Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project Restoring Habitat, Creating Fish Passage, Strengthening Community, and Updating Infrastructure

Update #21

JUNE 2024

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 <u>multi-benefit voluntary restoration Project</u>. 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 preconstruction activity completion. The project has completed Phase 1 and is in Phase 2.

JUNE SUMMARY

Project Management and Delivery

- The Leadership Team's Technical Selection Committee reviewed seven proposals for providing Phase 2 Final Design, permitting, and professional A&E services. Interviews were held on June 12 with the 3-top ranked firms. Consor North America was selected and notified of intent to award. Scope of work refinement began.
- A Letter of Intent was submitted to Metro's Large Scale Community Visions Program to initiate the grant application process and regional funding request. This funding would leverage \$50M in federal funding to enable project construction in 2026.
- A grant application was submitted to the PGE Salmon Habitat Support Fund for expanded eDNA testing.
- The Port of Portland confirmed their need for fill/sediment removed from the Kellogg impoundment during construction, based on its physical properties and pending consideration of its environmental properties. Developing partnerships to increase project sustainability and offset construction costs are key components of the project's sustainability and funding strategy objectives.
- American Rivers issued a contract to GRI to perform this summer's geotechnical exploration, sediment sampling, and environmental analysis work.

• Outreach and Community Engagement

- Facilitation of several student activities are underway related to project workforce development and educational objectives. Spring macroinvertebrate sampling was completed in partnership with Rowe Middle School and Milwaukie High School Students, CASM Environmental, and Portland State University Faculty and Graduate Students. Rowe Middle School students conducted surveys in Kellogg Creek upstream of the impoundment on June 4 and June 12.
- NCWC hosted public site tours on June 9 and 19 for community members to learn more about the Project and gave a presentation on the project to the Milwaukie St. John's Episcopal Church on June 23.
- ODFW Commissioner Dr. Leslie King presented the environmental justice opportunities of the project at the June 4 City Council work session. City and NCWC staff also provided a project update for the public.

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Monitoring

 Macroinvertebrate sampling was completed with Milwaukie High and Middle Schools (see Outreach). Monitoring will resume in fall 2024.

JULY NEXT STEPS

- Scope refinement and negotiations will continue related to Consor North America's pending contract with ODOT.
- A pre-sampling coordination meeting will be held with the interagency Portland Sediment Evaluation Team on July 8.
- This summer's sediment sampling activities are scheduled to begin the week of July 15. Visitors to watch work activities should target visiting after July 29.
- Traffic impacts related to sediment sampling activities will be included in ODOT Region 1 Weekly Construction Update before and during the work.
- A project site tour with Metro Parks and Nature leadership will be held on July 19.
- Approval of a SHPO permit application is anticipated to cover the possibility of inadvertent discovery of cultural resources during this summer's sediment sampling activities.
- The project team will begin development of a USDOT National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants Program application for submittal in September. Updated letters of support may be requested from project partners.