

PORTLAND WATER BUREAU



MT. TABOR HISTORIC PROJECTS QUARTERLY REPORT

APRIL 20, 2018

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City Council passed Resolution #37146 which is focused on the historic reservoirs at Mt. Tabor Park, and includes directives regarding communication, water levels in the reservoirs following their disconnection from the City drinking water system, tree policy, alternative water management strategies, historic preservation, and an interpretive program. The resolution committed funding of \$4 million over four years to implement maintenance, repair and preservation work at the reservoirs. This work is currently funded from the general fund by yearly decision packages. The interpretive program was a requirement of land use permitting for the Tabor Disconnect Project and is funded by the Portland Water Bureau (PWB). All activities occur within Mt. Tabor Park Historic District, and include former drinking water infrastructure including reservoirs, gatehouses, hypochlorite buildings, fencing and lighting.

CURRENT PHASE

Communications: The PWB project team and the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (MTNA) representatives continue to meet monthly regarding implementation of the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Historic Preservation Project and Interpretive Program.

Reservoir Water Management Plan: Water levels in all three reservoirs continue to be monitored. Draining, cleaning and refilling schedules are implemented and evaluated to measure water quality parameters and meet the goals outlined in the Resolution and to develop a Water Management Plan.

Historic Preservation: The PWB project team and the MTNA representatives spent the first year prioritizing projects lists in the *2009 Mt. Tabor Historic Structures Report*, and developing Request for Proposals to solicit contracts for the first few projects. The team finalized contracts for the contractors to perform the work on the first two preservation projects, the replacement of the Reservoir 5 dam face fence and the concrete restoration work on the walkways, fountain, weir building and reservoir parapet wall at Reservoir 1.

Historic Interpretive Program: The Land Use Review Approval Findings #37146 direct that a public interpretive program be developed on Mt. Tabor, in collaboration with the MTNA. Contractors Historic Research Associates, Inc. and Brian Potter Designs were hired to develop concepts for interpretive program display materials, content, and locations.

NEXT QUARTER PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Communications: The Portland Water Bureau (PWB) project team and the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood (MTNA) representatives continue to meet monthly regarding implementation of the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Historic Preservation Project and Interpretive Program.

Reservoir Water Management Plan: Reservoirs 5 and 6 will be drained, cleaned and refilled in April 2018. Reservoir 1 will remain empty as the contractor completes concrete restoration work.

Historic Preservation: The fence on the Reservoir 5 dam face is being replaced with materials that are more compatible with historic fencing at the reservoirs, and it is anticipated the project will be complete by the end of April 2018. The concrete restoration of Reservoir 1 will continue through May 2018. Design work and plans for FY 18-19 work is currently underway.

Historic Interpretive Program: Historic Research Associates, Inc. and Brian Potter Designs, along with PWB and MTNA, are hosting a public Open House on April 14 to present concepts for interpretive program display materials, content, and locations.

Once feedback from the public has been collected and analyzed, another public meeting will be held to determine recommendations for final interpretive program display materials, content, and locations.



City of Portland (OR) Archives
Reservoir 6 and surrounding areas. A2008-009, 1894.

Help us tell the stories of the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs

Join us for an open house exploring ideas for interpretive displays about the historic reservoirs and Portland's water system.

Saturday, April 14, 2018 10 a.m.-noon

PCC SE Campus
Community Hall Annex
2305 SE 82nd Ave
Portland, OR 97216



BUDGET

Historic Preservation Budget

Funds for the historic preservation of the reservoirs and buildings come from the General Fund. The carryover from FY16/17 was \$530,000 and \$1,020,000 was requested and received from City Council for FY 17/18. These funds will be used for the first package of preservation projects that began construction in November 2017. Funds for FY 18/19 have been requested in a decision package that is going through the City budget process this winter.

FY 17-18 PROECTS – Construction consists of concrete restoration/preservation, and miscellaneous building repairs at all 3 reservoirs. Payments to date equal \$932,785; balance to complete is \$619,356. Total project cost is \$1,552,141.

FY 18-19 PROPOSED PROJECTS – Construction may consist of restoration/preservation work at the Reservoir One basin, restoration of historic light fixtures and fence repairs at Reservoirs Five and Six. Proposed work is still in design and will need to be further refined to meet the requested FY 18-19 funds. Total project costs are \$1,627,500. FY 18-19 requested budget \$1,115,000.

Interpretive Program Budget

Funds for the Interpretive Program come from the Water Fund. The first year of the interpretive program started in late March 2017 and has been focused on historic research, developing a public outreach plan and draft program development.

The current FY1 17-18 spending plan for the interpretive program development project is \$100,000 of which \$64,361 has been spent to date, to continue with program development, design and public outreach tasks.