

Willamette Falls Legacy Project Partnership

The Willamette Falls Legacy Project is a public-private initiative to guide redevelopment of the 23-acre former Blue Heron Paper Co. mill site in downtown Oregon City.

Partners

The public agencies leading the effort are committed to reconnecting Oregonians with Willamette Falls and making the site attractive to private investors who can bring jobs and redevelopment to downtown Oregon City. The public entities Oregon City, Clackamas County, Metro and the State of Oregon, are collaborating to engage the Oregon community in creating a vision for site redevelopment. The public agencies are also collaborating with the bankruptcy trustee of the Blue Heron Paper Co. They are guided by four core values: public access, economic development, healthy habitat and cultural and historic interpretation. Each agency has designated two elected officials and executive management to provide leadership and direction for the visioning and master planning effort.

Community

Community leaders - including Native American Tribes, regional, state and federally elected leadership, and community-based business and neighborhood groups - are participating to help form the vision to redevelop this site in a way that honors the site's intrinsic power and natural beauty. All Oregonians are invited to attend a community meeting, participate on-line, or request more information about the project from the project management team.

Technical advisors

Staff and leadership from natural resource, economic, transportation and other permitting agencies are collaborating with the project team to provide guidance and strategic advice throughout the planning process. Technical advisors include staff from Oregon City, Metro, neighboring cities and tribal, state and federal agencies.

Consulting team

Led by Oregon City staff, a project management team is working with a select consulting group to complete a vision and framework master plan, leading to rezoning the site in spring 2014. The team is led by Walker Macy, one of the region's leading landscape architecture, planning and urban design firms. Walker Macy and the project management team are supported by an integrated consulting team, including Cogan Owens Cogan for community engagement, GBD Architects, Winterbrook Planning for land use and rezoning, and Loci, Inc. and ECONorthwest for economic and market study services.

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