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South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update

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Greetings, Everyone!

Construction Update

Major work continues on the pedestrian walkway at the eastern edge of the upland, between SW Gibbs and SW Gaines, and on the wire and rock retaining wall at the south end of the site, just west of the Swale. Beginning soon will be preparations for the Lawn Shelves (see image below) in the lawn area north of Curry, and laying out the bases for light poles.

JW Fowler will also begin working on the Viewing Terraces and Pathways adjacent to the bases of the Meriwether and the Atwater. Some rebuilding of the existing paver pathways is needed in order to evenly match the new improvements, and this may require closing the existing walkway for short periods of time. We will minimize the amount of time this will take and work with the South Waterfront Community Association to provide as much advance notice as possible of when the work will happen.



Above, an illustration from the 2012 permit application. Looking south from near Whittaker: Pedestrian path at left, bike path at center and Lawn Shelves at right.

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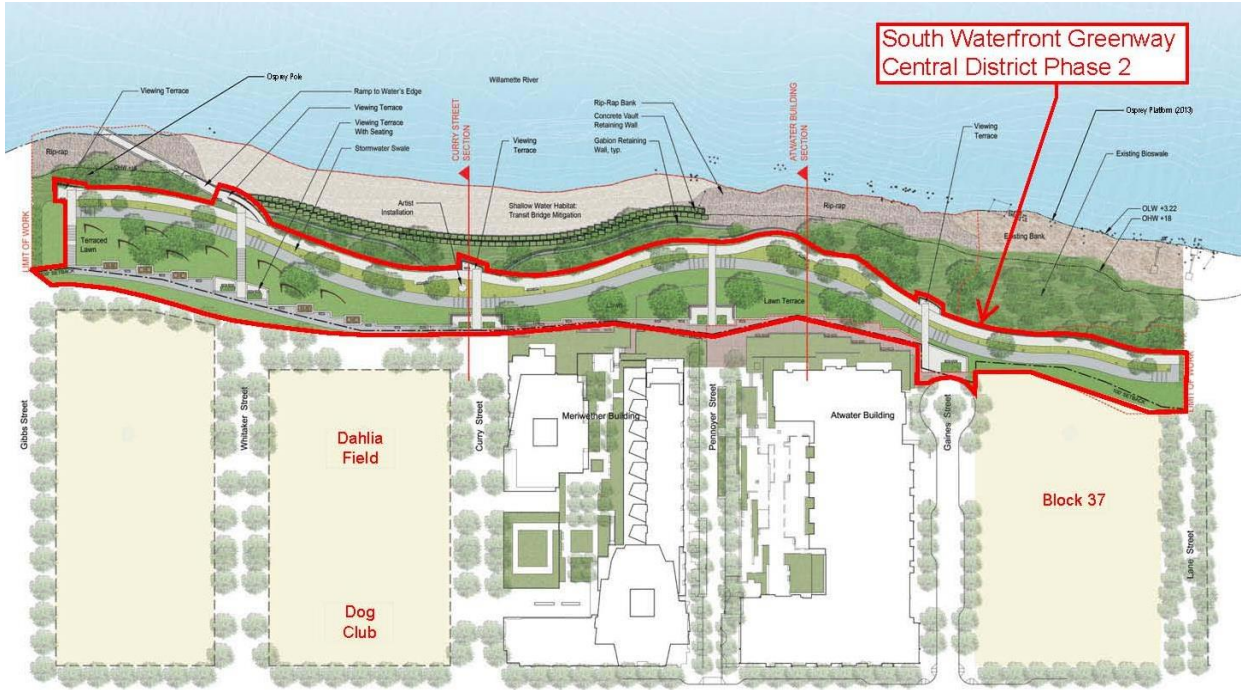
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Site Plan for the completed Greenway – Central District Improvements:



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

Phase 2 of the construction work includes grading the site; building a new retaining wall west of the Swale; building the overlooks; paving the dual system paths and small plazas; and installing irrigation and planting.

At the end of construction, the park will include pathways, river overlooks, small plazas, seating, lighting, trees, plantings, lawn and public art.

Schedule

We expect to complete major construction in November of this year (2014). The lawn grasses 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. In the interim, however, PPR will provide access to the ramp leading 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