



February 24, 2010

Subject: Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative

Dear Stakeholder,

There have been some recent developments in the Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative that present both complication and opportunity.

In our last communication, you were notified that CH2M HILL had been selected to carry out geotechnical analysis, hydrologic modeling, feasibility studies, and project design with some regionally-allocated federal transportation funds. The execution of that contract, which was largely completed as of September last year, was held up due to several concerns raised by representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), regarding the scope of the project (i.e., were highway funds being diverted to a "restoration" project and should the phase of work be re-programmed as a Preliminary Engineering phase rather than Planning/Design Options Alternatives analysis).

While City, Metro, and local ODOT staff were working out the best way to deal with FHWA's concerns, the City was notified that the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) had received funding to carry forward the feasibility study that was halted due to lack of funding in 2006. Based on conversations with the Corps and NOAA staff, we feel that it would be very wise to take advantage of this opportunity. ACE has assigned a project manager and anticipates spending approximately \$300,000 over the next two fiscal years to complete the feasibility work. At a minimum, City staff anticipates supporting ACE's effort by designing and managing a public involvement process. But we will be better equipped to make determinations about the nature of our partnership with ACE after the Corps has scoped their effort.

In other news, one year has passed since the City convened a group of citizens to discuss the formation of a watershed council whose mission is to advocate for the health of Kellogg and Mt Scott Creeks. Since then, the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council has received official recognition from Clackamas County and continues to make major strides in organizational development. The NCUWC is now researching and applying for grant funding from multiple regional and state sources for their first riparian restoration projects. For more information about their activities and projects contact Nicole West at 503-786-7643 or find them on the web at www.ncuwc.org.

Finally, the City is pleased to announce the completion of the Oral History of Kellogg Lake. Throughout 2009, Milwaukie citizens were solicited to share their memories of Kellogg Lake. These stories were recorded, transcribed, and compiled into a final report that is being made

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available at the Ledding Library, the Milwaukie Museum and on the web at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/milwaukie/projects/kellogg4coho/kfcihome.html>.

We anticipate being in touch again shortly to share more detail about the new plan for advancing the Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative.

All the best in 2010,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny".

Kenny Asher
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