

## **12-18-04 Tideman-Johnson Park Tour 10:00am**

The tour started about a quarter after 10:00am to allow more people interested in attending time to reach the meeting place. While waiting Maggie handed out pictures of a few different log jams that would be similar to what would be proposed along Johnson Creek (JC) in the Tideman-Johnson Park. Also handed out were maps used by the City of Portland Environmental Services to determine the various phases of the work that needs to be completed and the areas that will be affected. Maggie gave a synopsis of the history of the pipe and the project to attending neighbors.

In attendance were:

Maggie Skenderian, Program Coordinator for the City of Portland Environmental Services  
Steve Fancher, City of Portland Environmental Services  
Joe and Sherri Campbell, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood  
Lisa and Matt Rinker, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood  
Marco Bedenkop and RuthAnn Fusaro, Woodstock Neighborhood  
Norm Scott, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood  
Marianne Colgrove, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood  
Cheryl-Ausman-Moreno, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood  
Nancy Matich, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood  
Linda Williams, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood  
Karen Williams, Eastmoreland Neighborhood  
Lisa Darcy,

Maggie and Steve started the tour by walking down to where the first viewing area is planned to be. This viewing area will be directly to the left of where the first bridge currently crosses JC. Not far past this area in the creek, it is easy to see the visible sewer pipe as it crosses through the creek and heads into the area of Tideman-Johnson Park. Many of the neighbors attending the meeting had questions concerning how the creek would be diverted at this point and Maggie and Steve explained that a 3 foot diameter above ground pipe, similar to a "dryer vent pipe", would be used as a diversion pipe. This diversion pipe will come under the first bridge and will follow the perimeter of the grading near the creek as the project is completed.

Steve explained that the diversion pipe and the stream restoration will occur in phases. Phase one near the first bridge will occur in June and the other 3 phases will occur monthly until the project must be completed by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The timing of this project is critical to allow repairs to the sewer pipe and restoration of the creek before the rainy season and salmon spawning season begin. Maggie and Steve clarified that the Springwater Corridor Trail would not be closed during this project as previously thought. It was determined that the trail could remain open and that room to park at the trailhead near 45<sup>th</sup> would also be available for those that use the bike trail to commute.

At the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood meeting in November, the engineers of the City of Portland Environmental Services group stated that the streambed would need to be raised 4-5 feet for a 1600 foot length. Maggie explained that this information was incorrect and the streambed would only be raised a maximum of 1 and ½ feet.

While listening to the various phases of the project and where the creek would actually flow in the future after the project was completed. Neighbors noted that there were several, as many or more than 20, 5-6 foot tall evergreen trees in the area that would either need to be moved or be destroyed during the repair process. Many neighbors felt that it would be possible to move these trees to other areas in the park or to find places that would take the trees. It was discussed that various entities such as Reed College, Friends of Trees, The Johnson Creek Watershed Council, or various neighbors in the area may want to save or keep the trees until they can be replanted. Maggie stated that she would check on permits and if it would be possible to move the trees prior to the start of the project. She stated that she would have more

information for the neighbors at the January meeting at 6:30pm on 1/11/04 at the Ardenwald Elementary School.

As we walked further into Tideman-Johnson Park there were a few “unknown items” such as a 5 foot diameter cap for a pipe and an unknown caged electrical item to the right of the trail. These items were not on any map that Maggie was aware of, and Maggie speculated that the 5 foot diameter cap may connect to a pipe that is connected from the houses on the south side of Tideman-Johnson Park. The caged electrical item was not tagged or identified in any way and it was not determined what this item had been used for in the past.

Several of the larger trees in the area will be saved, and small channels or moat-like areas will be formed around sets of trees creating islands. These moat-like island areas will not always have water filling the area around them, but the channels will function as overflow areas during times of high flow or rainfall. It was felt by the neighbors attending the meeting that this was appropriate, but that there would still be a large number of trees that would be lost or may not survive the increased water flow to their roots.

The group walked along through the wetland area of the park along where the main trail is proposed to exist on the maps we were following. The path we followed is currently more of a cow path than a real trail and Maggie remarked that this area may become a bark trail or a slatted wooden trail depending on how the planners worked things out. The group walked past a bank area over near the 37<sup>th</sup> street entrance where there is currently lots of blackberries and ivy on the hillside. It was brought up at the neighborhood meeting that this area would be cleaned up and native plants will be planted. Several of the neighbors thought that this might be one area we could move other native plants the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood has planted over the past 3 or 4 years to keep them from being destroyed.

The group walked down to the area by the 32<sup>nd</sup> street bridge where the final phase of the project would be completed. Everyone was please with the tour and felt they had a better understanding of what the completed project would entail. Participating as part of the group, it was a little more difficult for me and a few others to understand how the area near the stream would look and how the grading to the creek would look as there did not appear to be easily discernible topographical measures on the maps for the eye to follow. Steve stated that it may be possible to get a better map that gave a clearer appearance of the grading along the creek and the park area.

Maggie and Steve thanked everyone for attending the tour and the attending neighbors thanked Maggie and Steve for the tour and their time on this beautiful Saturday morning. Several members of the group headed over to Norm Scott’s home for hot tea and cocoa to view the property that he would like to divide and build on. Some of Norm’s neighbors, Victoria and Mike, also joined this group and viewed the proposed building area and the Roswell Pond wetland area that Norm proposes to give to the City of Milwaukie.