

Willamette Falls

LEGACY PROJECT

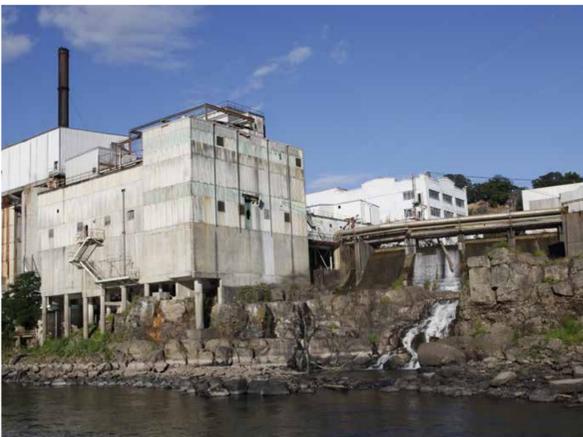
WHAT IS THE WILLAMETTE FALLS LEGACY PROJECT?



The Willamette Falls Legacy project hopes to make Willamette Falls and the former Blue Heron paper mill site accessible to people from Oregon and around the world.

THE PROJECT IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:

Oregon City
Clackamas County
Metro
State of Oregon



FOUR CORE VALUES:

Project partners agree on four guiding values for public efforts on the site.
Historic and cultural interpretation
Public access
Healthy habitat
Economic redevelopment



OTHER KEY PARTNERS:

Falls Legacy LLC - *Property Owner*
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, individuals 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.

www.rediscoverthefalls.com

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WHAT IS THE RIVERWALK?



For the next two years, the project will engage in Schematic 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 site plan before we move into engineering and eventual construction. The Riverwalk will catalyze and integrate with future development.

In addition, the comprehensive schematic 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. Programs could include: increased transit access, shuttles, expansion of permit parking areas, use of nearby private commercial parking during non-business hours, increased signage, construction of structured parking and incorporation of other best practices and actionable steps through an adopted and community supported plan.



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MILESTONES

FEB. 2011 | Blue Heron mill shuts down

SPRING 2011 | The four core values are established

PUBLIC ACCESS **HISTORICAL & CULTURAL INTERPRETATION** **ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT** **HEALTHY HABITAT**

2012 | Willamette Falls Legacy Project partnership forms

JULY 2013 | Oregon Legislature commits \$5 million towards the project, Vision and Master Plan kickoff

MAY 2014 | Blue Heron site purchased by Falls Legacy LLC

FALL 2014 | Metro matches State's contribution to project with \$5 million in bond funding

NOV. 2014 | Project Vision and Framework Plan adopted

DEC. 2014 | Easements obtained for Riverwalk

JULY 2015 | Oregon Legislature commits \$7.5 million toward the project

TODAY | Riverwalk schematic design begins

2017 | Schematic design to be adopted

2018-2020 | Design development, engineering and construction begins