

Willamette Falls

LEGACY PROJECT

What is the Willamette Falls Legacy Project?



One of Oregon's most spectacular wonders is about to be rediscovered. Willamette Falls is the second most powerful waterfall in North America and an important Oregon historical and cultural treasure.

Oregon City, Clackamas County, Metro, the State of Oregon and the site's private owner, Falls Legacy LLC, along with a dedicated team of community advocates, businesspeople and interested members of the public, are working to bring the Falls back to the people. Long-term plans include a public riverwalk along the edge of the Willamette River and a thriving, connected, downtown Oregon City with room for housing, public spaces, habitat restoration, education and employment. Four core values underpin the entire Willamette Falls Legacy Project:



PUBLIC ACCESS

HISTORICAL &
CULTURAL
INTERPRETATION

ECONOMIC
REDEVELOPMENT

HEALTHY
HABITAT

OTHER KEY PARTNERS:

Portland General Electric
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Rediscover the Falls (new and growing non-profit, volunteer organization)

Many businesses and organizations—as well as thousands of everyday Oregonians—are helping to open up the Falls to the people. Your input and assistance are essential as we move forward.





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What is the riverwalk?



For the next two years, the project will engage in the design of the riverwalk. This includes determining the character and the public access alignment of the riverwalk, placement of viewing overlooks, selection of materials, areas of habitat enhancement and development of an overall design before we move into detailed design and eventual construction. The riverwalk will catalyze and integrate with future development.



In addition, the design of the riverwalk will incorporate the following:

PROGRAMMING PLAN

Programming ensures a complete visitor experience and will keep the riverwalk active and lively. The programming plan will identify opportunities to “activate” the site’s public spaces in ways that create a unique visitor experience and encourage healthy economic development and investment in the area.

INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITIES PLAN

Interpretive opportunities planning will identify how and where the site’s history and culture can be highlighted on the riverwalk and surrounding area. This could include artwork, digital storytelling, programming, and interim access during construction.

PHASING PLAN

The phasing plan will allow the riverwalk to be built over time as funds become available. (Funds are secured for the first phase.)

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN

This plan will ensure that visitors to the area can access the site and that the impacts of traffic and parking to the surrounding commercial and residential areas will be mitigated where possible.



Help shape riverwalk design at:

www.rediscoverthefalls.com