

# Fanno Creek Watershed

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## SW 86th Avenue Pump Station Project Update

### Current Construction Activities

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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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### Construction Schedule

The city's contractor has finished installing the 12-foot temporary sound wall and grading and excavating the site to the floor grade of the new structures. Construction crews are installing the underground wet well and pump facility structure, which will take several months. The contractor plans to work the next several Saturdays to keep the project on schedule.

A lot of trucks and equipment are entering and exiting the project site. All vehicles are required to stop at the trail, but there are still some visibility concerns for trail users. To address these concerns, Environmental Services installed warning signs on the trail in both directions at the 86th crossing to remind trail users that the crossing at SW 86th is a four-way stop.

### Public Inquiries

- Environmental Services received several calls about a bright blue color in Fanno Creek a month ago. A Clean Water Services Spill Response investigation concluded that the source was upstream of the project site and generated by a pond-draining project at the Portland Golf Club. Investigators determined that the color came from blue, food-grade dye in the pond water and did not threaten aquatic life.
- The city received a report on September 15 of sewer odor at the Fanno Pump Station water leaking from a

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pipe into the pump station parking lot. An electronic controller that regulates the sewage level within the surge tank failed, causing the level within the tank to rise. An estimated 1,200 gallons of sewage leaked onto the parking and flowed into the nearby swale and soaked into the ground. The sewage leak did not affect groundwater and did not reach Fanno Creek. Environmental Services replaced the faulty equipment, reprogrammed the controller to eliminate the possibility of a future spill in the event of an equipment failure and reactivated the pump station.

### On-Site Office Hours

Outreach staff are available on the Fanno Creek Trail at SW 86th Avenue weekly to provide updates and answer questions:

- Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sign up for project updates and project information at

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