

PROJECT OVERVIEW

American Rivers, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), North Clackamas Watershed Council (NCWC), and the City of Milwaukie (City), with support from key project partners, have initiated a [multi-benefit project](#). The project will create fish passage into the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed, restore lower Kellogg Creek and its floodplain through the City of Milwaukie, improve long-term community resiliency and access to nature, while modernizing vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured to complete all pre-construction activities. The project is in Phase 1.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

- **Outreach and Community Engagement –**
 - A site tour was held for Portland State University’s Environmental Justice & River Restoration course students in the Environmental Professionals Program, related to the project’s educational, workforce development, and equitable objectives.
 - A site tour was held for the American Society of Civil Engineers Younger Members Group, related to the project’s objective of supporting workforce development.
 - NCWC’s new Community Engagement Coordinator staff member from the AmeriCorps Confluence Environmental Center program began this month. This staff member will provide community outreach and engagement services dedicated entirely to the project.
 - NCWC staffed an informational table at the Milwaukie Sustainability Fair as an opportunity to engage the public.
 - NCWC engaged the North Clackamas School District regarding the opportunity for Milwaukie High School and Rowe Middle School educational events, and the opportunity for student participation in project-related monitoring of water quality and macroinvertebrates.
 - NCWC staff spent the day at Rowe Middle School discussing the project with approximately 100 7th-grade science students.

- **Design –**
 - Interfluve (IFI) submitted a *Draft Kellogg Project Conceptual Restoration Plan* report to the Leadership Team documenting existing conditions at the site, modeling of proposed conditions under the preferred restoration alternative (Alt 3), and a conceptual restoration design. The core project team will review the report, then distribute it to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for further review and input.
 - ODOT developed a 99E bridge replacement concept, including proposed roadway cross-section and potential layouts for the multi-use undercrossing. The project team held several team and sub-team design meetings to discuss constraints and refine the concept.
 - The core project team continued scoping the project’s Phase 2, design and permitting, including identifying baseline assumptions, costs, risks, anticipated consultant tasks and level of effort.

- The core project team provided input and feedback on additional surveying/site assessment needed to facilitate ODOT Surveying completing 2D, 3D, and bathymetric surveying work during late Q3 and Q4 2023.
- A Doodle poll was sent to the TAC, with the purpose of scheduling the 4th TAC meeting the week prior to Thanksgiving.
- **Permitting –**
 - An informal introductory planning-level meeting was held on September 19 with the Oregon Department of State Lands, and on September 25 with the US Army Corps of Engineers and NOAA. The meetings were helpful to inform assumptions, federal agency roles/responsibilities, and the potential for streamlining pathways.

OCTOBER NEXT STEPS

- The *Draft Kellogg Project Conceptual Restoration Plan* report will be distributed to the Project TAC for review and feedback documentation a week prior to the TAC 4 meeting.
- The 4th TAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th, 10:30 – 1:30 PT. The meeting will be held virtually, and a Zoom link will be distributed to TAC members. Final feedback on the Conceptual Restoration Plan will be due the week following the TAC meeting.
- The project team will finish scoping Phase 2 of the Kellogg Project and development of procurement documents in October. In coordination with other members of the Leadership Team, ODOT is targeting public advertisement of a Request for Proposals in November. The RFP will solicit proposals from qualified professional engineering firms to complete all remaining pre-construction activities, including final design and permitting services.
- Thermograph probes will be collected, ending this year's baseline monitoring of Kellogg Creek water temperatures above, in, and below the Kellogg Lake impoundment.