



Rivers of Life

Center

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April 25, 2015

Metro Enhancement Review Committee:

Rivers of Life Center/ Earth Crusaders program is pleased to submit our 2015 request to enhance and landscape two high-visibility areas in Oregon City. We titled this project "Historic Oregon City/Two Gateways Clean-up and Beautification." Our partners include the Two Rivers Neighborhood Association and Park Place Neighborhood Association, who have requested these projects. Other partners include the City of Oregon City Public Works, Clackamas County Parks, Oregon City School District, and the Metro Solid Waste and Recycling Division.

The projects will clean up over 5 acres of landscape directly adjoining Washington Street. Further, the projects will remove invasives over-running areas along Holcomb boulevard and simultaneously plant over 100 native plants in and around the Holcomb/Abernethy Gateway. All areas, as is our practice, will be maintained for two years to ensure successful establishment and appearance.

Sincerely,



Gerald W. Herrmann
President
Rivers of Life Center/Earth Crusaders
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4-28-15 @

4:45pm





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**Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant
Application for Funds
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

Before filling out this form, please read the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant Application Information for complete submittal instructions and to be sure that your proposal qualifies for funding. Applications must be received by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2015** to be considered for funding. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Liability insurance coverage may be required. Limit answers to the space provided.

Title of Project Two Gateways Cleanup and Beautification

Organization Rivers of Life Center-Earth Crusaders Program

Is this a Non-Profit Organization? Yes ☒ No ☐

Non-Profit Federal tax exempt ID Number 46-4703589

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Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable) Bryon Boyce, Two Rivers Neighborhood Assoc.

Phone & Linda Van Haverbeke, Park Place N.A.

Signature [Signature]

(The person authorized to represent the organization must sign the application with a digital signature or actual signature on a hard copy.)

*****Complete the budget sheet on page 7 first.**

Amount totals from that sheet will auto fill into this table

Grant Amount Requested:	\$17,350
+ Matching Funds (Cash):	\$3,000
+ In-Kind Matching Funds:	\$20,902
= Total Cost of Project:	\$41,252

Proposal Information

1. Is this your first grant application to the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee?

Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Have you received an Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant in the last 3 years?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please describe the projects/programs for which you received funding.

We designed and executed a beautification and cleanup program at Straight Historic Pioneer Cemetery (40,000 sq. ft. landscape) and Clackamas River Drive - Forsythe Road (20,000 sq. ft. landscape). Both sites are adopted for maintenance by Earth Crusaders and the Park Place/Holcomb neighborhood Association.

3. If you received an Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant last year, what is the status of the project?

Project is complete.



4. Will this grant-funding request be used for the first phase of a project, with possible grant requests for future phases?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain.

5. Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting funds.

Rivers of Life Center-Earth Crusaders Program has been requested by the following agencies and organizations to assist them in cleaning up and improving Oregon City lands for the benefit of residents, and visitors to the City. Organizations requesting this work include: METRO Solid Waste Division, City of Oregon City Public Works, and Two Neighborhood Associations-Two Rivers Neighborhood Association and Park Place Neighborhood Association. Sites to be enhanced include:

Project 1: "Oregon City-METRO South Gateway Landscape," approximately 1.5 acres of land.

This site directly adjoins Oregon City's Washington Street Arterial and is directly adjacent to METRO's Wetland Pond Beautification Project (METRO is sponsoring improvements through Solid Waste Division of the Wetlands Complex including extensive native plant additions, invasives removal, pruning, and thinning of overgrown areas). METRO and Oregon City's Public Works Department are embracing the removal and reuse of boulders and debris and creation of a low-maintenance dry landscape-native plant theme gateway. This work will include hand-regrading, additional soils, and establishment of up to 200 native plants and associated wildflower gardens to serve as the "METRO South-Oregon City Gateway" visitor and school bus parking area for wetland access will be improved.

Project 2: "Holcomb-Abernethy-Redland Roads Gateway Project," approximately 1 acre of land.

This site serves as the Monument sign location for Park Place Holcomb Neighborhood Association and is the gateway to the 5 sq. mile Holcomb Park Place Area. This landscape is extremely difficult for the association to maintain and will be simplified to high-visibility, drought tolerant plantings, and the proper thinning and shaping of existing trees. Extensive blackberry vines and other invasives will be removed to make this highly visible (1 acre approx.) area attractive to residents and visitors. Local businesses including Plaid Pantry, Pioneer Pizza, and adjoining industrial users are cosponsoring.

6. Describe why this project was selected and the community need(s) to which it will respond.

Projects were selected by requesting neighborhood associations and agencies of local and regional government.

Rivers of Life Center-Earth Crusaders Program have made a multiple year commitment to Oregon City's North Gateway region that seeks to improve lands in association with the large regional lifestyle center proposed, Home Depot Home Improvement Center and landscape, and improvements made by METRO and the City and State in establishing the Oregon City Gateway access called the "Jug Handle." These projects continue this commitment. In each case, commitment from both our organization and our partnering neighborhood associations will include ongoing maintenance of these two gateways. (Please see photos below.)



7a. Identify and describe how your proposal meets one or more of the goals for funding (check those below that apply and describe by item number below).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Increase attractiveness/market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Increase recycling efforts to provide a reduction in solid waste.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian, wetlands, forests or river areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Rehabilitate or upgrade the market value of housing or commercial property.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Improve safety within the City.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Provides work or training opportunities to benefit youth, seniors and low-income residents.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of the City.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Enhance art and culture within the City.

7b. List by item number in 7a and describe how the project meets the each goal.

1. *The area targeted by Washington Street is extremely ugly ad debris-filled and thus affects appreciation of Oregon City as a "Clean and Green City."*

2. *Plantings and techniques used for both sites will install hundreds of native plants in upland and poor drainage areas that will result in diverse wildlife cover and establishment of some small wetlands where some drainage problems persist.*

3. *Areas of public use such as the METRO South Wetland will be improved for passive walking, birdwatching, and enjoyment.*

4. *View corridors at dangerous intersections in both areas will be improved.*

5. *Both areas are significantly overgrown and/or debris-filled.*

6. *All materials found on site of value (boulders, gravels, downed woody materials) will be reused in the designs; all prunings and trimmings will be diverted to composting.*

7. *Two retired persons will be part-time employed as experts in plant and wildlife habitat enhancement.*

9. *Up to 40 at-risk youth from Oregon City will be involved in implementing project elements.*

10. *Both designs are highly structured to be "land-graphic" features. These features include sculpting, and creating landscapes of high contrast and art value to the viewing public.*

8. Project Period: July 2015 to June 2016 (11 months)

(Number of months in duration)

Beginning Date: July 1st, 2015

Ending Date: June 1st, 2016

9. What is the geographic area of Oregon City where the project will take place?

Oregon City's North Gateway areas included in the Park Place and Two Rivers Neighborhood Associations.

(See Letters of Support)

10. How will the community benefit by your project? What is the estimated number of people affected and anticipated outcome(s)?

A.-Debris-filled and overgrown areas adjoining Washington Street that area highly visible to visitors and residents will be landscaped.

B.-A major neighborhood entry corridor at Abernethy-Holcomb-Redland Roads will be beautified and simplified for long-term maintenance.

C.- Presently, minimal wildlife values will be improved through the introduction of diverse native and drought-tolerant plants, creation of mini wetlands at poor drainage locations and removal of plants which are detrimental to wildlife and people.

D.- Parking for both pedestrians and school buses will be for the first time established in a designed area adjoining METRO's Wetland Pond Complex.

Numbers Affected:

Oregon City's Park Place Neighborhood represents over 2,000 residents.

The Washington Street Commercial Corridor has over 5,000 movements per day by vehicles entering and exiting this important gateway.

Home Depot and METRO South Transfer Station both represent major public draws within the gateway, making cleanliness and orderliness of utmost importance.

11. What community resources will be used as support for this project (i.e. community, city-owned property, city departments, transportation services or other civic groups)?

Oregon City's Public Works Department is on record in support of the Oregon City-METRO South Gateway Project we herein propose (please see letter of support). METRO has requested our aid with their financial resources to improve the METRO South Wetland-Pond areas (approximately 2.5 acres).

Oregon City Senior High School is committing youth resources and providing experiential learning and community service credits to both projects.

12. Briefly describe prior experience managing similar projects, including any past enhancement projects.

Five previous METRO enhancement projects have been completed . Earth Crusaders in the past led Oregon City Cleanup and enhancement efforts for eight years (The City's annual Cleanup event). Rivers of Life Center employs skilled administrators, managers, and crew leaders. Jerry Miller is a 20-year experienced crew leader and project supervisor and has worked with all aspects of youth integration in both rural and urban landscape and trail-building projects. Bryon Boyce is a skilled amateur botanist and natural resources expert, and will work with youth in training and career sampling. Matthew Riegg is one of several administrative assistants, who has been working periodically for Rivers Of Life Center Since 2010. His skills in computers, research and formatting of information is crucial to this project. Many other skilled young adults are experienced crew members and will serve as the core working with Oregon City High School students.

13. List anticipated project milestones and dates (e.g. groundbreakings, significant facility improvements, large gatherings of volunteers, public meetings, conferences, special activities and events).

Oregon City-METRO South Gateway Landscape

August (2015): Groundbreaking

September-November (2015): Site grading, debris removal and reutilization of rock

November-February (2015/16): Planting and mulching of entire project

January (2016): Abernethy-Holcomb-Redland Roads Gateway, commence project work

February (2016): Site pruning, shaping, existing plant materials/removal invasives

March- May (2016): Placement of accent gravels, new plantings and final mulches

June (2016): Projects' completion and dedication event

14. An exit report will be included as part of the OC-MEC agreement. Describe the measurements you will use to assess the program/project effectiveness. In other words, how will the effectiveness of the program/project be tracked and evaluated (i.e. number of people served; improvements and/or beautification; number of volunteers attracted; amount of area cleaned or rehabilitated, etc.)? Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

A daily work log will be maintained for volunteer participation and youth involvement. Photographs will be taken at above described phases and maintained for progress report and final report submission. Work party participation (for community involvement) will be tracked and reported in required progress reports and final reports. All promotional documents and community volunteer solicitations documents and fliers will be exhibited in progress reports and a final report.

15. List sources of support for in-kind matching support (e.g. volunteer hours and donations). In order to estimate the value of donated volunteer time, use \$22.55. (This is the value of volunteer labor time as of 1/10/15, according to the Independent Sector and The Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
<i>Mulches and Soil Amendments</i>	<i>McFarlane Bark Company</i>	<i>\$2,284</i>
<i>Assisting Labor</i>	<i>Community Volunteers (160 hr)</i>	<i>\$3,608</i>
<i>Heavy Equipment and Ops.</i>	<i>Oregon City Public Works</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<i>Project Management</i>	<i>Rivers of Life Center (200 hrs.)</i>	<i>\$4,510</i>
<i>Landscape Equipment</i>	<i>Earth Crusaders Program</i>	<i>\$4,500</i>
	<i>Grand Total In Kind:</i>	<i>\$20,902</i>

16. List all grants applied for in support of this project and commitments confirmed to date.
Joseph E. Weston Fund, Oregon Community Foundation: \$3,000 received.



17. What is the percentage of OC-MEC funds to be used for personnel services or administrative costs? 9 %

18. Will the administrator be a paid position? Yes ☐ No ☒

19. Proposed Budget—on the following page please complete the proposed budget. Modify line items as needed to reflect proposed expenses.

- Column A: Show grant monies needed for the program/project.
- Column B: Show cash matching funds.
- Column C: Show donations or in-kind volunteer labor (from question 15).
- Column D: Totals for each category.

****These figures will be transferred to the table on the first page of this application.

Proposed Budget

Suggested List (not inclusive)	(A) OC-MEC Grant Dollars	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total
Personnel Services (salaries, administration)	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$4,510	\$8,510
<i>Project Supervision</i>	\$550			\$550
Project Administration costs (clerical, advertising, graphics, printing, postage)				\$0
<i>Business Emails to Volunteers</i>				\$0
Materials	\$4,500		\$2,284	\$6,784
<i>Mulches and Soil Amendments</i>				\$0
Equipment/Supplies	\$2,000		\$4,500	\$6,500
<i>Hand/Power tools maintenance</i>				\$0
Construction Costs Heavy Equipment Assistance			\$6,000	\$6,000
<i>Plants materials</i>	\$3,800			\$3,800
Event Costs				\$0
				\$0
Transportation Costs				\$0
				\$0
Insurance Costs (if needed) Comprehensive Liability	\$1,500			\$1,500
Additional Costs (List)				\$0
<i>Youth Work Stipends</i>	\$4,000		\$3,608	\$7,608
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Totals	\$17,350	\$3,000	\$20,902	\$41,252

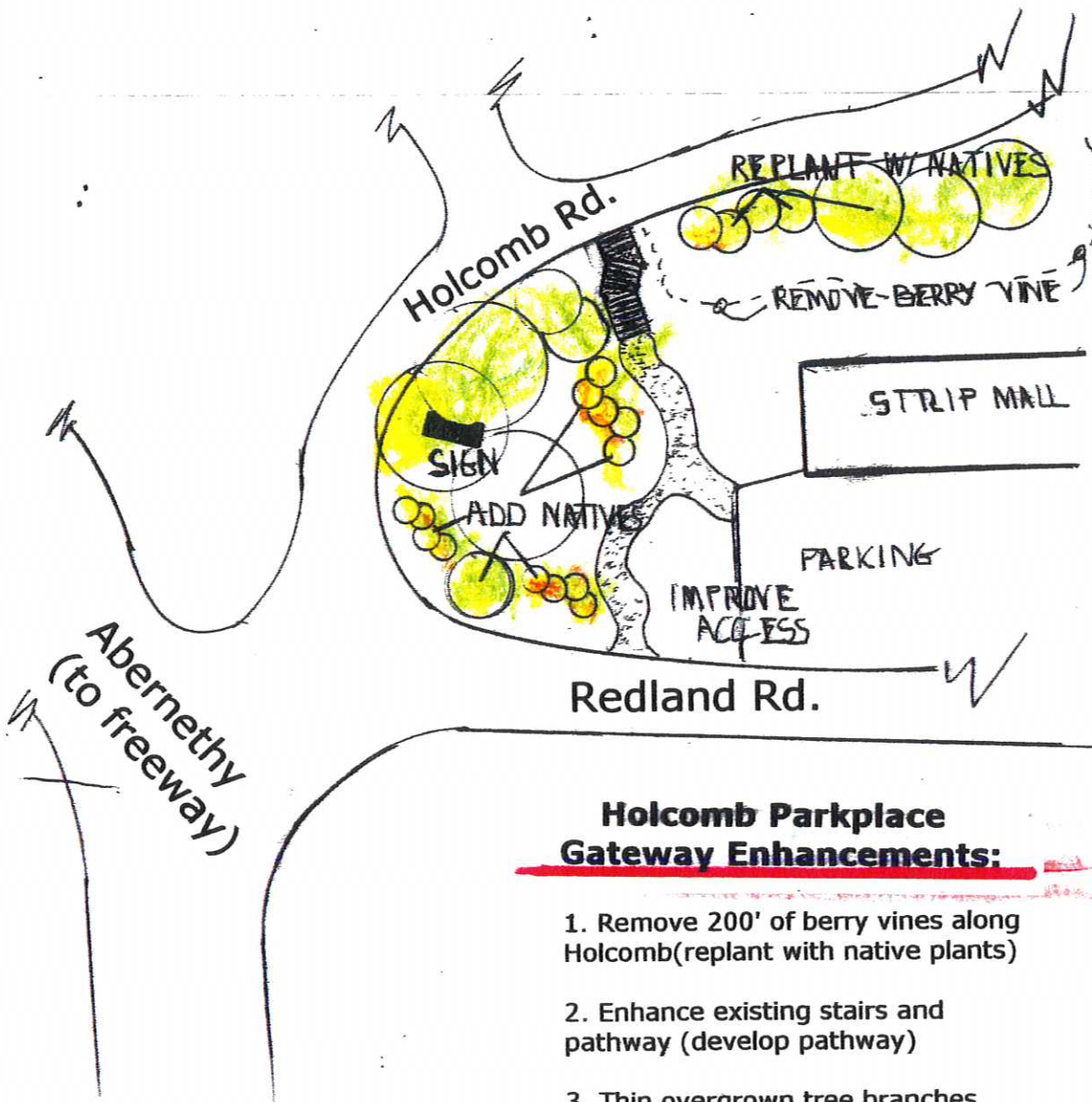


HISTORIC OREGON CITY GATEWAY/WETLAND PROJECT



HOLCOMB ABERNETHY GATEWAY PROJECT

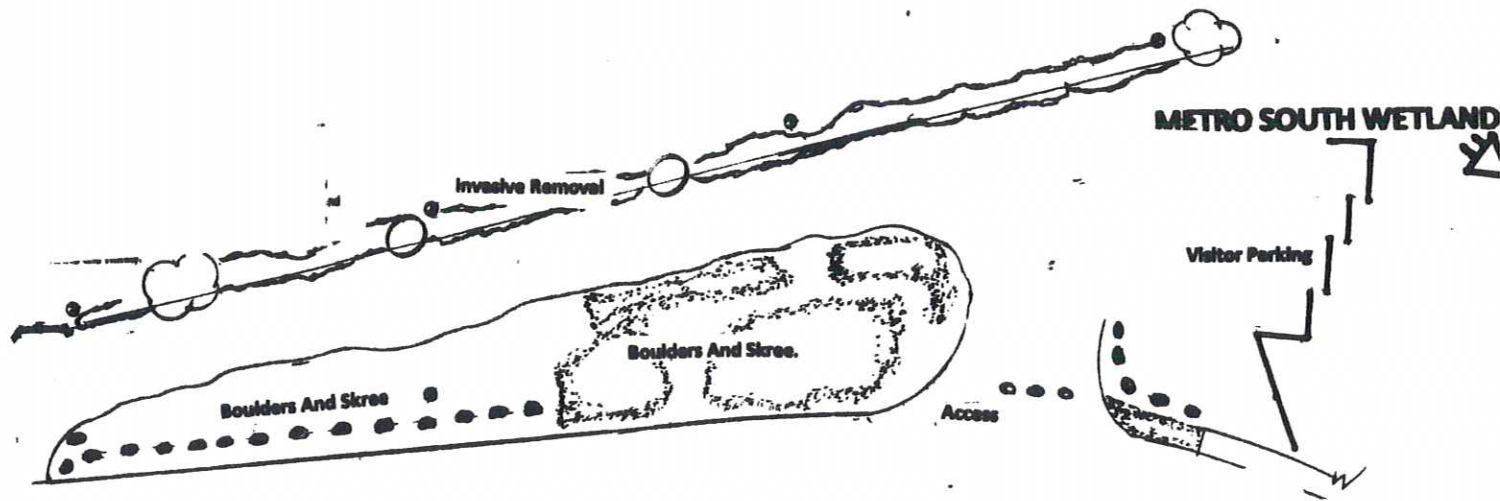




Holcomb Parkplace Gateway Enhancements:

1. Remove 200' of berry vines along Holcomb(replant with native plants)
2. Enhance existing stairs and pathway (develop pathway)
3. Thin overgrown tree branches (and replant area with up to 100 native plants)

Adjoining 12 Acre Wetland "Built Environment"



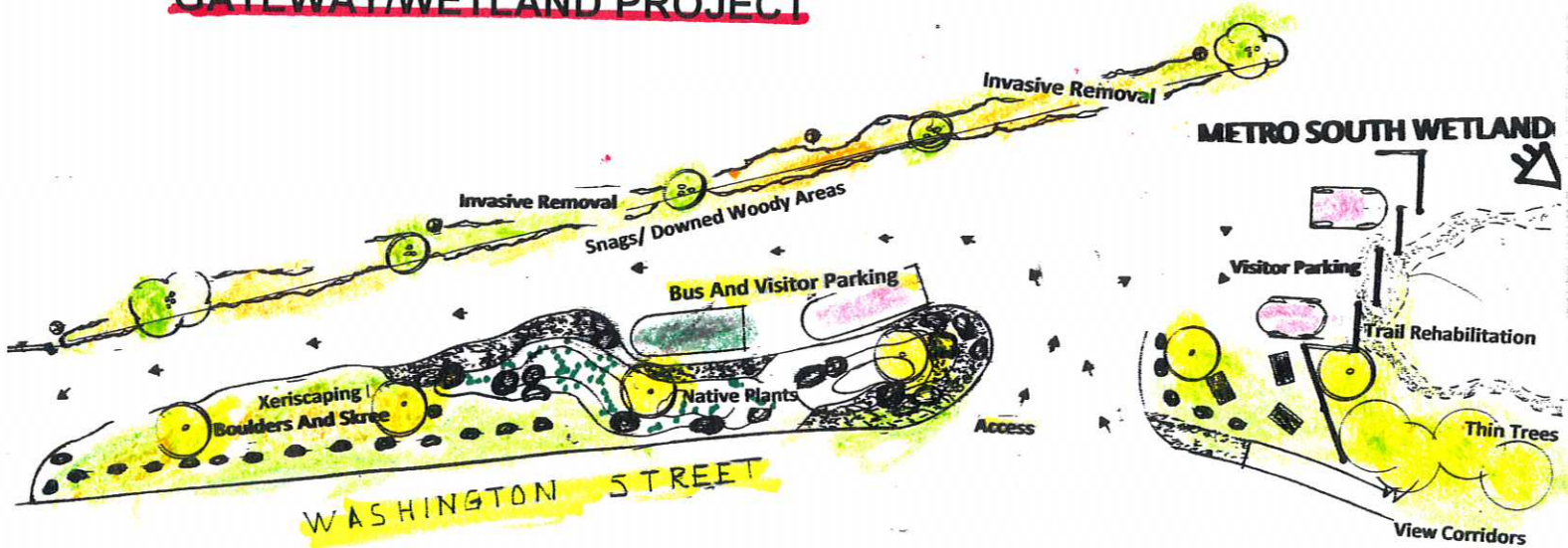
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HISTORIC OREGON CITY GATEWAY/WETLAND PROJECT

• EXISTING



Adjoining 12 Acre Wetland



METRO SOUTH AND OREGON CITY GATEWAY
PROJECT

• PROPOSED

Partnerships

- Our project involves elements of the business community (as suppliers and donors) , agencies of local government (such as Oregon City planning and Public Work Departments), and nonprofit and education providers (such as the Oregon City School District, Greater Oregon City Watershed Council, Oregon City Natural Resource Committee, and Clackamas Community College) in reviewing and providing support for this project. These partners work collaboratively under the leadership of Rivers of Life Center to complete the described project. These efforts will demonstrate how partnerships and collaboration being utilized in this complex project such as this and will be able to meet the needs of future community efforts.
- Committed Partners include:
 - End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (tourism and visitation)
 - City of Oregon City
 - Oregon City Natural Resource Committee
 - METRO South Solid Waste and Recycling Division
 - Clackamas County Parks and Environmental Services Staff
 - Oregon City School District
 - Boy Scouts of America Columbia Region Council
- These partners have committed with Rivers of Life Center to maintain the project during the two establishment period. Thereafter, the City of Oregon City will maintain Oregon City lands and METRO South Solid Waste and Recycling will maintain METRO lands.



Attachments

**Two Rivers Neighborhood
Association
*An Official Sanctioned
Body of Oregon City***

Letter of Support from Two Rivers Neighborhood Association

Re: Metro Enhancement Grant for Rivers of Life Center April 22nd, 2015

The staff of Rivers of Life Center have presented to us an overview of their grant request which is current with you.

Their combined project, titled 'Historic Oregon City Gateway and Wetlands Enhancement Project'. Is at several locations either within our Association boundaries or immediately adjacent to it along Clackamas River Drive or Holcomb Road. It appears they are focusing on natural 'gateways' that introduce travelers into some of our distinct neighborhoods. One portion of this project includes improvements to the South Metro Transfer Station and adjacent degraded City-owned lands.

Our association believes that appearances do matter and that this combined project focused on 'gateways' will do much to improve both the attractiveness and livability of our Neighborhood. The removal of invasives and other enhancements at Metro South Wetlands and nearby public property will also be of great benefit.

We are pleased to support this project.

We encourage your support of their request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryon D. Boyce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'Y'.

Bryon Boyce, Chair, Two Rivers Neighborhood Association

April 27, 2015

Metro Enhancement Grant Selection Committee

The Park Place Neighborhood Association Service Committee is in support of Jerry Hermann's Holcomb – Redland site for the 2015 Metro Enhancement Grant. We have partnered with Jerry on projects in 2013 and 2014.

These projects are sites that the Service Committee and the PPNA have been maintaining for a number of years. In all of the instances we wish to improve the neighborhood while limiting the amount of work by adding native plants. The work is done by at-risk youths who have a way to be employed and be valuable members of the Oregon City community.

The neighborhood appreciates the attractive plans and final installation. Jerry has had the crew return to the Straight Pioneer Cemetery (the site of the 2013 project) recently for a cleanup, and PPNA provided lunch.

We would appreciate consideration for grant funds as a way to be members of the wider community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda VanHaverbeke".

Linda VanHaverbeke

PPNA Service Committee Chair

Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

PIONEER BATTALION

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Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Committee,

I am the Senior Instructor for the Oregon City JROTC Program. I am excited about the opportunity to again partner with the Earth Crusaders. We are always looking for opportunities to provide our Cadets with enriching activities that support our mission of motivating young people to be better citizens.

Our Cadets have worked with Mr. Jerry Herrmann and his Earth Crusader's Project on river side clean-ups and downtown city revitalization projects. These projects give our cadets opportunities to serve their community, develop valuable skills and to implement their leadership skills while working in crews or teams. We forward to again serving the Oregon City community.

Mr. Herrmann approached us again recently with an idea to partner on a project that connects our Cadets with knowledgeable mentors that will teach and coach them on how to be tour guides on vessels and trolleys that connect with this history of the Willamette River. Several of our core learning objectives incorporates personal assertion and self-advocacy skills. Having the opportunity to develop and deliver historic presentations as a tour guide could be a tremendous opportunity for growth in these areas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email douglas.thomas@orecity.k12.or.us or by phone (503)785-8995.

DOUGLAS D. THOMAS
Major (Retired)
Senior Army Instructor



Metro Grant Review Committee

Dear Committee Members:

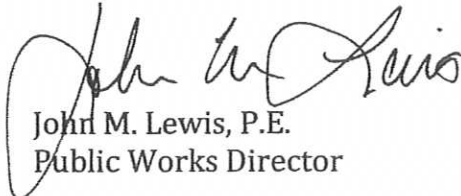
City staff have met with Jerry Herrmann to discuss his Metro South Wetland Oregon City Gateway project. We are in support of Jerry's efforts to work with Metro staff to enhance and maintain the Metro South Wetland area adjacent to the Metro South Transfer Station. The site is currently overgrown with vegetation including several invasive plant species.

Jerry's proposal to clean up the site and create a parking area for visitors would have a positive impact on the area. City staff have agreed to assist Jerry by making in kind donations in support of the project as follows:

1. Review the plant list and grading concepts.
2. Provide a backhoe and operator to move around the existing boulders on the site so that invasive plants can be removed and site grading can occur.
3. Supply and deliver 40 yards of stored soil currently located on the Clackamette Cove site.
4. Supply and deliver 100 yards of wood chips currently located on the Clackamette Cove site.
5. Provide a backhoe and operator to move the boulders into place in the graded areas as landscape boulders.
6. Maintain the landscape area after the 2016 maintenance and establishment period is over.

Thanks in advance for your consideration and support of projects that help to enhance areas such as regional garbage transfer stations that generally have a negative connotation and might otherwise be considered unsightly.

Sincerely,



John M. Lewis, P.E.
Public Works Director

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