



February 4, 2015

Ms. Michele Beneville
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Re: Newell Creek Enhancement Project
Exit Report

Dear Ms. Beneville:

Please find enclosed a copy of the exit report for the Newell Canyon Enhancement Project.

I have included the bank statement/check that shows a payment of \$300 to Ash Creek Forestry which covers the advance we were given from the grant. A receipt from the Backyard Bird Shop for \$49.98 is attached, which we request reimbursement. Finally, I've attached the paid invoice to Ash Creek from Oregon City that shows the cash match we indicated in our final budget.

The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council is grateful for the support of Oregon City to further our efforts to do restoration work in Newell Canyon. Please let me know if there is anything else you need to close this grant.

Sincerely,

Rita Baker, AICP
Coordinator



Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant Exit Report

This form is to be filled out within 30 days of completion of the Metro Enhancement grant project. Please limit responses to the space provided. If available, please attach an event photo and any promotional material samples (advertisements, flyers, posters, etc.)

When complete please submit to Michele Beneville at City Hall, 625 Center Street. Failure to provide this final exit report will make project Sponsor ineligible for future Metro Enhancement grants.

Project Title Newell Creek Enhancement Project

Organization Greater Oregon City Watershed Council

Project Coordinator Rita Baker Phone 503-427-0439

Email GOCWC@aol.com

1. Brief project description:

The Newell Creek Canyon riparian and upland habitats are an important water, fish and wildlife and recreation resource. Historically characterized by oak woodlands, prairie, and old-growth Douglas fir forests in the uplands and mixed deciduous-coniferous forests along streams and wetlands, the site has become infested with habitat-altering noxious weeds, a byproduct of local urbanization and logging. Newell creek still supports native populations of fish, including Coho salmon, brook and pacific lamprey, cutthroat trout, and steelhead. The project improves water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in Newell Creek Canyon through control of invasive weed infestation and restoration of riparian areas.

2. Description of project accomplishments:

Management activities were designed to address degraded/absent native riparian vegetation, invasive weed infestations, and deficit of structural complexity in the forest areas. GOCWC with partners identified a reforestation contractor to survey and treat noxious weed infestations throughout the project area and install and maintain site-appropriate native woody plants on selected riparian acres.

3. Measures of performance (i.e. number of people served; effects of the project):

Objective: Restore riparian function to approximately 14 acres of riparian habitat on Newell Creek and maintain forest health over 211 acres of upland/forested wetland habitat by treating invasive species.

Deliverable: 1) Within the 14 acre revegetation area large patches of blackberry and reed canary grass were removed using manual and chemical control methods. 1200 stems per acre were planted with native trees and shrubs in those areas where native vegetation was lacking. 2) Invasive understory species were treated twice over 211 acres. Non native cherry trees were removed on over 50 acres of forest on Metro lands.

Additional social and educational benefits this project provides: partnership between organizations working in the Abernethy/Newell Creeks subwatershed to improve water quality and aquatic habitat conditions; increase public awareness about benefits of riparian revegetation and restoration work by publicizing the project 1 newsletter and 1 volunteer event.

4. List additional sponsors of the project:

This project is a partnership between the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council, The City of Oregon City, and Metro natural areas program (Metro). The Nature Conservancy and SOLVE also contributed cash and in-kind resources.

5. How were Metro Enhancement grant funds spent?

Enhancement Grant funds were used to hire a reforestation contractor for planting and maintenance activities, purchase native plants, and cover GOCWC staff time to manage the project.

6. Final budget:

Suggested List (not inclusive)	(A) Metro Grant Dollars	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching	(D) Total
Personnel Services (salaries, administration)	\$1,200	\$	\$3,000.00	\$4,200
Project Administration costs (clerical, advertising, graphics, printing, postage)	\$100	\$	\$	\$100
Materials	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment/Supplies	\$1,200	\$4,999.70	\$	\$6,199.70
Construction Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$
Event Costs	\$	\$	\$1,083.00	\$1,083
Transportation Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$
Insurance Costs (if needed)	\$	\$	\$1,200	\$1,200
Additional Expenses (list) Contracted Services: Riparian reveg. & invasive treatment, project management, Ash Creek Forestry	\$17,500	\$	\$10,000	\$27,500
Totals	\$20,000	\$4,999.70	\$15,283	\$40,282.70

Newell Canyon - Before



Newell Canyon - After



Barclay Hills Park Area April 26, 2014





Eleven volunteers plus Oregon City staff worked to remove over 15 carts of invasive debris and a couple hundred pounds of trash on 1/4th acre site of the Newell Creek uplands.