

PROJECT OVERVIEW

American Rivers (AR), 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 voluntary restoration project](#). The project will create fish passage into the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed, restore lower Kellogg Creek and its floodplain through the City, improve long-term community resiliency and access to nature, and require modernization of vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured for pre-construction activity completion. [The project has completed Phase 1 of 4.](#)

JANUARY SUMMARY

- **Design and Permitting** –
 - GRI continued developing the Geotechnical Exploration Work Plan. The analysis of physical sediment properties throughout Kellogg Lake and near adjacent infrastructure will be used to inform the advanced design process in Phase 2, including restoration design, 99E bridge replacement design, and infrastructure protection.
 - Inter-Fluve completed the Draft Phase 2 (2024) Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), which will be used to finalize characterization of impounded sediments in Kellogg Lake.
 - The Draft SAP was submitted to the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET) on January 30 for review under the 2018 Regional Sediment Evaluation Framework.
 - The 2024 sediment sampling effort, which will include sediment borings for both the sediment contaminant analysis and geotechnical evaluation, is targeted to begin in May pending permit approvals from multiple regulatory agencies.
 - A meeting with the Oregon Dept of State Lands was held to identify state permit requirements associated with the proposed second round of sediment sampling, which is critical to advancing the Kellogg Restoration Project through design and permitting.
 - Jonathan Horowitz and April McEwen (Project Managers) hosted an open house on Jan 31 for prospective consultant teams interested in submitting a proposal in response to ODOT's upcoming RFP for professional services.

- **Monitoring** –The Final report documenting eDNA results from 2023 was completed and will be hosted on NCWC's website.

- **Outreach and Community Engagement** –
 - A site tour was held with the Gray Family Foundation on January 3rd.
 - NCWC, Milwaukie High School, and Rowe Middle School continued to develop a student macroinvertebrate monitoring program. This partnership with the school will create educational opportunities and advance workforce development as part of project efforts.
 - A Community Engagement Committee meeting was held to discuss outreach and community engagement needs in Phase 2.

FEBRUARY NEXT STEPS

- An Oregon DSL Fill/Removal Individual Permit will be submitted in early February requesting approval for sediment sampling activities targeted to begin in May.
- The project team will continue to request meetings with regulatory agency staff to discuss the sediment sampling plan and required permits to conduct field work this summer. A meeting with ODFW is scheduled for Feb 2.
- The Final Basis of Design Report for Kellogg Impoundment Restoration (BDR) and associated conceptual restoration plans will be available, including an appendix documenting Technical Advisory Committee review feedback and the project team response.
- ODOT anticipates public advertisement of the RFP for the project's Phase 2 Final Design, permitting, and professional A&E services at the end of February/early March.
- An Open House for several ODOT and City projects, including Kellogg is being hosted at Milwaukie City Hall on February 29.
- The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will tour the project site on February 15.
- A communal citizen-science BioBlitz will be held at the project site to record species and biological data and to advance local stewardship of natural resource areas.