

Helper River Revitalization 2013-2023

Owner: Helper City, Utah

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Project locations: Price River through Helper City, from RV Park on downstream end north to Gigliotti Pond diversion structure

Total planning/design contract amount - \$50,000 (Phase I), \$35,000 (Phase II), \$27,000 (Phase III), \$45,000 (Phase IV), \$73,306 (Phase V), \$83,763, (Phase VI) \$275,000

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Brief description of project – The Helper River Revitalization Project is a six-phase environmental infrastructure project on the Price River that was initiated in 2013 through the development of a concept study focused on the potential for restoring the river through Helper City, Utah. The phases incorporate hydrographic survey of 4 miles of the Price River, delineation of 62 acres for riparian conservation to improve the flood capacity and buffer storm water, creation of 1.6 acres of wetlands, connection of 41 acres of floodplain habitat, removal of 8 fish passage barriers, restoration of 12 acres of aquatic habitat, and the engagement of residences and visitors in river stewardship. The Helper River Revitalization Project includes a 50-year monitoring and maintenance plan in collaboration with Helper City, schools, citizen volunteers, and state and federal agencies. The sixth and final phase was recently completed in the winter of 2023.

Other pertinent information - RiverRestoration staff assisted Helper City in the acquisition of funding for this project from a wide variety of sources and we continue to provide leadership and project management for this long-term project. We have recently started work with Helper City and the Utah Museum of Natural History to engage local school students in river stewardship actions to develop a group of local “River Helpers”.



Phase II pre-project conditions



Phase II post-construction



Phase VI pre-dam removal



Phase VI post construction