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Dear Members of the Oregon City Metro Enhancement Committee:

This letter is to request a second extension of the \$25,000 grant for the Mountain View Cemetery Scattering Canyon Water Quality project. The grant will be utilized for final design products to be completed by a consultant engineering firm.

The initial grant was approved in 2016 and the first extension was granted in 2017. These extensions have been requested because unforeseen circumstances.

The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council (GOCWC) has worked closely with Oregon City Public Works to bring this project to fruition. Public Works had included in its budget this biennium additional funding for final design products as well as capital funds to implement the project. The collapse of 2 critical sewer links meant that the funds had to be redirected to the emergency repair of the infrastructure.

The purpose of the Mountain View Cemetery Scattering Canyon water quality project is to stabilize the existing stream channel to improve water quality that flows through the city-owned cemetery into Newell Creek in the Metro-owned Newell Creek Canyon natural area. Aesthetics and access will also be important in the design of this project, as the project site is used as a spiritual visiting place for patrons of the adjacent cemetery to scatter ashes of loved ones.

The GOCWC and Public Works remain committed to this project that will be implemented in next biennium. The Board's favorable consideration of the extension is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Doug Neeley,  
GOCWC Chair