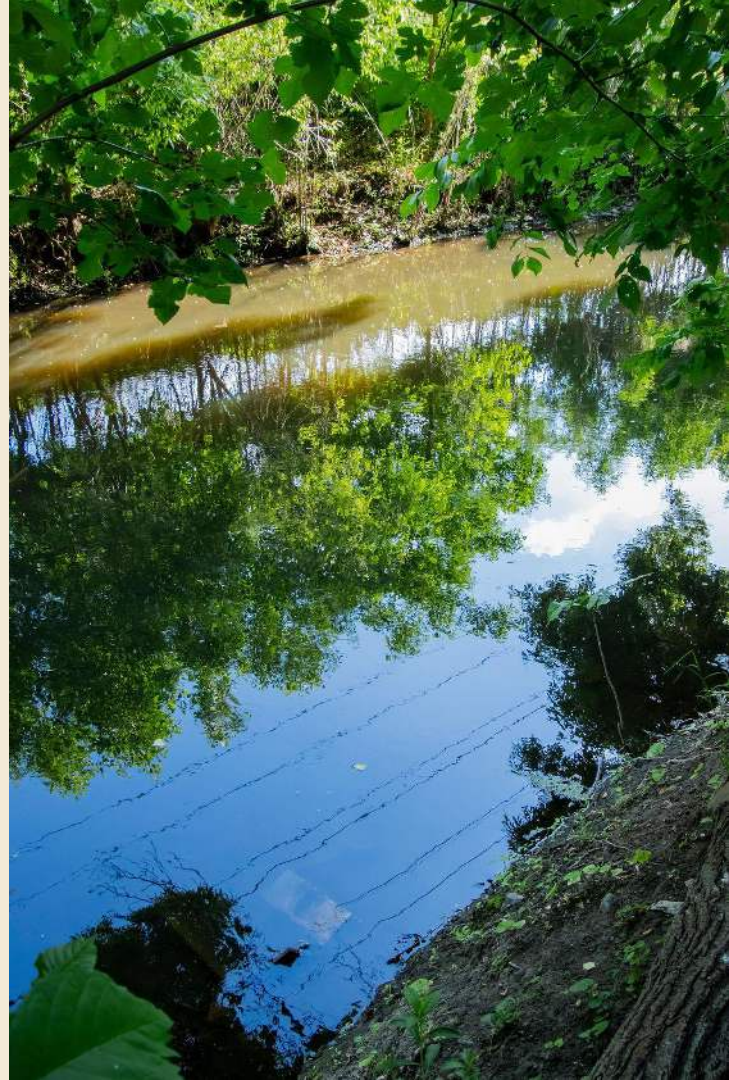
Minneapolis
Impound Area
Spring





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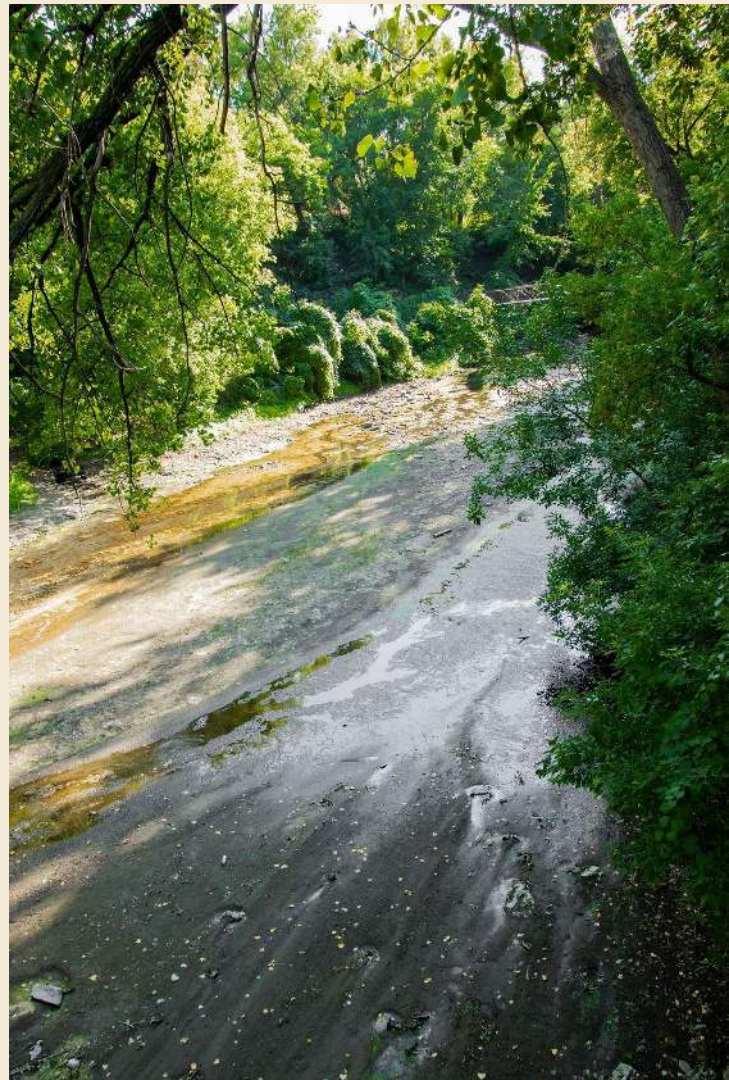
Minneapolis
Impound Area
Spring





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Impound Area
Spring

James I Rice
Park
Summer

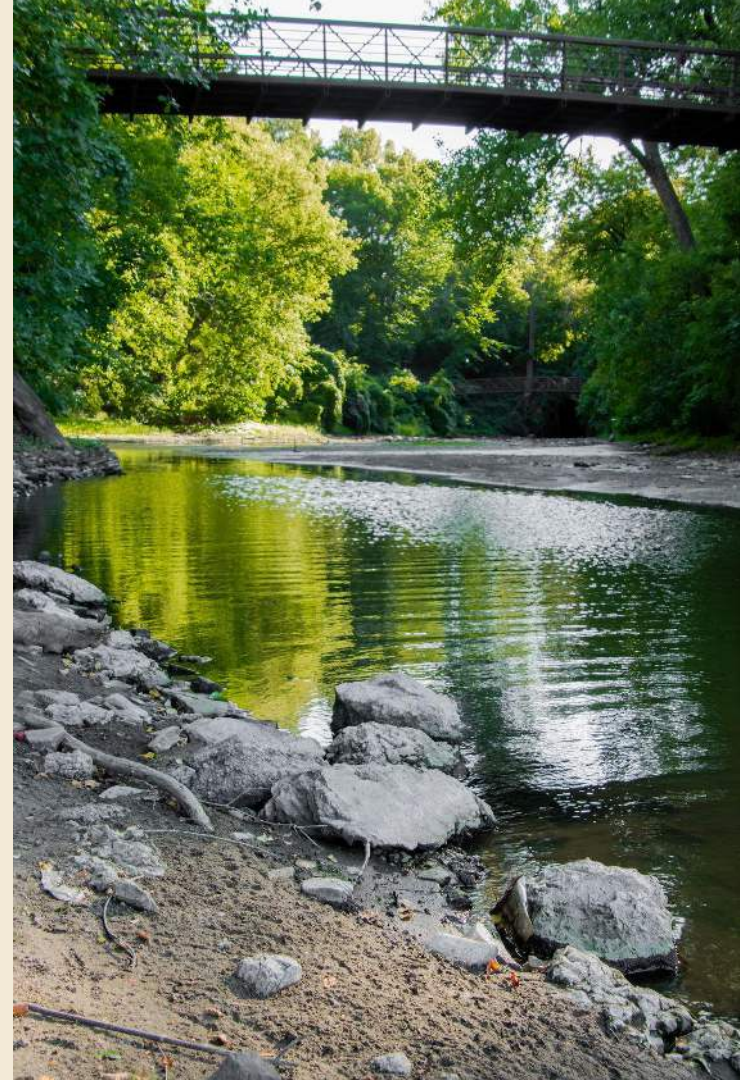


James I Rice Park
Summer

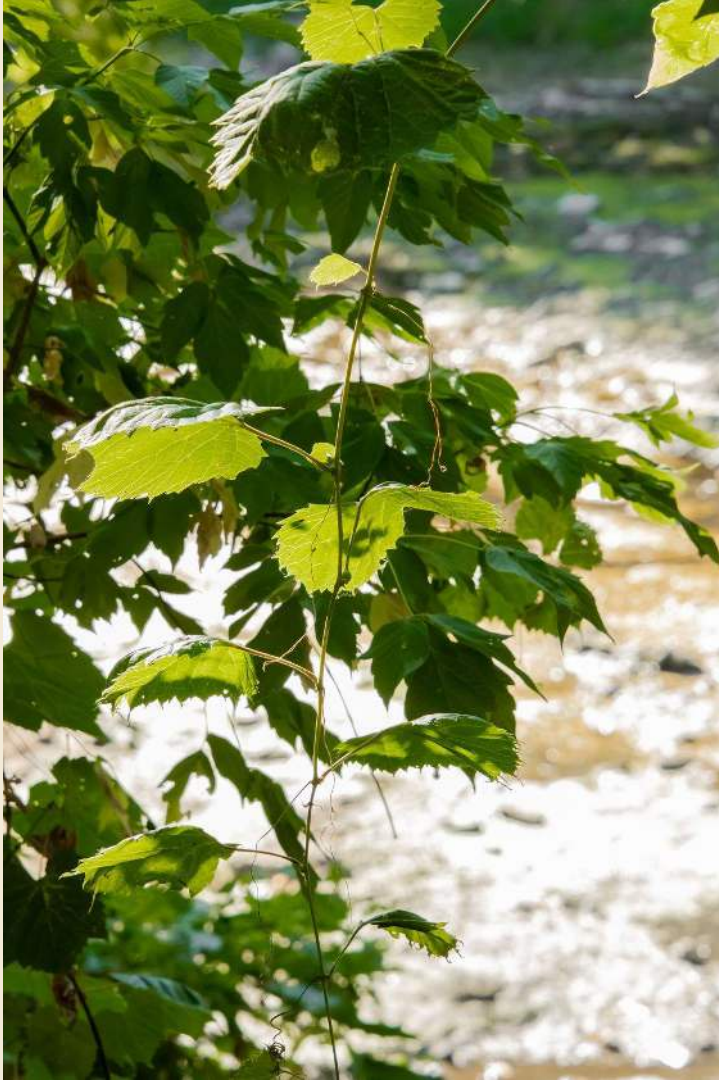


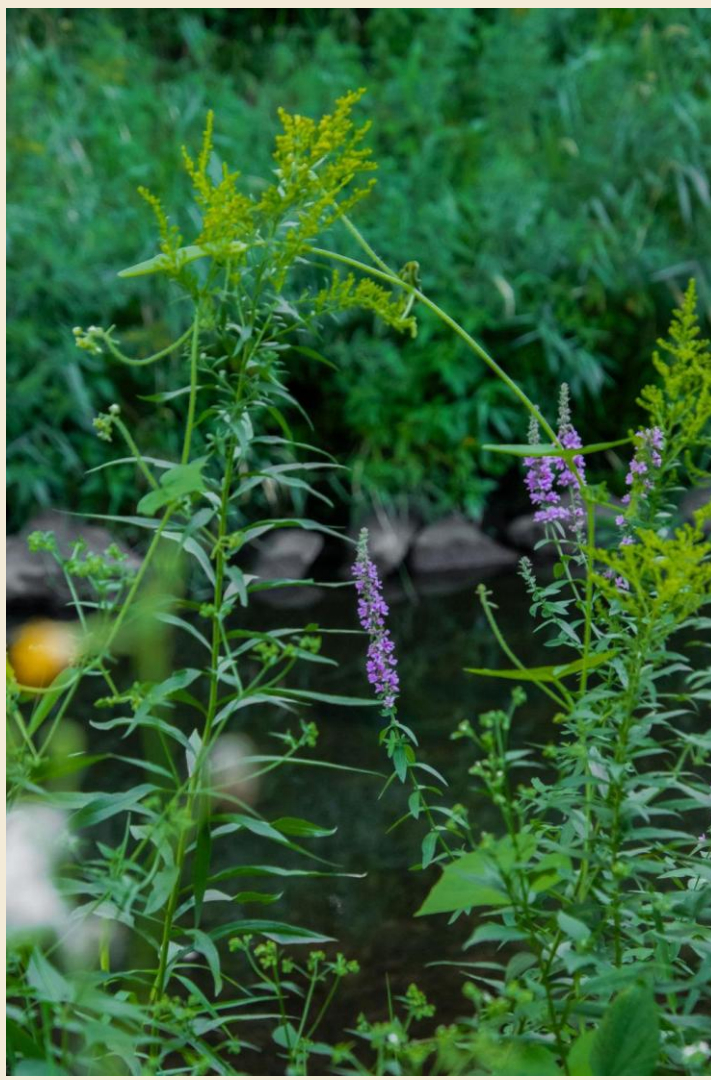


James I Rice Park
Summer



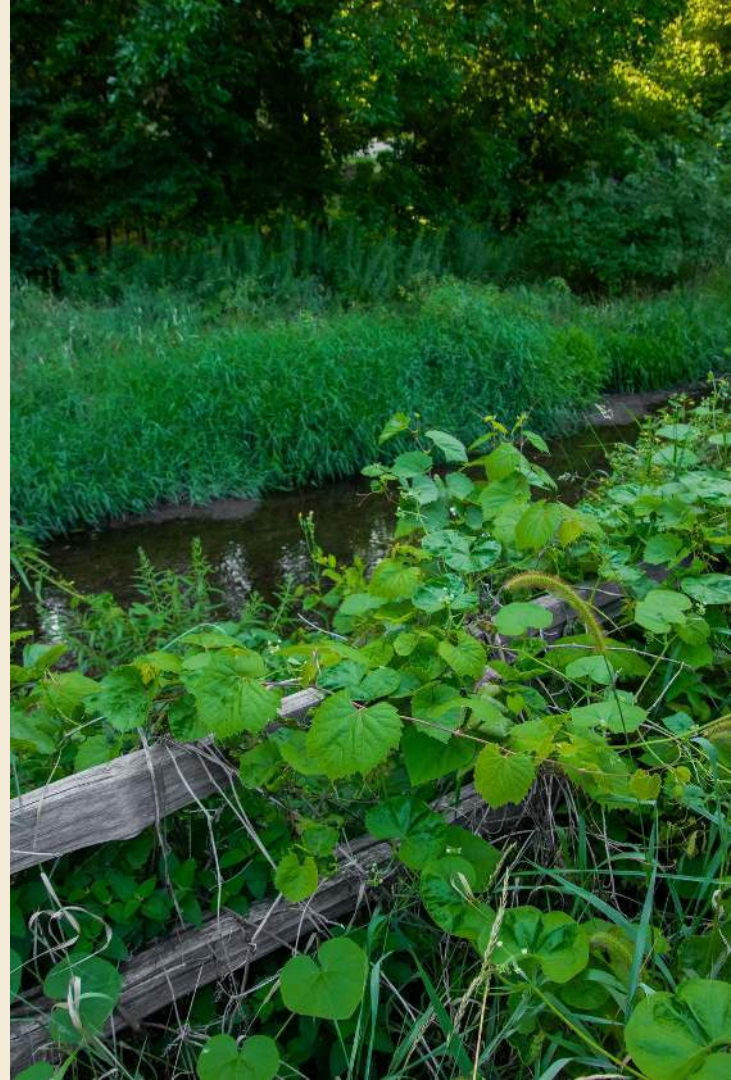
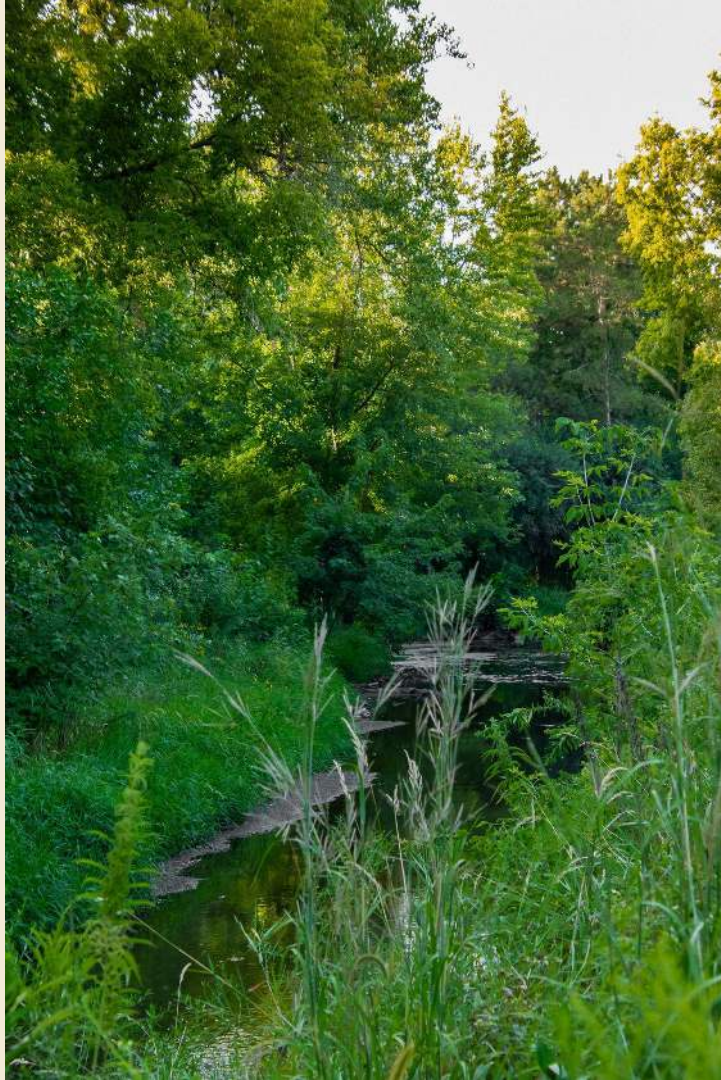
James I Rice Park
Summer





Bassett Creek
Nature Area
Summer

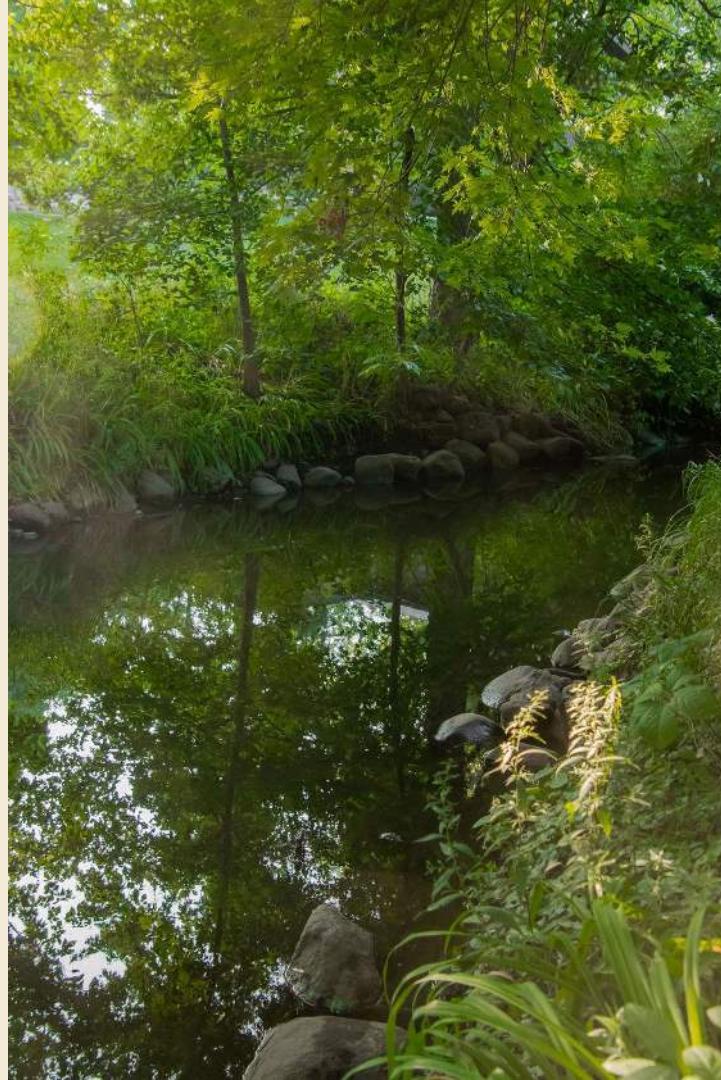
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Nature Area
Summer

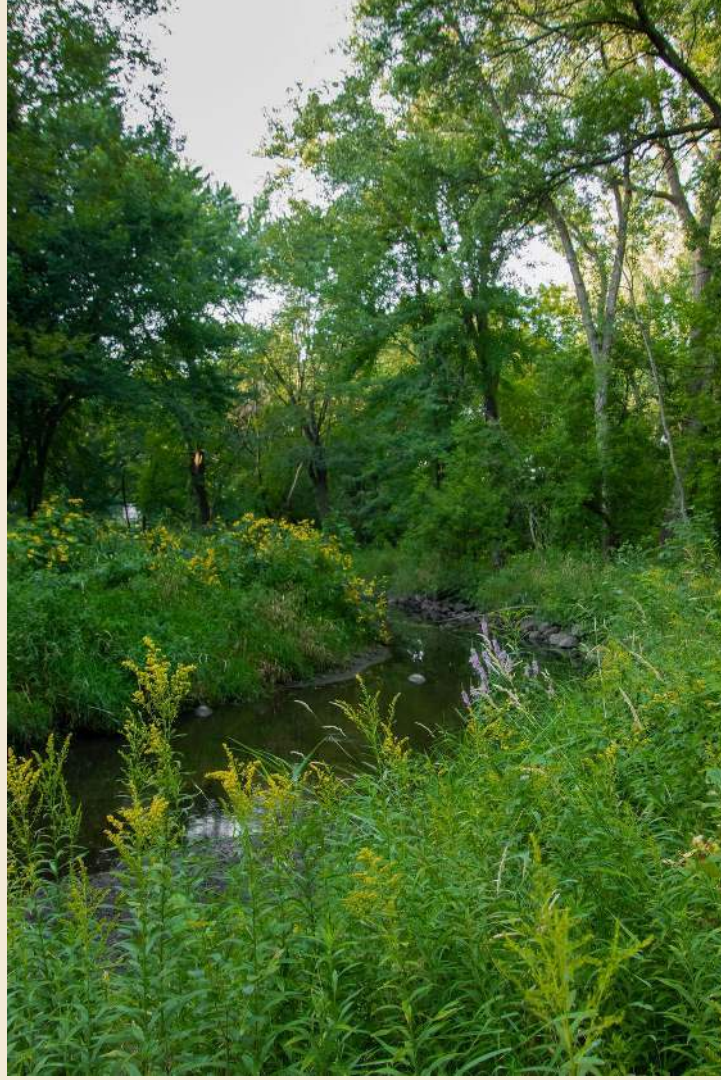




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Nature Area
Summer

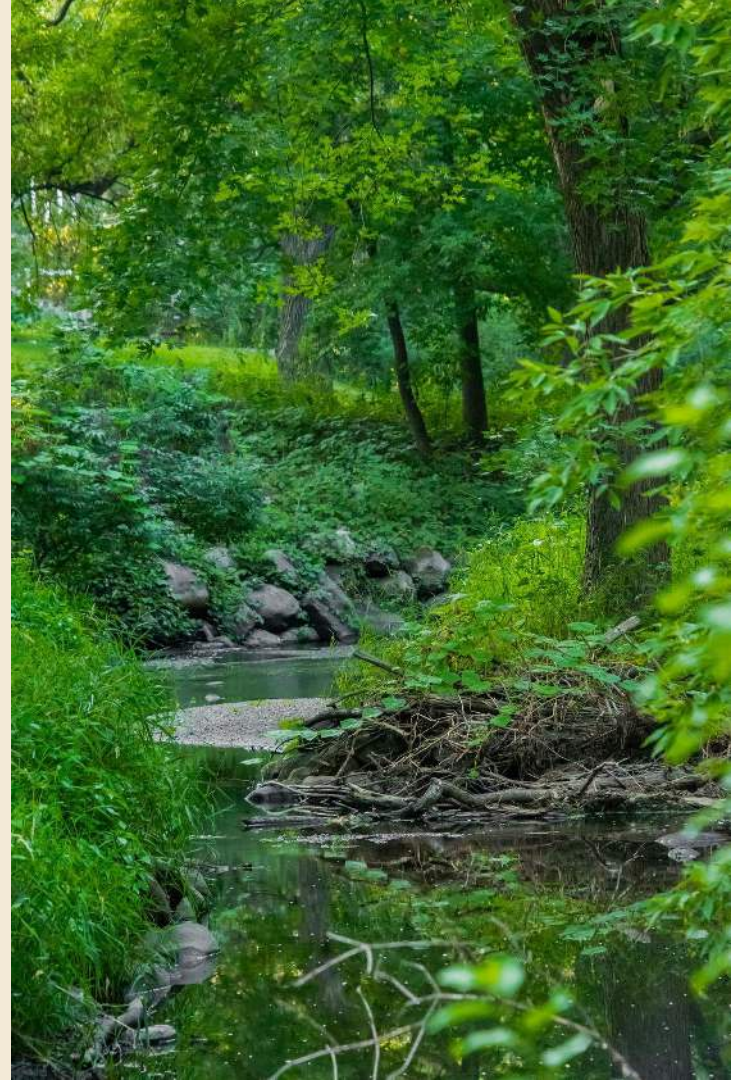
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Nature Area
Summer



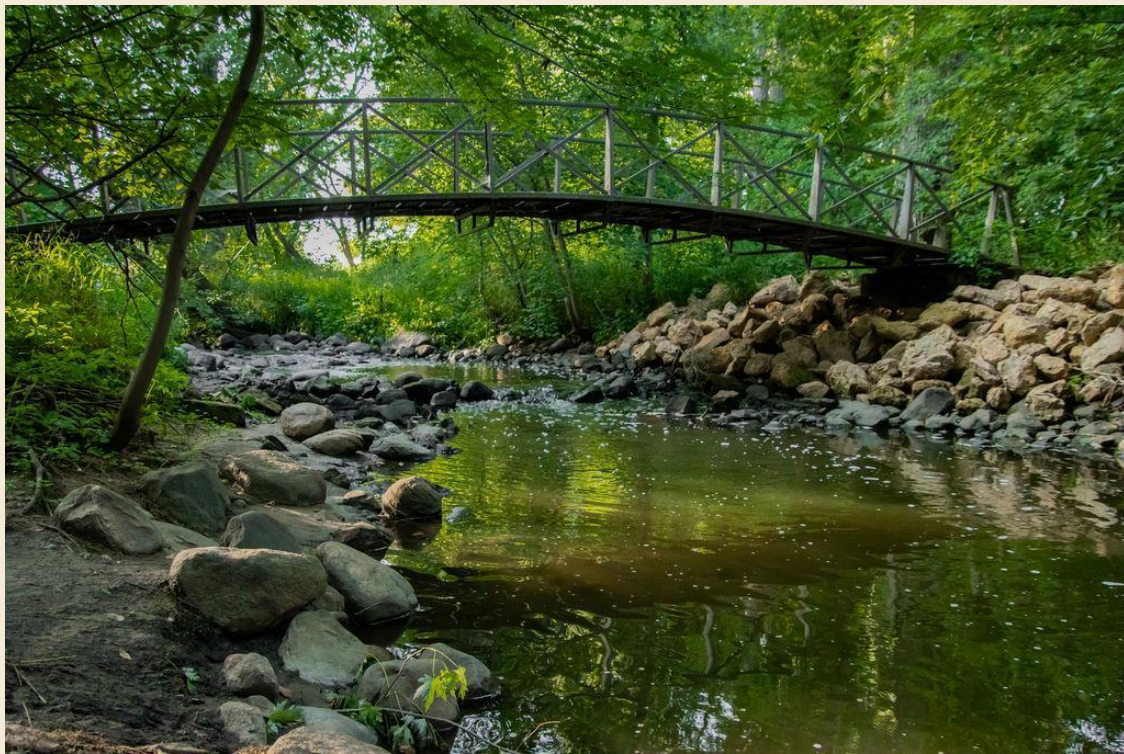


Bassett Creek
Nature Area
Summer

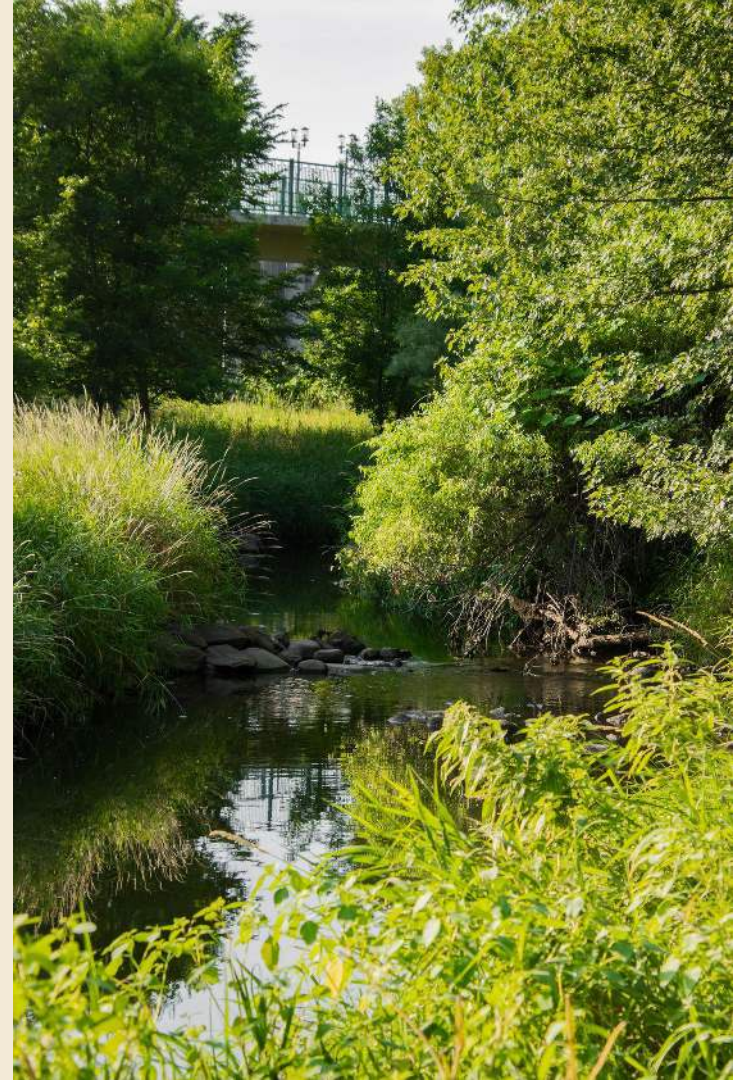
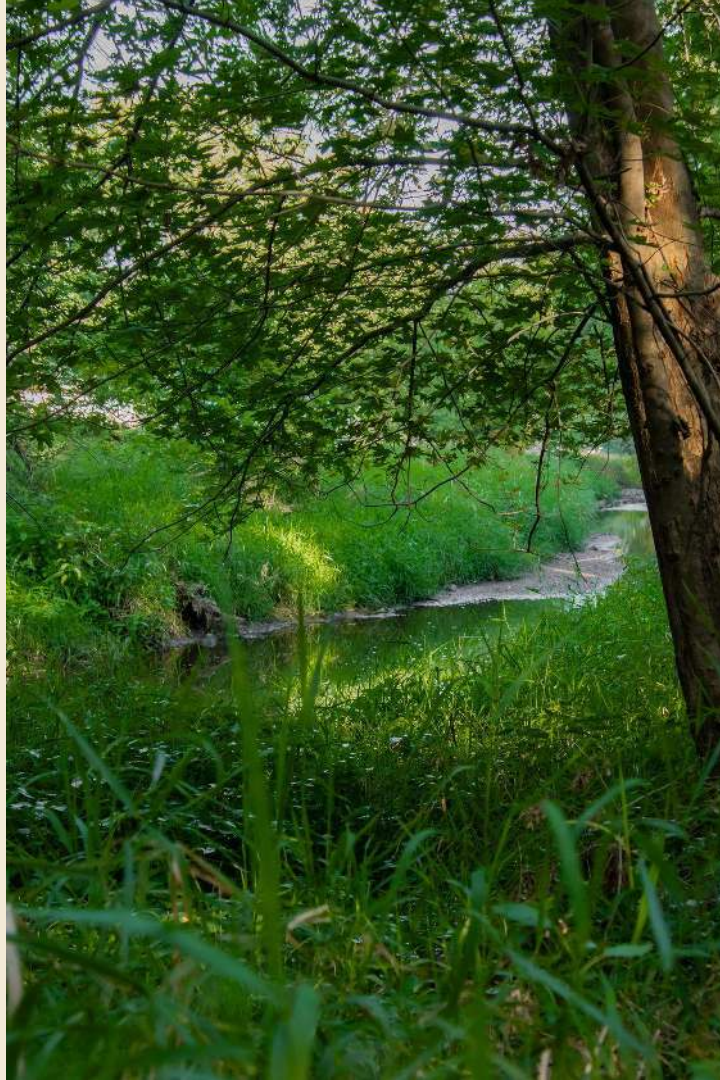
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Nature Area
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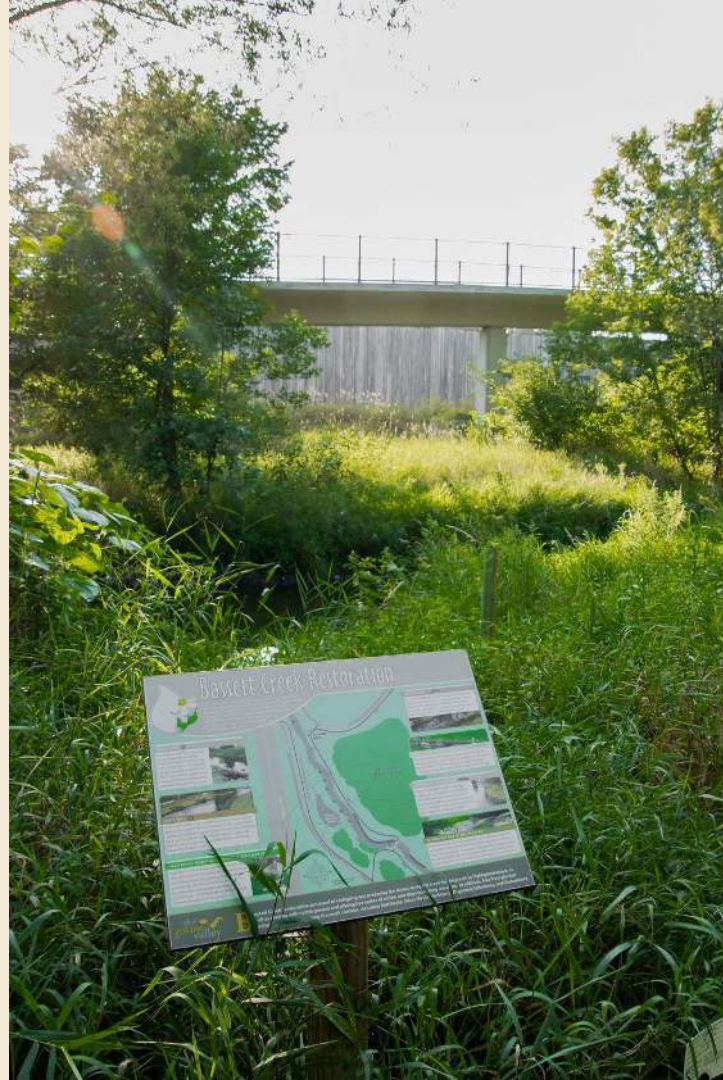


Briarwood
Nature Area
Summer



Briarwood
Nature Area
Summer

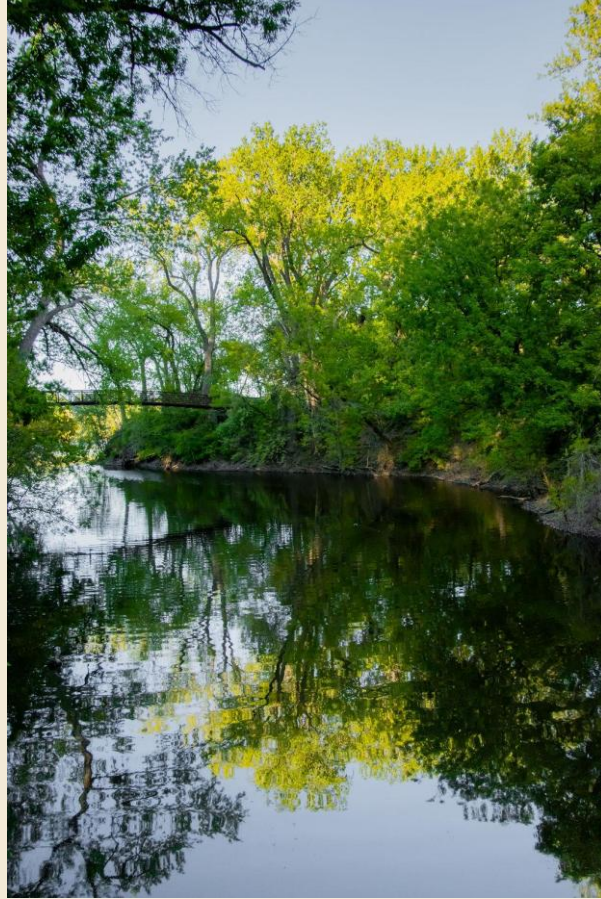




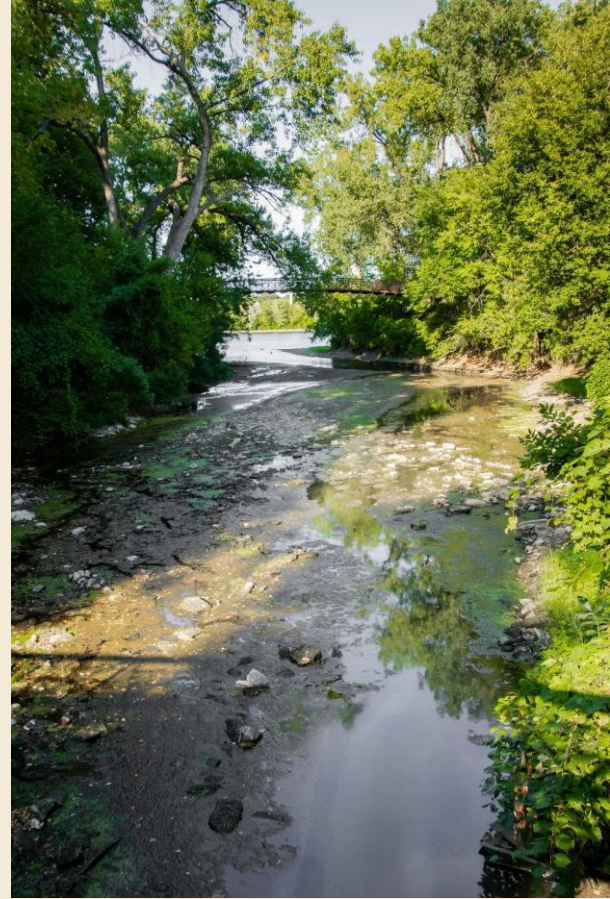
Briarwood
Nature Area
Summer



Winter



Spring



Summer

Whats Next??

- **I will be shooting the fall sessions this week at the following locations**
 - **James I Rice Park**
 - **Theodore Wirth Park**
- **Gallery**
 - **October 5th through November 5th**
 - **The Loppet Foundation at Theodore Wirth Park**

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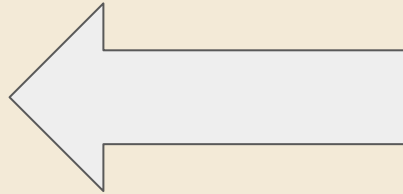
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