

Fanno Creek Watershed

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SW 86th Avenue Pump Station Project Update

Fanno Creek Trail to reopen by July 4

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Environmental Services works to protect water quality, and the environment through wastewater collection and treatment, sewer construction and maintenance, stormwater management, and stream and watershed restoration.

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Current Construction Activities

- **Trail to Reopen** – Last month, the contractor closed a portion of the Fanno Trail to replace several maintenance access structures in the Garden Home section of the Fanno Pressure Sewer. Environmental Services pumped clean water through the pressure sewer to test the repairs and detected a loss of pressure in the pipe. The contractor quickly located and repaired the location of the pressure loss and will re-open the Fanno Trail before the 4th of July holiday. Go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/fanno for more information.
- **House Deconstruction** – The deconstruction of the house on the site of the future pump station is proceeding on schedule. The removal of the concrete basement and the pool is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 10. The concrete will be removed with an excavator and will be noisy. The whole process of removing the concrete and then backfilling the area should last up to two weeks. Go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/fanno for more information.



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Upcoming Construction

- **Electrical Conduit** - PGE will return to install the last vault at the northern end of SW 84th Avenue on July 8. Installation will take up to two days. PGE plans to return to pave later that week.
- **SW 86th Avenue Pump Station** – Environmental Services is scheduled to start construction in August 2013. More details on the construction schedule will be available soon.

Public Inquiries

- A neighbor along the trail reported smelling a chemical odor after work hours. Workers making repairs on the pressure line on the Fanno Trail reported that someone had tampered with the secured fence at the SW 82nd excavation site and there was a strong chemical odor coming from the shaft. There was no evidence that repair equipment or the pressure sewer were the source of the odor and the contractor filed a non-emergency police report.
- Environmental Services has received several inquiries from the public regarding the construction on the Fanno Trail:
 - Q:** Why would work be scheduled on the trail during the nicest weather and not in the winter?
A: Repairs on the maintenance access structures had to be done during dry weather and in advance of an early July deadline to activate the Fanno Basin Pump Station per an agreement with Clean Water Services.
 - Q:** Why are there periods of no activity at some sites on the trail?
A: There were several work locations and the contractor did not have crews working at all locations at the same time. All the work areas needed to remain open to continue pressure testing the sewer line.
 - Q:** Why are there so many dump trucks for such a small hole in the ground?
A: The contractor used dump trucks to remove pavement, debris and excavated soil from the repair sites and to haul in fresh soil to fill the excavation sites.

On-site Office Hours

Outreach staff are on-site weekly to provide updates and answer questions.

- Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to noon and Thursdays (excluding July 4) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Fanno Creek Trail at SW 86th Avenue.

Sign up for project updates and project information at

www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/fanno, email fanno@portlandoregon.gov, or call Debbie Caselton at 503-823-2831. Updates will also be provided on the construction hotline at 503-823-1312.