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We live next to an undeveloped park on the edge of Washington Co. For 45 years we have witnessed just how much beavers can enhance a natural space. Two small tributaries of Fanno creek intersect and continue on their journey. When the beaver moved in, built a dam and created a pond much changed.

We used to have pesky mosquitoes and an average bird habitat; now it is the home and resting ground for a large variety of birds. Blue Heron, Egrets, King Fishers, several varieties of ducks, Canada Geese are regular waterfowl visitors and full time habitants. Many other varieties of birds have increased as well.

The great thing is the mosquitoes are next to non existent! It seems counterintuitive since there is now a "beavers pond" where it seems mosquitoes would thrive but we believe the local frog and bird populations that now reside in the pond area do a fantastic job controlling them.

This change did not happen fast, it took many years to reach the balance we now have but we have witnessed a miracle of nature balancing itself out. PLEASE PROTECT THE BEAVERS, THEY ARE MOTHER NATURES HELPERS. Thank you