



South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update
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Greetings, Everyone!

Construction Update

Work is well underway on Phase 2 of the Greenway Central District Project, the upland park. This phase of the construction work includes grading the site; building a new retaining wall west of the Swale; building the five overlooks; paving the dual system paths and small plazas; and installing irrigation and planting.

Work is currently underway in two important areas. First, the contractor is installing the pedestrian walkway at the eastern edge of the upland, between SW Gibbs and SW Gaines. The second focus is on the last of the wire and rock retaining walls located at the south end of the site, just west of the Swale. This wall will support the dual pathways.

We would like to say “Thank You” to OHSU for again letting us use their property to stage this project. This is an invaluable contribution to this work.

Here is a recent photo of activities on the site:



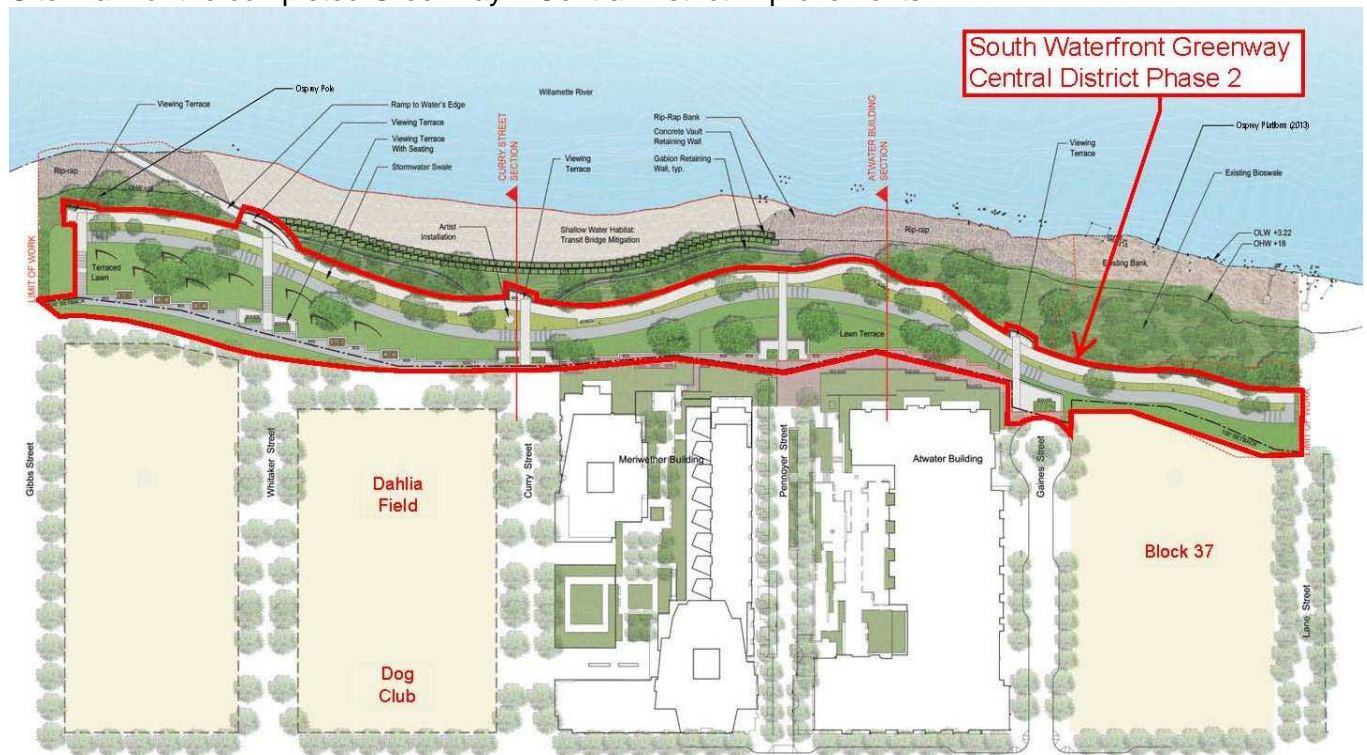
Looking south from near Whittaker: JW Fowler Co. employees build a section the pedestrian path near the Curry Street overlook. At left, greenery from the reconstructed riverbank can be seen.



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Site Plan for the completed Greenway – Central District Improvements:



On this image, the thick red line marks Phase 2. The areas riverward of this line were completed in Phase 1 during 2012-2013.

We expect to complete major construction in November 2014. The grass lawn will be seeded during the fall and will be left to grow and get established through spring 2015. Construction fences will be removed once the lawns are sturdy enough to withstand public use. After construction is complete and while the lawn is being established, PP&R will provide access to the ramp down to the river at SW Whitaker.

2014 Work hours: In general, Monday – Friday, 7 am – 5 pm, but a few Saturday work days are planned during June and July.

The Portland Parks & Recreation website – 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.

Please let me know if you have any questions, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, 503-823-5113 or Elizabeth.kennedy-wong@portlandoregon.gov