

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

American Rivers (AR), the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), North Clackamas Watershed Council (NCWC), and the City of Milwaukie (City), with support from key project partners, have initiated a [multi-benefit voluntary restoration Project](#). The Project will create fish passage into the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed, restore lower Kellogg Creek and its floodplain through the City, improve long-term community resiliency and access to nature among other benefits, modernize vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured for pre-construction activity completion. [The project has completed Phase 1 of 4.](#)

## MAY SUMMARY

- **Project Management and Delivery**
  - Seven qualified firms responded to ODOT's advertised Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project's Phase 2 Final Design, permitting, and professional A&E services. The Leadership Team's Technical Selection Committee review of proposals has commenced.
  - The Project's Leadership Team held two funding strategy workshops in 2024 to refine a list of targeted project funding programs; discuss eligibility factors and funding program cycles; and identify internal constraints related to individual organization eligibility, capacity, and support for sponsoring grant applications. Several funding applications will be developed and submitted in 2024. Securing competitive grant funding is one of three Project funding strategies.
  - Developing partnerships to increase project sustainability and offset construction costs is a key component of the project's sustainability objectives and funding strategy. Project leads met with the Port of Portland and ODEQ's Solid Waste Program on May 8 to discuss the Port's potential beneficial reuse of fill/sediment removed from the Kellogg Lake impoundment during future Project construction.
  - WestLand Environmental and Cultural Resources was selected to provide archaeological monitoring services at specific sediment sampling locations that were identified in coordination with the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde. In partnership with Grand Ronde cultural resources staff, this will a) protect cultural resources during sediment sampling, b) help us acquire more robust information than is typically acquired in a baseline cultural resources survey, and c) better inform future Section 106 consultation for protection of cultural resources during project construction.
  - Wolf Water Resources was selected to provide water quality/turbidity monitoring services during sediment sampling in-water work activities.
  - The project's wetland delineation was reviewed by DSL and approved for verification.
  
- **Outreach and Community Engagement**
  - [OPB published an article](#) on the Kellogg Creek BioBlitz that NCWC held on May 18. 75 participants identified and documented birds, plants, macroinvertebrates, reptiles, and amphibians.

- As part of the project's workforce development and educational objectives, facilitation of several student activities are underway. Spring macroinvertebrate sampling has begun in partnership with Rowe Middle School and Milwaukie High School Students, CASM Environmental, and Portland State University Faculty and Graduate Students. Milwaukie High School biology students conducted macroinvertebrate surveys in the Kellogg Impoundment on May 7, 8, and 20. Parenting, Employment, Career and Academics (PACE) environmental science students conducted macroinvertebrate surveys at the confluence of Kellogg Creek and the Willamette River on April 22. Rowe Middle School students conducted surveys in Kellogg Creek upstream of the impoundment on May 30 and June 4.
- NCWC hosted a project information table at the Milwaukie Farmers Market on May 19.
- The City will distribute a public notification related to this summer's upcoming sediment sampling activities.
- NCWC hosted a project site tour for DEQ staff. Staff members from multiple programs participated, including Regulatory (Section 401), Solid Waste, the Voluntary Monitoring Program, and Regional leadership.
- ***Sediment Sampling Permitting***
  - All permits and approvals required to begin this summer's sediment sampling activities have been secured. Federal and state approvals include: ODSL Fill/Removal Permit, USACE NWP 6, ODEQ 401 Water Quality Certification, WDFW In-Water Work Variance. Local Right of Way, Entry, or Short-term Access Agreement approvals were issued by the following: the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, ODOT, City of Milwaukie, Union Pacific Railroad, ODSL, and landowners. A SHPO permit application is under review, to proactively prepare for the possibility of inadvertent discovery of cultural resources during sediment sampling activities.
- ***Monitoring***
  - Temperature loggers were installed upstream, downstream, and in the middle of the project site. This logger data will be used to calibrate this summer's infrared drone flight.
  - Macroinvertebrate sampling began with Milwaukie High and Middle Schools (see Outreach).

## JUNE NEXT STEPS

- A Letter of Interest will be submitted to Metro's Large Scale Community Visions Program. A grant application will also be submitted to the Salmon Habitat Support Fund for expanded eDNA testing.
- GRI will finalize the Geotechnical Exploration Work Plan. This summer's sediment sampling activities are pending contracting that is underway. Sediment sampling will begin in July.
- The Phase 2 Prime Engineering firm will be selected to complete pre-construction activities.
- Macroinvertebrate sampling will continue with Rowe Middle School students in Kellogg Creek.
- NCWC will host a public site tour on June 9 and 19 for community members to learn more about the project.