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Cottage Grove Community Development Department
Update for Riparian Corridor Neighbors

WINTER ADDITION

DECEMBER, 2020

BE PREPARED!

As we enter flood season, it is important to consider how you can best prepare for potential flood events.

- #1 Know your flood risk.
- #2 Prepare your property for wet weather.
- #3 Get flood insurance.

Buy Flood Insurance NOW
30-Day Waiting Period



REMEMBER!

There is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so call your insurance agent now.

THE COST OF FLOOD INSURANCE IS A DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO THE COST OF FLOOD DAMAGE



\$700/YEAR AVERAGE FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY | \$43,000 AVERAGE FLOOD INSURANCE CLAIM | FEMA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Central Lane County Flood Map Update Project DELAYED Due to Holiday Farm Fire

As you know, the City of Cottage Grove has been working with FEMA and our regional partners on updating our local flood maps for several years. We expected to start public comment on Preliminary Flood Maps for Central Lane County this winter. However, 2020 has thrown a huge wrench in that process.

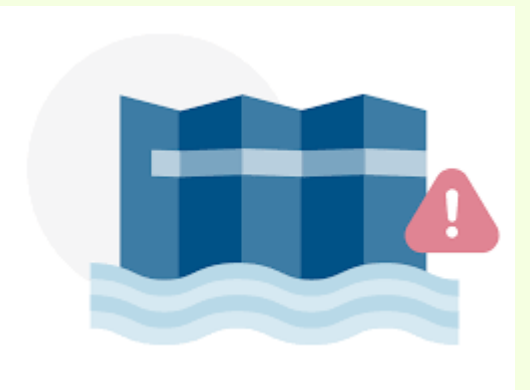
In September, the McKenzie River watershed was ravished by the Holiday Farm wildfire. Because of the impacts of this fire upon the natural and man-made elements of the watershed, Lane County asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reconsider including the McKenzie River in the Central Lane Flood Map Update Project.

Consequently, FEMA will begin the process of removing the McKenzie River stretch from the proposed Preliminary Flood Map in consideration of the impacts of the Holiday Farm Fire. FEMA estimates that this decision could result in a **six-month delay in the Flood Map adoption process**. They are working out the logistics of this now and we will provide a more detailed revised timeline in our next quarterly update. In light of this, our

conversations around New Flood Map Adoption outreach and the Central Lane County StoryMap website will pause until the updated maps become available.

Preliminary Flood Maps in the Cottage Grove area are unlikely to change from this version of the project to the next. So if you would like to see what the new maps will look like, please contact City Planner Amanda Ferguson at:

planner@cottagegrove.org or call (541) 942-3340.



You may also contact Ted Perkins, Regional Engineer, FEMA Region X, at Dwight.Perkins@fema.dhs.gov, if you have any questions about the flood mapping project or its findings.

Riparian Restoration along

River Road



Camas



Mock Orange



Thimble berry



Snowberry



Over the last 2 years at the corner of River Rd & Harrison Ave you may have noticed some activity as many people in the community have worked towards establishing native stream side vegetation on the east bank of the Coast Fork Willamette River.

The project, managed by the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC), began by treating almost a half an acre of invasive Armenian blackberry, Canada thistle, and teasel and girdled English ivy from 16 trees. Then 300 camas bulbs were planted to expand the existing population and Oregon sunshine wildflower seed was broadcast on the site. A wide variety of native trees and shrubs were planted in the winter of 2019 and 2020. Species planted were grand fir, vine maple, big leaf maple, red alder, incense cedar, red osier dogwood, Oregon ash, ocean spray, twinberry, tall Oregon grape, Western

crabapple, osoberry, mock orange, ninebark, black cottonwood, Oregon white oak, cascara buckthorn, thimbleberry, Pacific willow, Douglas spiraea, snowberry, and Western red cedar. These are all site appropriate so if you are looking at enhancing or expanding your own riparian area, these would be good choices.

The CFWWC's Youth Conservation Crew (YCC), made up of local high school students, came out to the site and manually removed blackberries and faithfully watered the trees and shrubs throughout the summer. Pre-COVID, the CFWWC hosted two volunteer work parties during the project bringing together community members, a local Girl Scout troop, the Obsidians, and the Coast Fork YCC. The first event focused on girdling ivy from the trees and weed whacking blackberries. The second had volunteers planting and mulching an additional 300 native trees and shrubs.

-By Reilly Newman



8 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR WATERSHED CLEAN & SAFE

Remember: Anything dumped into a storm drain flows directly to the nearest water supply - It does not get treated and cleaned!

1. Dispose of used motor oil responsibly—recycle it!

Drain your used motor oil into a clean container and take it to an approved collection site such as the Lane County site on Sears Rd. Many full-service gas stations, discount stores, and auto parts retailers will also accept your used motor oil and filter free of charge.

2. Dispose of household hazardous waste properly. Use non-toxic alternatives.

Never pour hazardous wastes on the ground, in a storm drain or in an indoor drain. Consider using non-toxic alternatives to toxic household chemicals. For more information on proper disposal, please call the Lane County Waste Management Division at (541) 682-4120.

3. Consider planting native plants and trees in your yard.

Planting native plants and trees that adapt well to your yard's conditions generally require less water and care than non-native plants. A native landscape will lower your water bill, increase native species populations, and require less fertilizers and pesticides.

4. Use Non-Toxic Pesticides and Fertilizers.

When applying pesticides and fertilizers, read the directions and take caution near rivers and streams. Some pesticides can kill fish and other animal life and can cause algae growth, which degrades water quality and habitat.

5. Don't dump grass and yard waste in storm drains or on streambanks.

Dumping anything, including grass clippings, leaves and yard waste, can prevent effective drainage and cause flooding. Use a mulching mower or blade and put your clippings in a compost bin.

6. Wash your car at a car wash.

Cleaning your car at the car wash prevents soaps and other chemicals from entering the storm drain system.

7. Correct erosion problems.

Use native landscaping, retaining walls, and other barriers to prevent soil from washing away as silt into storm drains or creeks.

8. Report polluters & water quality issues by calling the City of Cottage Grove Public Works Department at (541) 942-3349.

