

Grant Summary

The Watershed Protection Department is in construction of a restoration project on Shoal Creek from 15th Street to 28th Streets to stabilize creek banks and restore riparian (stream side) vegetation within Pease Park. One of the project's objectives is to manage invasive species along the creek corridor. The riparian zone of Shoal Creek in Pease Park includes many invasive species including Chinaberry, Ligustrum, Giant Reed (Arundo) and Golden Bamboo that are spreading within the park. All of these species are included in the "Top 24" City of Austin Invasive Species, and their management is directed by the City of Austin Invasive Species Management Plan. Managing these species within the project area will increase the recreation value, native biodiversity and ecosystem functions of Shoal Creek. The restoration of these zones will also provide a competitive advantage to native species establishing within Pease Park and to further stabilize the stream banks. The restoration project in progress will tackle the majority of the invasive removal (up to 100,000 square feet) and this grant funding will be used to augment additional areas with invasive species in Pease Park, but are outside the limits of construction of the active project area.



Giant Reed in Pease Park