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MT. SCOTT CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT OPENS AT NORTH CLACKAMAS PARK

Clackamas County, OR – Community members are invited to celebrate the completion of a restoration project along Mt. Scott Creek at North Clackamas Park from 10-11 a.m. Sept. 18 at the park, 5440 S.E. Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie.

Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) has partnered with North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) and the City of Milwaukie to improve in-stream and riparian areas along lower Mt. Scott Creek within North Clackamas Park.

Within the park is the confluence of salmon-bearing Mt. Scott Creek and its shallow tributary, Camas Creek. The creeks attracted people and dogs, resulting in a trampled, eroded shoreline. Sixty logs were installed to give fish nooks and crannies to rest in during their migrations. Many species of native fish – including sculpin, redbreast shiners, dace and crayfish – have been observed in the creek. A culvert was removed allowing Camas Creek to flow freely. Thousands of native plants were installed to restore the riparian forest habitat along the shores. A new backchannel alcove offers salmon refuge.

The goal is not just to help fish and water quality, but to increase visitors' awareness of this special natural resource. At a bend in Mount Scott Creek, an overlook reveals views in both directions of the water and surrounding habitat. Beyond that is a restored stream bank and riparian area. Interpretive signs accompanying the new overlooks will help create a strong connection to nature and fresh appreciation of the creeks.

The Mt. Scott Creek Restoration Project includes the following elements:

- 48,000 square feet of restored and protected riparian forest habitat

- Large woody debris installations for fish habitat, including approximately 60 logs
- 320 linear feet of streambank stabilization and restoration
- 530 linear feet of decommissioned trail
- New pedestrian bridge for ADA-access across Camas Creek
- Two creek overlooks, one of crushed stone and one fiberglass deck
- Culvert removal and bank restoration at Camas Creek confluence
- New backchannel alcove on the north side of the creek for fish habitat

This project has been a collaborative effort with NCPRD, Clackamas County Water Environment Services, Metro, City of Milwaukie, The Nature Conservancy, OWEB, and Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District.

WHAT: Mt. Scott Creek restoration project opening

WHEN: 10-11 a.m. Sept. 18

WHERE: North Clackamas Park, 5440 S.E. Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie—at the new overlook deck, a short walk from the back parking lot

DETAILS: Refreshments will be provided

INFO.: www.riverhealth.org/mt-scott-creek-restoration

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