



# Milwaukie Riverfront Park ~ Phase I

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## Phase I of Milwaukie Riverfront Park to begin summer of 2012

Thanks to a grant from Metro, the City of Milwaukie will start Phase I of the construction of Milwaukie Riverfront Park in the summer of 2012.

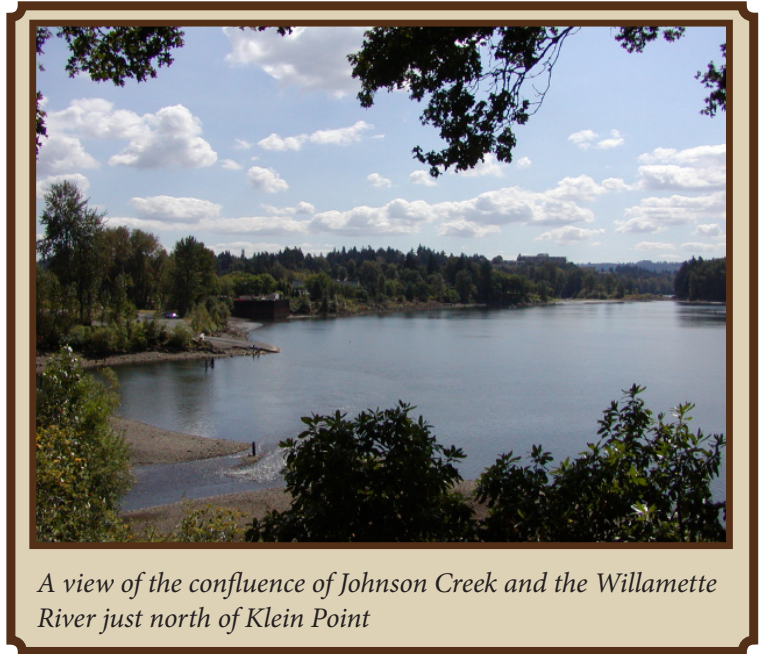
On May 19, 2011 the City of Milwaukie and the Johnson Creek Watershed Council were awarded a grant for \$213,000 by the Metro Nature in Neighborhoods program.

\$190,000 of these funds will be used to construct the first phase of Milwaukie Riverfront Park, including Klein Point Overlook, at the north end of the park.

“This is the beginning of something big,” said JoAnn Herrigel, City of Milwaukie Community Services Director and project manager of Milwaukie Riverfront Park.

Klein Point will include a small plaza overlooking the confluence of Johnson Creek and the Willamette River and interpretive signage explaining historical aspects of the area as well as habitat enhancements being completed by the Johnson Creek Watershed Council.

The Watershed Council used the balance of the Metro grant to create a riffle near an exposed sewer pipe that crosses the Creek and installed one of several engineered log jams to provide shelter for migrating fish.



*A view of the confluence of Johnson Creek and the Willamette River just north of Klein Point*

The wood structure was constructed using approximately 7 to 10 trees (including rootwads, tree tops, and whole trees) which were imported from outside the project area. To secure the wood structures, tree stems were partially buried in the bank and pinned with rebar, weighted with rock ballast, and backfilled with native soils.

This restoration work was completed in September of 2011.



Plaza

**Together, we can make it happen.**

**1 Kellogg Overlook** ▶ Enjoy the view of historic Milwaukie Bay, Kellogg Creek and Elk Rock Island.

**2 Temporary Moorage Dock** ◀ Transient Dock for temporary tie-up of boats.

**3 Pedestrian Bridge** ▶ A unique 120-foot span connects north and south park amenities and trails.

**4 Parking** ◀ Parking for 20 trucks with boat trailers and 10 spaces for cars. Bike racks located north and south of Kellogg Creek.

**5 Boat Launch** ▶ Single lane boat launch with adjacent non-motorized boat launch.

**6 Great Lawn** ▶ Half an acre of open area for picnicking, games and river viewing.

**7 Plaza and Fountain** ◀ Restrooms on upper level with fountain cascading into interactive pools below.

**8 Amphitheater** ▶ Enjoy music and theater from 180 seats built of contoured lawn and local basalt.

**9 Children's Play Area** ◀ Crafted from natural materials, playground reflects the surrounding environment.

**10 Riverside Trail** ▶ Punctuated with wall seating, the walkway offers a prime river view.

**Milwaukie Waterfront Park**

## Park Fast Facts

- The Riverfront Board was created by Milwaukie City Council in 1998 to guide the design and development of the Riverfront and Downtown area. The Board has evolved into mostly a guidance group for the Milwaukie Riverfront Park.
- The Riverfront Board meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Pond House (near the Library downtown).
- The staff liaison is JoAnn Herrigel, the City's Community Services Director. She organizes the meetings, takes notes and works with the Chair (Dave Green) to develop agendas.
- Milwaukie Riverfront Park is a 6.5 acre park located west of McLoughlin Blvd., Johnson Creek to the north and the Kellogg Wastewater Treatment Plant to the south.
- The proposed park will include:
  - o A new boat ramp and 30 spaces for boaters and cars
  - o Two restrooms (one large and one small)
  - o A playground
  - o An outdoor amphitheater for performances
  - o Two overlook areas located near Kellogg and Johnson Creeks
  - o A tie up dock for boaters wanting to visit the park or downtown Milwaukie
  - o A main plaza and interactive fountain
- The City has 70% design plans completed for the park and will build the first phase - Klein Point - in the summer of 2012. **Element 10 above.**

Visit the City's web site to view images of the proposed park at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org). Or for more information call JoAnn at (503) 786-7508.