Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project

Restoring Habitat, Creating Fish Passage, Strengthening Community, and Updating Infrastructure

Update #23

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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, are leading 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, and modernize vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. The Kellogg Project is in Phase 2: Final Design and Permitting. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured to complete all pre-construction activities and initiate construction. Additional funding is needed to complete the Project.

AUG - SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

Fundraising

- The Project Leadership Team submitted a grant application to the Metro Large Scale Community Visions Program requesting critical non-federal funding match to leverage significant remaining construction funding.
- A grant application submitted to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for freshwater mussel monitoring was recommended for funding by the Regional Review Team.

• Design and Permitting Activities

- Project management activities related to project delivery planning are advancing in coordination with Consor North America's project management team.
- On-water drilling and sampling activity at Kellogg Lake impoundment were successfully completed on September 27. Equipment was crane lifted out of the Middle Impoundment thereafter and removed from Kronberg Park. Two containers with 55-gallon drums remain pending lab analysis; these will be removed in the next couple of months. All environmental samples have been delivered to ALS Lab in Kelso, WA, and the geotechnical samples are being tested at GRI's Tigard lab.
- o Interfluve performed a survey of the Kellogg Lake impoundment using an infrared drone to detect cold water springs and warm stormwater inputs.
- o The design basemap was completed by ODOT Survey.

Outreach and Community Engagement

- A Project update was presented to US Senator Jeff Merkley in a regional leaders' meeting on August 2.
- Project Site Tours were held with the Metro Council, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
 Dr. Leslie King, Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey, and State Rep. Mark Gamba on Sept 5 and 17.
- Oregon DEQ regulatory staff toured the project on September 25.
- A site visit and tour with Oregon Watershed Executive Director Sara O'Brien was held on September 26.
- Four undergraduate students from Lewis and Clark and Portland State University were hired to assist with the Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program.

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- A Volunteer Training for the Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program was held in partnership with the North Clackamas School District on September 28.
- The Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program started its second season of surveys in September, macroinvertebrate surveys were conducted at the Kellogg Creek confluence with the Willamette on September 17 and 28 with students from Portland Waldorf School and the North Clackamas School District PACE (Parenting, Academics, Career, Employment) program, respectively.
- Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program Spring 2024 results were analyzed and a report is now available <u>online</u>.

OCTOBER NEXT STEPS

- A grant application submitted to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for Freshwater Mussel Monitoring funding will be considered by the OWEB Board.
- Extensive project delivery planning will continue through the fall.
- GRI will complete limited access hand work in upland areas adjacent to the Upper Impoundment later in October related to impoundment sediment characterization. Laboratory analysis and reporting will continue through the fall.
- ODOT Survey will continue collecting railroad details, and the right-of-way map will undergo technical review.
- A community walking tour of the Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project will be hosted on October 12.
- The Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program will continue Kellogg Lake impoundment surveys with Rowe Middle School students in October. NCWC will host a Teacher Training for the Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program with Zee Searles Mazzacano (CASM Environmental).