

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.

FEBRUARY 2025 SUMMARY

- **Fundraising**
 - A grant application to NOAA's Fish Barrier Removal Program was prepared and submitted by American Rivers on February 10.
 - A grant application requesting construction funding under the DOT Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program was prepared for submittal on February 24, 2025. On February 10, FHWA preemptively [closed the funding opportunity](#) with a note that FHWA was reviewing the opportunity. No further information has been provided.
 - A funding request from the City of Milwaukie to the Senate Appropriations Committee was prepared and submitted for Congressional Office review on February 16.

- **Design and Permitting Activities**
 - GRI prepared two Draft reports for project team review, including a Sediment Characterization Report and a Geotechnical report summarizing results of the 2025 sediment sampling effort.
 - Several design team meetings were held in February related to Sustainability, UP Railroad Coordination, Historic/Archaeological, Traffic Analysis, and Hydraulics criteria (Willamette backwatering).

- **Outreach and Community Engagement**
 - NCWC presented the project to PSU's Executive Seminar Program for natural resources professionals.
 - 17 community members attended a volunteer stewardship event and community informational session held on February 22 at the Milwaukie Presbyterian Church Outdoor Sanctuary next to the project site.
 - Recruitment started for the Kellogg Community Advisory Team in partnership with Unite Oregon. The Community Advisory Team is comprised of community leaders who will engage community members in providing feedback and input on project community enhancement features and efforts to minimize impacts during construction.

- Three community members attended a lunchtime webinar on the project on February 12.
- A poster “Assessing the Ecological Impacts of Kellogg Dam Removal: eDNA Insights from the Kellogg Creek-Mt. Scott Watershed, a BACI Study” was presented at River Restoration Northwest symposium by North Clackamas Watersheds Council and Cramer Fish Sciences.
- An event was held in Milwaukie on Feb 6 to celebrate Metro’s \$10M project award through the Large-Scale Community Visions Program. Guests included Metro Councilors Christine Lewis, Mary Nolan and Gerritt Rosenthal, Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey, State Representative Mark Gamba, ODFW Commissioner Dr. Leslie King, members of the project team, and other key partners and stakeholders.
- Planning is underway for the May 17 Kellogg Creek BioBlitz, a volunteer event focused on connecting local community members with the Kellogg Project and documenting changes in the plant and wildlife communities before and after project completion.
- The Kellogg Project’s stakeholder and community engagement approach will be presented in a conference session at the Connect Conference in April 2025.

MARCH 2025 NEXT STEPS

- Design and permitting activities, led by prime consultant, Consor North America and subcontractors, Wisser 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 associated with the next design milestone.
- NCWC will work with Xerces Society to develop a freshwater mussel monitoring plan.
- The Kellogg Creek Student Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Project will be presented at the Urban Ecology Research Consortium at Portland State University.
- The Community Advisory Team will hold its first meeting on March 14.
- Amphibian egg mass surveys will take place in partnership with The Wetlands Conservancy.
- Planning will continue for the 2025 Kellogg BioBlitz that will take place in May.
- Amphibian egg mass surveys are planned to occur through April 2025 in the Milwaukie Presbyterian Church Sanctuary and adjacent wetlands, in partnership with The Wetlands Conservancy.