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Dear Property Owner:

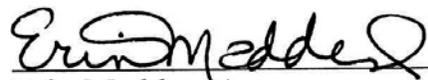
As you may know, the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustees (Trustees), consisting of Tribal, State and Federal governments, are responsible for restoring natural resources that may have been injured by releases of contaminants at the Portland Harbor Superfund site. Through the Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) process, the Trustees conduct studies to identify the extent of resource injuries, the best methods for restoring those resources, and the type and amount of restoration required to fully compensate the public for the lost resources.

The Trustees have developed a list of potential restoration opportunities on the lower Willamette River, within and around the Superfund site, that may provide benefits for potentially injured species. We are writing to inform you that a portion of your property has been identified as having potential restoration value (see attached map). This potential project concept, along with the other potential projects included in the Trustees' "restoration portfolio", was nominated for consideration by a local municipality or non-governmental organization. The enclosed potential project fact sheet and concept map describe the types of restoration activities that could be implemented at your site. *Participation in restoration through this process is strictly voluntary.*

The Trustees are interested in working with willing property owners to explore restoration possibilities at the identified sites. The enclosed information will provide more background on the Trustees' role and restoration planning efforts. If you would like to learn more about opportunities to participate in restoration with the Natural Resource Trustees, please contact Megan Callahan Grant with the NOAA Restoration Center at 503-231-2213. In addition, the Trustees will host a series of public meetings in the summer and fall of 2011 to gather public input on restoration priorities and opportunities for the Portland Harbor Superfund site; we invite your participation in these conversations.

The Trustee Council's website (<http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Contaminants/PortlandHarbor/>) provides updated information about public meetings, and additional information about the Trustees' injury assessment and restoration planning activities.

Sincerely,



Erin Madden

Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustees

Kellogg Dam Removal

Landowner: City of Milwaukie, ODOT, private landowners

Site Description: This site is located on the east side of the Willamette River at river mile 18, upstream of the Portland Harbor Study Area and immediately south of downtown Milwaukie. Kellogg Dam was originally constructed to power a grist mill in 1858 and has been reinforced several times since then. The dam is a significant barrier to fish passage on Kellogg Creek. Behind the dam sits Kellogg Lake, a 14-acre warm water reservoir with average depths ranging from 1 to 3 feet.

Proposed Restoration: Restoration at this site would include the removal of a dam on Kellogg Creek, a major tributary of the Willamette River, and draining Kellogg Lake. This project would restore tributary, wetland and native riparian habitat, including creation of an approximately .75-mile meandering stream channel within the former lake bed, control of exotic, invasive plant communities, planting of native vegetation, and placement of large woody debris structures.

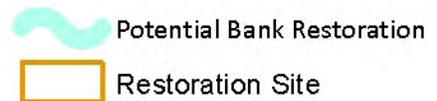
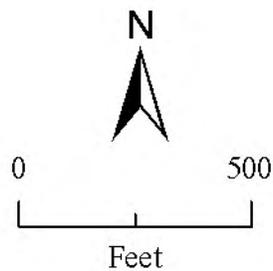
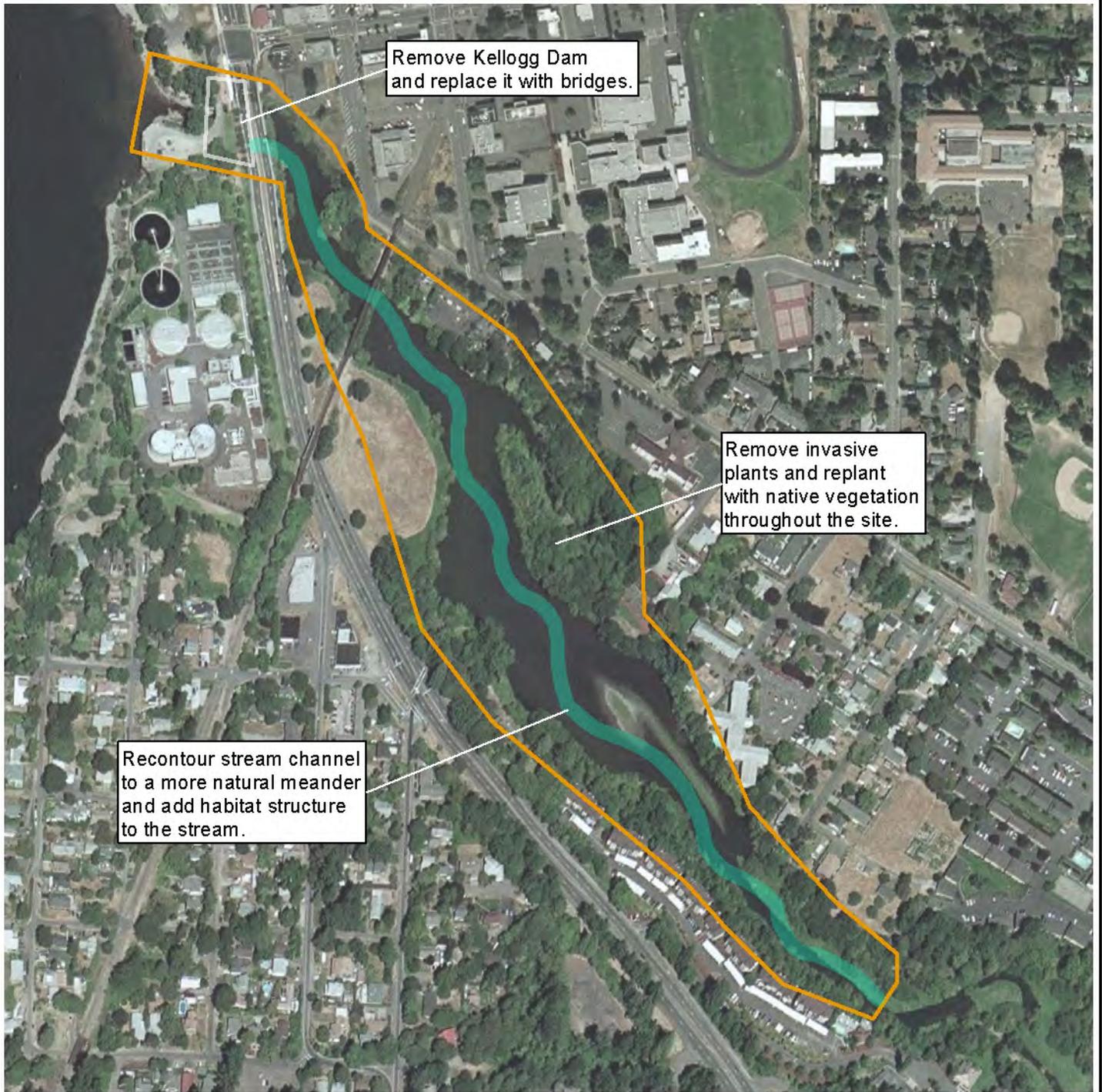
Benefits: Dam removal would open up fish access to the lower 5-mile extent of Kellogg Creek and provide partial passage to the upper reaches of the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed (a total of 9 miles of passage), increasing the availability of shallow water and off-channel habitat. Drainage of Kellogg Lake would eliminate a known detriment to salmonid populations by reducing water temperatures and predation concerns. Management of contaminated sediments in the lake could decrease risks to fish and wildlife and improve overall water quality. Habitat enhancements within the lake bed would provide cold-water rearing and refuge areas for juvenile coho and spring Chinook and would create new floodplain capacity. The cold water springs surrounding the site may also contribute unique habitat for terrestrial and aquatic species. Removal of invasive plant species and revegetation with native species would provide diverse habitats for native macro-invertebrate, amphibian and wildlife communities. The site is adjacent to Milwaukie's developing, transit-oriented South Downtown and could provide public education and recreation benefits in addition to habitat benefits.

Feasibility: The site is in public ownership and the landowner is supportive of the restoration work. In 2002, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) detected contaminants in lakebed sediments above the guidelines adopted for use in the Dredge Material Evaluation Framework and DEQ's Level II screening values at multiple sample points. Sediment management would be necessary as part of the restoration effort. Highway 99E sits atop the dam and transportation upgrades may be necessary if the dam is removed. In addition, a sanitary sewer line, which sits on the lakebed one-half mile above the dam, would need to be relocated. TriMet's Light Rail Transit crossing will be built over the lake just upstream of Hwy 99E, adjacent to an active Union Pacific Rail Road trestle, adding infrastructure considerations to the project.

Other constraints/considerations: The Corps has re-initiated a feasibility study, which will likely be completed in 2011. Project design could commence in 2011 with the possibility for in-water construction in 2013. A number of private landowners currently border the lakebed; the City of Milwaukie is actively working with these landowners to address potential concerns about the project and continue to build community support.

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Map prepared for Portland Harbor
Natural Resource Trustees



This map represents conceptual fish and wildlife habitat restoration opportunities which have been screened against criteria developed by the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustees. Further analysis of this site will occur to determine the feasibility, cost, and habitat value of the restoration concepts on a finer scale.