## **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 <u>multi-benefit voluntary restoration project</u>. 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 among other benefits, and require modernization of vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured for pre-construction activity completion. <u>The project has completed Phase 1 of 4</u>.

## MARCH SUMMARY

- Outreach and Community Engagement
  - The 2023 Kellogg Watershed eDNA results were presented by NCWC at the Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium on March 11.
  - Met with the Green Workforce Academy, a local program that provides 5-weeks of paid professional training to BIPOC adults interested in green careers, to discuss project-related opportunities.
  - The Kellogg Creek BioBlitz, a community science event that will document species present in the natural areas surrounding the restoration site, was planned and will be sponsored by Bob's Red Mill.

# • Design and Sediment Sampling Permitting

- The project team met with the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET) on March 27 to discuss aspects related to finalizing the project's Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP).
- A Joint Permit Application (JPA) for proposed sediment sampling activities was under review during March by the Oregon Dept of State Lands, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Oregon Dept of Environmental Quality. This work is critical as the results of the proposed sampling effort are necessary to inform the overall Kellogg Project permit pathway and advance Project design beyond the conceptual level.
- Local Right of Way permit applications were submitted to the Union Pacific Railroad and North Clackamas Parks and Recreation.

# • Monitoring

- 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.
- The Kellogg temperature monitoring plan was developed for the 2024 summer monitoring season.
- A grant application was submitted to the Gray Family Foundation for macroinvertebrate sampling and community science activities.

## APRIL NEXT STEPS

- ODOT will advertise the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project's Phase 2 Final Design, permitting, and professional A&E services. The RFP has been under Department of Justice review and will be released upon their approval.
- Coordination with partners, agencies, tribal nations, and landowners will continue related to the project's summer 2024 sediment sampling activities in the Kellogg Lake impoundment.