



# 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.

