



## PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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Subject: Interim Stormwater Management Plan  
For PGE – Prospective Purchaser Agreement DEQ No. 05-01 and  
Forest Park Property (ECSI #2406)  
Quarterly Progress Report - October 2014 through January 2015

Dear Bob:

Pursuant to the Interim Stormwater Management Plan between Oregon DEQ and the City of Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation (Parks), we are submitting two copies of the 2015 January quarterly report for the PGE – Forest Park site. This report summarizes the accomplishments, plans, data collected, and challenges encountered during the quarterly period of October 31, 2014 through January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **Actions Taken**

During this quarterly reporting period October 2014 through January 2015 the following ongoing stormwater management activities have taken place:

- Vehicle access to the site has remained closed with the installation of eco-block barriers
- Exposed soil has been covered by gravel, to limit site runoff
- Temporary erosion control has been installed and replaced as needed at the interface of the property and the sidewalk
- Gravel has been added at low spots between the property and the sidewalk to limit runoff
- Vegetation has been trimmed along property line and sidewalk to improve visibility of any potential water draining off hillside in an effort to identify any additional problem areas
- Wattles were placed around the catch basin for stormwater inlet protection
- Wattles placed along southern fence boundary to filter runoff from adjacent property
- The site has been visited during extreme rain events to observe how water is moving throughout the site and identify areas of concern

- Removal of noxious weeds throughout site including Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) and Scotch broom (*Cystisus scoparius*) to protect native plant species diversity

Funding continues to be pursued for a feasibility study to identify opportunities and constraints at this location for the potential development of a formalized gateway into Forest Park. The feasibility study will include a variety of technical studies including:

1. Roadway and Traffic – determine the location of the driveway and parking lot, and required City street and sidewalk improvements.
2. Geotechnical – investigate the physical properties of the site including soil suitability for improvements, erosion, slopes, geology and location of water seeps and wetlands. The report summarizes the data and makes recommendations for special construction provisions.
3. Environmental – identify water resources, perform wetland delineations, identify sensitive, threatened and/or endangered species and possible contaminants, and if necessary remediation requirements. This includes possible state and federal permits that will be required for development.
4. Local Zoning and Permitting – identify stormwater treatment for compliance with the Portland Stormwater Management Manual, identify requirements within the environmental zone, perform tree inventory and identify mitigation requirements for Urban Forestry permits.
5. Structural – determine the load or building weight and necessary components to support a building at the site.
6. Land Survey – determine the topography of the site, establish site boundaries and other land features. This will be used to develop the grading plan.
7. Public Involvement – develop and implement a public involvement plan to assist PP&R in determining the size and uses at the site.

From the information gathered through the multidisciplinary technical investigations and public outreach, a concept design will be developed and cost estimates for permitting and construction will be prepared. It is anticipated that several of these technical studies; particularly the geotechnical, environmental and local zoning and permitting will provide additional data to aid in the stormwater management and erosion control measures necessary for management of this site.

#### **Additional Actions Completed:**

- **Interim Site Management Plan (ISMP):** This plan has been completed and is being submitted with this report. A component of this plan was the development of a checklist for quarterly inspections. A copy of the checklist has been included in this submittal.

- **Potential Funding opportunities:** State funding is being pursued to fund the feasibility study for the Gateway Project. By Summer 2015 funding levels for this project will be determined.
- **Sampling:** No sampling activities were conducted during this reporting period.

**Additional Actions Scheduled:**

Installation of a 25 foot shrub buffer along the top of the slope on Tax Lot 2001 adjacent to the Oregon Department of Transportation right-of-way to filter and slow down overland flows

Annual presentation at staff safety meeting on the ISMP, best management plans and guidelines for work on the property

Posting of guidelines for working on the site on worksite Safety Board

**Issues/Resolutions**

There were no issues requiring resolution during this reporting period.

If you have any questions, please call me at 503-823-4474.

Sincerely,



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