

What happened to the grass?

Reed canary grass



Reed canary grass is an aggressive, invasive plant that has caused problems for wildlife at Smith and Lykes Lake. "Throughout the Pacific Northwest, this 'weed' takes over ranges and excludes other plants, eliminating many habitats for wildlife."



The reed canary grass has been sprayed with glyphosate, a herbicide that breaks down quickly in the environment. We've replanted with native species such as willows, ash, dogwood and snowberry. The area also has been seeded with native grasses, helping these beneficial plants get established will reduce reed canary grass and provide homes to a greater variety of wildlife.

Call Metro's Regional Parks and Greenways Department at (800) 760-1515 for more information.



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