

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 modernize vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure, increase public safety, create fish passage into the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed, restore lower Kellogg Creek and its floodplain, increase floodway capacity and improve long-term community resilience. 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.

JANUARY 2025 SUMMARY

- **Fundraising**
 - Preparation of a grant application to NOAA's Fish Passage Program is underway targeting submittal in February.
 - The Project Leadership Team began developing a FHWA PROTECT grant application for construction funding. ODOT submitted a list of projects, including Kellogg, to FHWA for inclusion in the Statewide Resiliency Improvement Plan.
 - The Leadership Team is working with Metro to negotiate a grant agreement to receive construction funding under the Metro Large-Scale Community Visions (LSCV) program. The Metro Council passed Resolution 24-5445 awarding the Kellogg Project \$10,000,000 in December 2024. As delivery agency, ODOT will be the direct recipient, in partnership with the other Leadership Team entities (City, NCWC, American Rivers).
 - A site visit was held with Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board staff and Regional Review Team for a multiyear grant to create a vegetative buffer around Kellogg Lake. The grant is pending.
- **Design and Permitting Activities**
 - A meeting with USACE and USEPA members of the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team was held to discuss preliminary results from the 2025 sediment sampling effort.
 - Several Final Design team meetings were held in January.
- **Monitoring**
 - Annual temperature data analysis has begun, and the monitoring report is anticipated to be complete by February.
 - NCWC completed preliminary review of the aerial thermal imagery completed last summer and found significant cold water spring inputs to the Kellogg impoundment. This information will be used to inform restoration design to increase species resilience. A detailed analysis is being completed by Portland State University.
 - January eDNA samples were collected and sent to the lab for processing. A summary of the first year of eDNA results was developed for a poster presentation at the 2025 River Restoration Northwest conference.

- Amphibian egg mass surveys are planned in the Milwaukie Presbyterian Church Sanctuary and adjacent wetlands in partnership with The Wetlands Conservancy for February – April 2025.
- **Outreach and Community Engagement**
 - KGW-TV published a [news media story](#) that covers the Kellogg Project and recent Metro construction funding award, featuring Metro Councilor Christine Lewis, April McEwen of American Rivers, and Neil Schuman of the North Clackamas Watershed Council.
 - The project and Metro’s funding award was featured in [Metro News](#).
 - A community mapping analysis and report was completed by NCWC’s Confluence AmeriCorps member, to support the Project Communications and Community Engagement Plan.
 - A public webinar on the project was hosted by NCWC on January 16.
 - Planning began for the 2025 Kellogg BioBlitz that will take place in May.
 - Scheduling for community engagement and tours in 2025 is underway.

FEBRUARY 2025 NEXT STEPS

- Completion of design and permitting activities, led by prime consultant Consor North America and subcontractors, Wiser Rail, GRI, Interfluve, DKS, Mason Bruce & Girard, JLA Public Involvement, and GreenWorks will be ongoing through 2025. A Technical Advisory Committee meeting and community engagement meeting is anticipated later this year (fall 2025) associated with the next design milestone.
- ODOT Survey will update the basemap with a rail survey.
- NCWC is coordinating with PSU’s Executive Seminar Program to present the project to natural resources professionals in February.
- Two Project grants are scheduled to be submitted in February to: 1) American Rivers will submit a grant request to NOAA’s Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grant Program. 2) The City of Milwaukie will submit a grant request to USDOT FHWA’s Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program.