# Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project

Restoring Habitat, Creating Fish Passage, Strengthening Community, and Updating Infrastructure  $Update \ \#26$ 

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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 Project construction.

#### **DECEMBER SUMMARY**

### Fundraising

- Representatives of the Project Leadership entities, including City Mayor Batey, Neil Schulman (NCWC), Shelli Romero (ODOT), April McEwen (AR), and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs TAC member Jeff Hogle, testified in support of the project at a Metro Council action meeting on December 12.
- The Metro Council passed Resolution 24-5445 to award the Kellogg Project \$10,000,000 from the Metro Large-Scale Community Visions (LSCV) program for capital project construction. This funding provides critical nonfederal match needed to pursue federal construction funding. The project partners will host a celebration on the evening of Feb 6 in Milwaukie. A Save the Date Invitation will be sent separately.

#### • Design and Permitting Activities

- NCWC completed an initial analysis of the aerial infrared imaging taken of the impoundment. This work will be analyzed in partnership with Portland State University to incorporate elements of climate resiliency into the restoration design.
- GRI continued developing draft reports with the results of this summer's sediment sampling.

#### Monitoring

 Annual temperature data analysis has begun, and the monitoring report is anticipated to be complete by February.

## Outreach and Community Engagement

- April McEwen and Amy van Riessen presented strategic Kellogg Project development and management aspects as guest instructors at PSU's River Restoration Certification EPP225 Project Management course on December 11 in Portland.
- o A webinar on the project was hosted by NCWC on December 18.
- Analysis of macroinvertebrate data collected from student surveys of the Kellogg impoundment was initiated by the Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program. The final report is anticipated to be complete by February.
- An abstract was submitted by the Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program to submit at the Urban Ecosystems Research Consortium in spring 2025.

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- o The project and Metro's funding award was featured in Metro News.
- A project update was provided to Carrie Selberg Robinson, NOAA Fisheries Director of Habitat Conservation, and NOAA Fisheries Program staff.

#### **JANUARY 2025 NEXT STEPS**

- The Final Design phase, led by Prime consultant firm, Consor North America and supported by 9 subcontractors, kicks off in January. ODOT will issue a Notice to Proceed in early January with subsequent kickoff meetings.
- ODOT Survey is scheduled to complete the required rail safety training near the end of January, followed by field work. The updated basemap is anticipated to be ready in February.
- A news media story by KGW-TV covering the Kellogg Project and recent Metro funding award towards project construction will be planned.
- A presentation on the macroinvertebrate monitoring program will be developed to share updates, results, and lessons learned from the first two seasons of surveys.