

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.](#)

FEBRUARY SUMMARY

- **Outreach and Community Engagement –**
 - An [Open House](#) was hosted on February 29 at Milwaukie City Hall for several ODOT and City projects, including the Kellogg Project.
 - The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) leadership visited the Project site on February 15 for a [presentation and tour](#). This included a presentation from Dr. Leslie King and Kregg Smith on the social equity and environmental justice aspects of the Project.
 - NCWC hosted a Kellogg Creek Stewardship Day on February 17 with 14 community volunteers. They learned about the project and removed invasive species alongside the Kellogg Lake impoundment.
 - A [1-page Kellogg project flyer](#) was developed for outreach purposes and will be revised to reflect project status throughout the planning phase.
 - A site tour was held for the Dandelion House community group on February 28 with seven people in attendance.
- **Design and Permitting –**
 - The Final Basis of Design Report for Kellogg Impoundment Restoration (BDR) and associated conceptual restoration plans is available, including an appendix documenting Technical Advisory Committee review feedback and the project team response.
 - The Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET) completed initial review of the Kellogg Project's Draft Phase 2 (2024) Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), which will be used to finalize characterization of impounded sediments in Kellogg Lake. PSET met with the project team on February 28 to discuss their feedback.
 - A meeting with ODFW was held to discuss proposed 2024 sampling and related fishery aspects.
 - A Joint Permit Application (JPA) was finalized and submitted to the Oregon Dept of State Lands, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Oregon Dept of Environmental Quality requesting review and approval of the proposed 2024 sediment sampling and geotechnical exploration. The results of the proposed effort are critical to advancing the Kellogg Restoration Project through final design and permitting.

- **Monitoring –**
 - The final [2023 Kellogg Creek Year 1 eDNA monitoring report](#) and the [2023 Temperature Study report](#) were completed and are publicly available on NCWC's website.
 - Planning is underway for Spring macroinvertebrate sampling in partnership with Rowe Middle School and Milwaukie High School Students, CASM Environmental and Portland State University Faculty and Graduate Students
 - On February 20th NCWC met with staff from the Xerces Society to discuss freshwater mussel surveys of the impoundment and Kellogg/Mt.Scott watershed and to scout potential survey sites based on eDNA results.

MARCH NEXT STEPS

- ODOT will release the Request for Proposals for the project's Phase 2 Final Design, permitting, and professional A&E services.
- The project team will submit a revised Phase 2 (2024) Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to the PSET for final review and approval.
- 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 Union Pacific Railroad Right of Entry permit will be submitted to Union Pacific for authorization to conduct geotechnical investigation within the railroad's Right of Way.
- The project team is engaging the Port of Portland to explore feasibility associated with disposal of excess fill material from the project site.
- On March 8, NCWC will be conducting an initial survey of the Kellogg Impoundment with The Wetlands Conservancy to identify areas for future amphibian egg mass surveys and document any current egg masses.
- The 2023 Kellogg watershed eDNA results will be presented at the Urban Ecology Research Consortium on March 11.