

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a Special Appropriation grant agreement with Confluence in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the interpretive development and tribal relations portion of the redevelopment of Celilo Park (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Confluence is a non-profit corporation redeveloping Celilo Park, near The Dalles, Oregon, along the Columbia River. Confluence's project is scheduled for completion in 2019, to connect people with the history and cultures of Celilo Falls, a center of commerce, culture and spiritual life for millennia.

Confluence's project is a redevelopment of the park, including parking lot improvements, a new plaza and three interconnected art/landscape installations. Confluence's project includes the interpretive elements of a pavilion to invite visitors to learn more about Celilo Falls, a 70-foot sculpture of the Columbia River, and a 500-foot curved, wooden elevated walkway, or "Arc." Confluence's special appropriations funding will be used for the interpretive signage of the installation and tribal consultations necessary to ensure the project remains culturally appropriate.

Funding for the "hardscape" improvements to the parking lot and bathroom is confirmed and will occur outside of Confluence's budget. It will be managed by Western Federal Highways and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Funding for this grant is available in the FY2016-17 budget in the General Fund Special Appropriations.

Funding for the park redevelopment comes from the State of Oregon, federal agencies, and Oregon's philanthropic community, including The Collins Foundation, Ford Family Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, J.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund and the Oregon Community Foundation, along with individual donations large and small. Funding from the City of Portland is a demonstration of our community's commitment to inclusion, equity, and social justice.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The flooding of Celilo Falls was an economic, cultural and spiritual trauma to northwest indigenous people. Yet today there is little at Celilo Park that connects visitors with this history. Confluence is working with tribes and celebrated artist Maya Lin on an art/landscape installation that will educate people about this legacy and invite them to honor Celilo Falls and the cultures of the Columbia River. Art has a unique power to foster healing and inspire people to envision a more equitable future. Portland will be part of this change as a beneficiary of The Dalles Dam.

Portland is home to the nation's ninth largest urban American Indian population, according to the U.S. Census. Portland's participation in this project shows a community understanding of the city's historic role in shaping the Columbia River system and the economic benefits that have come to the city as a result.

A revitalized Celilo Park will become an iconic destination along the Columbia River, an opportunity for anyone to honor the falls and to learn more about the river's confluence of history, culture, and ecology. This will have a positive impact on native and nonnative people alike in Portland by fostering cultural understanding and healing. For students, Celilo Park will become a living embodiment of how we have transformed our environment over the last two centuries and how we can envision a more inclusive and sustainable future.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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