

Phase one Construction of the Timbers Creek drainage project is complete. The improvements included installation of 26 log and willow drop-structures and check dams, the regrading of nearly 2,000 feet of channel, constructing a new pedestrian bridge, planting over 1,500 new plants and reseeding nearly 4-1/2 acres with native grasses. A major project goal was to reduce flood and erosion during rain storm events by pursuing a more naturalized approach of using plants and log structures versus using traditional rock (riprap), concrete and other man-made structures, which were used previously but failed. A key factor in making this type of erosion protection successful will be the establishment of hundreds of the trees, shrubs and grasses. The establishment period is dependent on many factors including weather, moisture and managing deer pressure (browsing). The project includes temporary deer fencing and irrigation system to assist with plant establishment. Additional plants are scheduled to be planted this fall as well as sometime next Spring. Once established, the plantings are intended to bind the soil throughout the channel and drainageways reducing soil erosion and sediment movement. Even with the deer fencing, an occasional deer may find its way into one of the enclosures. Gates were installed at both ends of each enclosure to allow trapped deer to escape. If you notice the gates are open and no one is inside, or if a deer is trapped inside, please contact the High Prairie Farms Metro District ([HPFMD.org](http://HPFMD.org)) or call (303) 779-5710 to report the problem. Once the fencing is no longer needed, it will be removed.