



South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update July 8, 2013

Greetings!

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July and are settling into the summer coolly and comfortably.

Funding

Funding to complete Phase 1 was approved by City Council the last week of June. At the end of construction this season, we anticipate the completion of all the bank stabilization work (three types of walls – gabion, sheet pile and vault), removal of contaminated soils, the construction of a shallow water habitat for fish, a path providing water access, native plantings and a restored upland area with benches, a pathway and grass.

Construction

The In Water Work Window opened on July 1. Last week, river levels were between 9 and 11 feet. There are good indications (lack of rain, height of the Columbia River and snow levels) that river levels will drop below elevation 8 within the next few weeks. Once the river level is low enough, the excavating machinery and trucks can begin work on the shallow water habitat.

Until the water level drops, the contractor will be sampling soil, removing rubble at the south end of the site and installing the irrigation system.

Work Hours - Monday – Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Portland Parks & Recreation website at www.portlandparks.org is the place to go for accurate and up-to-date information on the progress of the project. We know that construction is inconvenient, messy and sometimes dangerous. By providing accurate and timely information, we will do our best to let you know what to expect.

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More on Phasing

The Greenway Project phasing was introduced to the South Waterfront Community on March 21, 2012 at a Nature and Green Spaces meeting. Phase 1 is the Riverbank Restoration including removal of contaminated soil, installation of retaining walls and riparian habitat and the osprey pole, plus repair of areas of the site that were damaged during construction. Phase 2 includes the Upland Park, with pedestrian and bicycle paths, seating, lighting, lawns and the public art piece. Portland Parks & Recreation remains committed to completion of this project. No features of the project are expected to be changed or eliminated as a result of the phasing.



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South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update June 20, 2013

Greetings!

We are on our way and very hopeful to have a full and productive construction season! We are pleased to share that the funding for this phase of the work has been identified by PP&R and will be approved by City Council next week. Onward!

Construction: JW Fowler has remobilized and begun work on the upland. This includes welding a steel plate cap on the top of the sheet pile walls and working toward completing the second gabion wall. The third and final wall will be completed in the fall.

Our permit requires us to wait until July 1 to begin work below elevation 18.0, the Ordinary High Water mark. On or shortly after this date, our contractor will reinstall the bright yellow sediment curtain in the river, followed by soil placement and preliminary bank reshaping activities on the south end of the project. Once the river drops to an average elevation of 8.0, the contractor will move lower to work on the shallow water habitat.

Water Levels: In Water Work Window opens on July 1. Our schedule and work plan depend upon water levels in the Willamette dropping. We were unable to complete the shallow water work last year because the river levels remained too high. So far this season, water levels are tracking closely with historical patterns, indicating that the river levels will drop.

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South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update June 5, 2013

Greetings!

First, we would like to assure our neighbors that we are committed to completing this project - both the restoration and upland phases. As we have stated consistently, this work is messy, inconvenient, and unpredictable. We modified our approach and schedule in response to water levels and costs, and we are continuing to work to identify the funds necessary to implement the upland and restoration work.

Construction - JW Fowler is the contractor returning from last year. They arrive on site this week.

The contractor will start work this year on the upland activities above the Ordinary High Water mark at elevation +18.0. Their intention is to begin the shallow water work in July. As you may remember, the “In Water Work Window” is the period in which the permitting agencies allow us to work in the water. This window opens on July 1st.

Water Levels - Our schedule and work plan depends on water levels in the Willamette River dropping. Last year, one of our challenges was that the river remained too high for too long. So far this season, water levels are tracking closely with historical patterns, indicating that the water levels will drop.

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South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update **May 16, 2013**

Hello Neighbors! In anticipation of beginning the next stage of construction, we are reintroducing our twice monthly project updates.... We have included the final update from December 2012 at the end of this to refresh your memory on last year's work.

Construction – Portland Parks & Recreation is planning to resume construction on the South Waterfront Greenway in early June. We are still working out the details of the budget and costs.

Construction activities are anticipated to be similar to last summer and fall: earthwork, shallow –water habitat excavation and plantings. We expect to complete major construction in December 2013. The lawn grasses will establish themselves through Spring 2014. Construction fences will be removed once the lawns are sturdy enough to withstand public use.

Water Levels - As with last year, we are dependent on the water levels in the Willamette River. Initial indicators (an unseasonably warm spring with minimal rain) suggest that the water levels will fall to an appropriate level.

Work hours

- Mon – Sat, 7 am – 7 pm

Osprey –

A second Osprey pole was installed on the dolphin at the southern end of the site earlier this year by Bob Sallinger, Audubon Conservation Director. Thanks Bob!

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Elizabeth Caruthers Park **Caruther Park Construction..... Again?**

Unfortunately, when the park was constructed in 2009-10, there were defects with the originally installed soils (not enough topsoil, improperly prepared subsoils), plants, elements of the boardwalks and exterior sidewalk joints.

As a result, plants are failing and will be short-lived; the boardwalk is less structurally sound and presents trip hazards that will become more pronounced over time; and the concrete sidewalks are cracking and may buckle over time. Many of these issues pose safety risks to the people who use this park, and are currently, or will, become heavy maintenance and repair burdens over time, if not corrected.

Once PP&R became aware of the issues, we began to work with the contractor through a claims process. A mediated settlement resulted in the contractors agreeing to pay PP&R to conduct some of the necessary repairs. Additionally, PP&R will use some of the project's contingency funds to cover amounts in excess of the settlement agreement.

Portions of the park will be off-limits from May through July 2013 while we conduct repairs.