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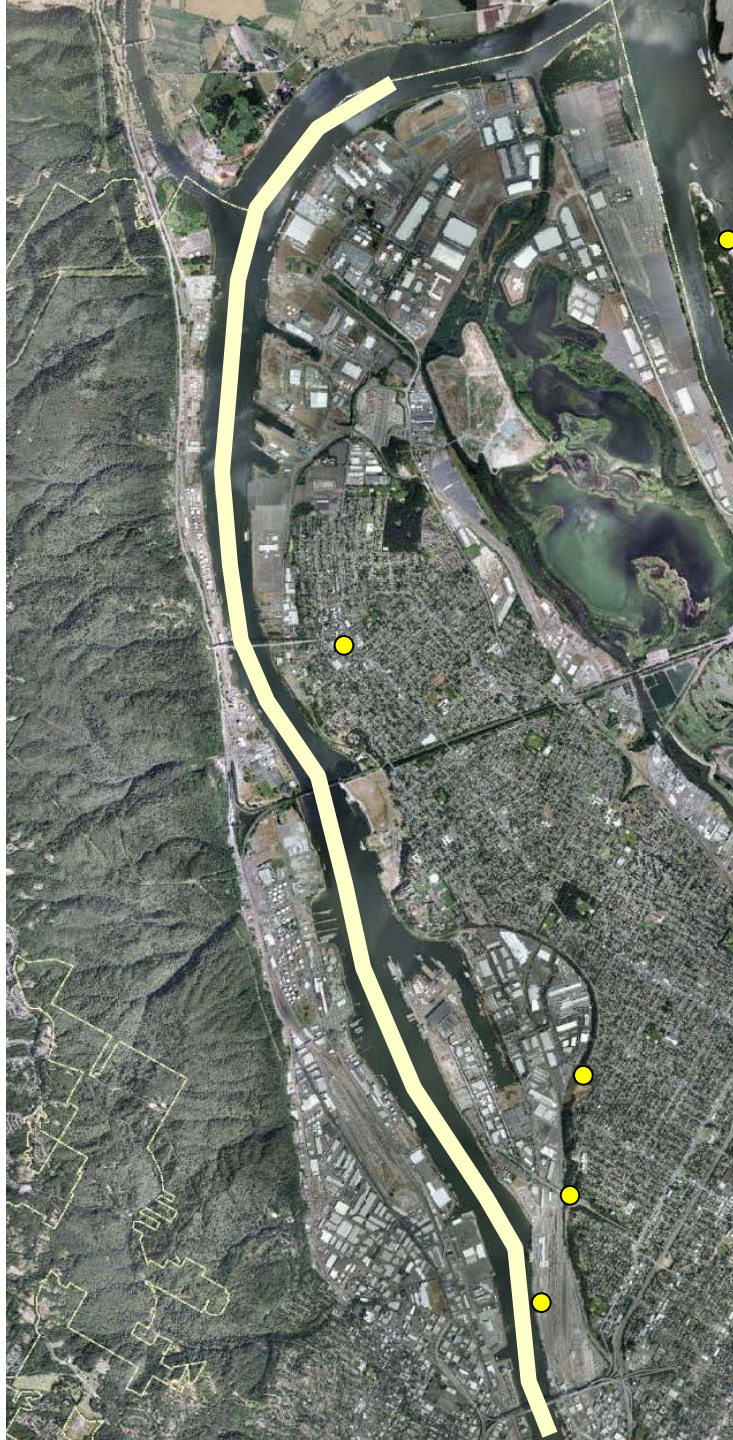


RIVERS OFFICE

Office of Healthy Working Rivers



2012 Report to Council



West Hayden Island

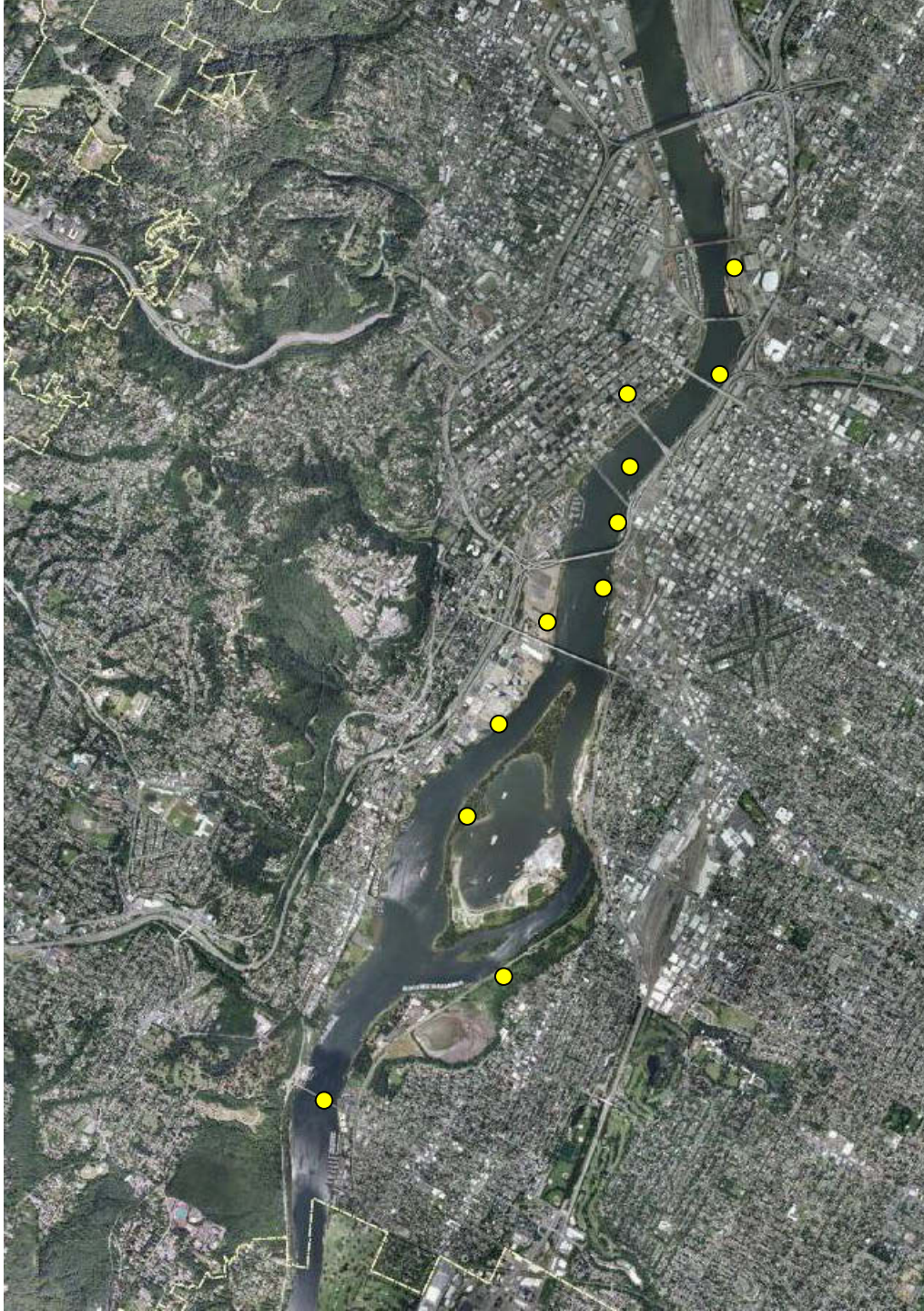
Superfund

Baltimore Woods

Waud Bluff Trail

Going to the River

Swan Island Beaches



N/NE Quad. /CC2035
Rose Quarter

Burnside Bridgehead

Morrison Bridgehead

Willamette R.
Recreation Strategy

East I-5 relocation

TriMet bridge

Zidell Clean-up

South Waterfront
Greenway

Ross Isl. re-veg.

Oaks Park / Crystal
Springs restoration

Sellwood Br. re-build

Since 2001, Portland's had a lens for making sense of this world—its River Goals...

...that help us view, order & take actions for a better river city.



Assure a
**CLEAN AND HEALTHY RIVER
FOR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PEOPLE**

Maintain and enhance our
**PROSPEROUS
WORKING HARBOR**

Embrace the river as
**PORTLAND'S
FRONT YARD**

Create vibrant
**WATERFRONT DISTRICTS
& NEIGHBORHOODS**

Promote
**PARTNERSHIPS, LEADERSHIP,
& EDUCATION**

2009: Council assigns goal-keeping to a new Rivers Office.

ORDINANCE No. 182466 AS AMENDED Establish the Office of Healthy Working Rivers (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:
Section 1.

The Council finds:

1. The City of Portland is committed to a healthy and vibrant Willamette and Columbia Rivers.
2. By establishing the Office of Healthy Working Rivers the City will ensure continued improvement upon the health and vibrancy of our rivers and all the critical activities surrounding them.
3. This office will improve inter-bureau coordination as it relates to the health and activities surrounding the Willamette and Columbia Rivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Office of Healthy Working Rivers is hereby established.
- b. The new office has the direct oversight of a City Council Member.
- c. The office will be responsible for the Bureau of Planning.
- d. The office will be responsible for:
 - a) Ensuring the City meets both its obligations and intentions in the Superfund cleanup process;
 - b) Protecting and restoring the ecological, transportation, and recreational roles of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers; and
 - c) Rehabilitating contaminated, inactive properties with prosperous working harbor opportunities, and supporting river-dependent jobs.
- e. The Office of Healthy Working Rivers is directed to develop amendments to City Code to establish the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Healthy Working Rivers and bring those amendments to Council.

Section 2.

The Council declares that an emergency exists in order to begin immediate implementation of the new office structure. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: January 07, 2009

Mayor Sam Adams
Prepared by:
Michael Armstrong: cop
December 30, 2008

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland
By: /s/ Susan Parsons
Deputy

City of Portland, Oregon
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Office of Healthy Working Rivers

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Portlanders: Welcome to the Rivers Office website. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments. [Click here to go to the strategy page.](#)

About the Office of Healthy Working Rivers

Connecting Rivers and the Community

As directed by the City Council, Portland's Rivers Office works to connect Portlanders to the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and the benefits they provide: ecologic, economic, recreational, and social.

The "Rivers Office" includes offers information from a wide variety of sources: government, non profit, and private. Visitors are encouraged to note the sources as they build their understanding of the rivers running through our city.

Portland Harbor Superfund Site

New Study On Way to EPA-- Will Inform Future Clean Up Decisions
Public information sessions to start in mid-April

[Click here to view an introduction to the Portland Harbor Superfund site.](#)

New! EPA Newsletter explains Harbor clean-up & lists meetings and contacts.
To learn more about Portland's role in the Portland Harbor Superfund process, [click here](#) or go to Portland's [Superfund cleanup page](#).

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Superfund Public Information	04/16/2012
Waste Clean-up	04/21/2012
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Willamette River Recreation Strategy

Portland City Council, on February 22nd, the day after the City Council adopted the [Willamette River Recreation Strategy](#), as the City's guide for along the Willamette River in Portland. The strategy articulates a new vision for the river and prioritizes actions for the next 25 years. It identifies key facilities for river recreation, targets additional areas for river recreation, and describes how to manage, maintain, and enhance the river.

For more information, visit the [City of Portland Rivers Office](#) website, contact [Rick Heston](#), City of Portland Rivers Office, or [click here](#) to go to the strategy page.



Our work character is twofold:

- Mostly, we help and guide (coordinate and connect),
- Sometimes we “take point”



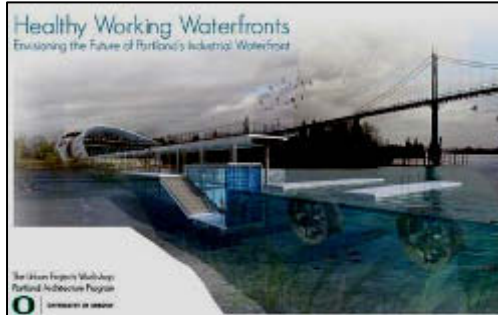
Report: 2011-2012

We do this work as permitted by our funding, which Council has directed come from BES.

Therefore, at a foundation level, our tasks are tied to the City's legal obligations to improve watershed health and involve citizens in this effort

Deepening Portland's River Partnerships

Bringing people together,
leveraging resources, &
finding new ways to respond to river issues.



The Office also worked closely with:

TriMet
Port of Portland
Working Waterfront Coalition
River taxi and river transportation interests
Maritime Heritage Coalition
West Multnomah SWCD
Intertwine Alliance
SOLVE
Willamette Riverkeeper
Portland Audubon
Willamette Partnership
Columbia Corridor Association
Interagency River Safety Panel
Metro
U.S. EPA

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of State Lands
Oregon State Marine Board
Lower Columbia River Estuary
Partnership
Mercy Corps
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
South Waterfront dock committee
Johnson Creek Watershed Council
Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watershed:
Science Team
OMSI
Portland State University
University of Oregon

Connecting Portlanders With Their Rivers

Sharing river information and river stories



The Office was proud to:

- [Sponsor speakers](#) on:
 - Elk Rock Island: Restoring Oak Woodland
 - Willamette Trails: Present and Future
 - Salmon, Science and the Urban Challenge
 - Beyond the Gulf Oil Spill
 - Willamette: A Special OWEB Investment
 - Wild in the City--Exploring the Intertwine
 - The Maritime Heritage Coalition
 - The Zidell Remediation Project
 - What's the Nature of Your City?
- Support river events and education:
 - The [Big Float](#)
 - [RiverFest 2011](#)
 - [River Rally 2012](#)
 - [Honoring Our River 2012](#)
 - ["Who Lives Here"](#) OMSI River Exhibit
 - Nature in Our Parks / Willamette Stewardship art show

Lighting the intersection of watershed and river health, habitat, recreation and development.



Piling Inventory & Assessment



West Hayden Island



Swan Island Beach restoration

Teaming With City Bureaus

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Office staff serve on or work with:

- Portland Plan Healthy Connected Neighborhoods
- Central City 2035 Advisory Committee
- N-NE Quadrant Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Sellwood Br. TAC
- Willamette Park Management Plan TAC
- North Macadam Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
- BES watershed and science staff
- BPS River Plan staff
- Portland Streamlining Team
- Planning and Development Directors Group
- West Hayden Island Land Management Assessment
- Swan Island Beach Restoration Collaboration
- Portland Harbor Superfund Outreach

Building Willamette Community Watershed Ties

Learning from each other, making common cause.



Salem



Albany



Johnson Cr. WSC



Milwaukie

Middle School Kayak Camp Level I ♥ Ages 11-13

Class is taught using hard-shell kayaks. Hone your skills on flat water, move to the Willamette River and then have a grand finale on the McKenzie River. Learn the basics of kayaking and river safety skills. Sign up early, space is limited! Equipment provided.

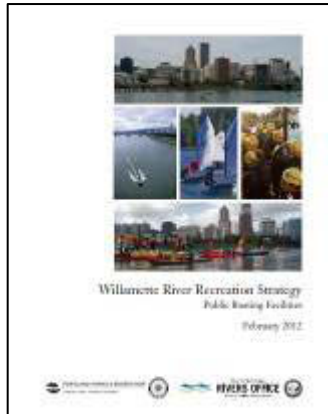
Meet at River House Community Center

Jul 9-13	M-F	10a-4p	\$250	#99685
Jul 30-Aug 3	M-F	10a-4p	\$250	#99686

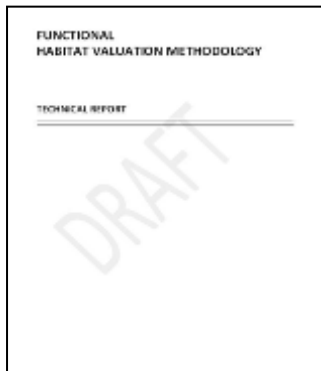


Eugene

Tackling tasks of river significance; navigating change.



River Recreation Strategy



Mitigation Bank— Functional Assessment Tools



Maintenance Dredging Survey

The Year Ahead



- *form River Recreation Advisory Group*
- *complete piling inventory / share results*
- *finalize the Functional Habitat Valuation Methodology*
- *position Swan Island Beach project for regulatory approval*
- *ramp-up outreach as Superfund moves ahead;*
- *help host the River Rally and Big Float II;*
- *visit more River communities & help plan basin-wide conference*
- *increase the numbers of Portlanders coming to river talks, using the Rivers website, & subscribing to River News*



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