





Crystal Springs Creek Restoration at Westmoreland Park – Construction Update 5/22/2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors -

The wetland restoration project is nearly complete! We are excited for you to have your park back.

Wet conditions on the site in Fall 2013 extended the project work through this spring. Fortunately, a dry spring allowed contractors the opportunity to finish the installation of the irrigation system and wood fiber trail, and to begin planting native vegetation. Through the end of May crews will be finishing planting, lawn seeding, and mulching.

Community members and project staff identified several species of birds nesting in the project area this spring. Killdeer, Bushtits and Song Sparrows, although not uncommon, are great indicators that we will soon be observing many new bird species and water birds as the site matures. The Portland Audubon website has several resources for identifying birds http://audubonportland.org/

Contractors estimate that the project will be complete and the construction fencing removed in early June. Some fencing may remain until the newly seeded lawn is established.

A festival is being planned to celebrate the return of salmon to Crystal Springs Creek and the park re-opening. The celebration will be October 18, 2014. Stay tuned for more information.

Read a recent article about this project in the Sellwood Bee: http://pamplinmedia.com/sb/74-news/219606-79062-westmoreland-park-remobilization-trying-to-finish-the-project.

For more information, please contact Michelle Helms, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, by phone at 503-808-4517 or email <u>Michelle.R.Helms@usace.army.mil</u>.

Nature Based Play Area (a separate Parks project)

Construction is underway for the Nature Based Play area, and has steadily progressed this spring when weather allowed. It is planned to be complete in August.

All of the play equipment has been removed. The closest playgrounds are:

Johnson Creek Park - SE 21st Ave and Sherrett St. Sellwood Park - SE 7th Ave and Miller St.

Llewellyn Elementary School - SE 14th and Tolman St.

If you have any comments or questions – please contact Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong with Portland Parks & Recreation at 503-823-5113

One final safety reminder: Please do not enter construction areas and be mindful of truck traffic and large equipment around the project area. We want this to be a safe construction site!