

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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April 1, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, an application has been submitted as noted below and based on a review of that application, the City of Washougal expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for this proposal pursuant to the "Optional DNS process" allowed by State Law (WAC 197-11-355) and Washougal Municipal Code (WMC 16.36.110). A copy of the determination may be requested now and will be mailed when available. Comments received within the deadline will be considered in the review of the proposal and the SEPA environmental checklist. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal and no additional comment period will be provided, unless probable significant environmental impacts are identified during the review process, which would require additional study or special mitigation. The proposal may include mitigation under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures.

Any person has the right to comment on this application, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once made, and appeal the final decision of the project. **Written comments submitted by Wednesday, April 16th, at 5:00 PM will be considered in the Staff Report.** Please send comments to the City of Washougal, 1701 'C' Street, Washougal, WA 98671 or by email to Mennen.Middlebrooks@cityofwashougal.us.

Application: Campen Creek/Mable Kerr Floodplain Restoration Project; a Wetland Permit, Critical Areas, Environmental Checklist and Civil Engineering Review (WET#25030009; CAR#25030010; ENV#25030011; ENG#25030012)

Technically Complete: March 26, 2025

Applicant: Chris Collins
Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
400 NE 11th Ave Portland, OR 97232

Owner: City of Washougal
Attn: Scott Collins
1701 C Street
Washougal, WA 98671

Contact: Wolf Water Resources
Attn: Liz Hamilton & Emily Yokum
1001 SE Water Ave, Suite 180
Portland, OR 97214

Location: The properties associated with this application consist of the following parcels:

- Parcel 134227000; an undeveloped (park) parcel of 13.73 acres
- Parcel 134163000; an undeveloped parcel (an easement and park area) of 16.20 acres
- Parcel 134162000; a developed parcel (a private golf course) of 61.53 acres

All parcels are located in the SE ¼ of Section 9 (& NE ¼ of Section 16), Township 1 North, Range 4 East, of the Willamette Meridian, in the City of Washougal, Clark County, Washington. The total acreage of the parcels is 91.46 acres, of which the project site comprises approximately 12+ acres.

Description of Project:

The City of Washougal, in collaboration with the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and Wolf Water Resources, seeks land use and civil engineering approval to restore a length of Campen Creek within Mable Kerr Park. The project aims to reconnect the creek with its floodplain, increase wetland area, improve flood attenuation capacity, and enhance plant and wildlife diversity. Restoration actions will enhance year-round conditions for the Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed salmonids found in Campen Creek, including coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). Restoration activities include grading to reverse the existing channel incision condition, placing wood throughout the floodplain to provide channel roughness and promote habitat diversity, and implementing an extensive planting effort. The project also includes realigning and improving pedestrian trails and constructing a new timber bridge to provide park users with safe access and viewing opportunities.

Project construction will include the following activities: clearing and grubbing, felling trees, managing water to isolate work areas, excavating portions of the floodplain and placing channel fill material in adjacent reaches of Campen Creek, demolishing a section of the existing park path, building new paths with both gravel and wood chip materials, constructing a new timber bridge and its abutment system, transporting stockpiled wood from staging locations to floodplain areas, installing wood habitat structures, seeding and mulching or hydroseeding, planting, and installing a new trashcan at the entrance to the park. Notably, no grading activities will take place on steep slopes.

Federal/State-level environmental review (Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application; JARPA) has been approved, and the City anticipates that associated State/Local environmental permits can be approved after further review.

All work shall be limited to Monday – Saturday from 7:00 AM to 6:30 PM, unless otherwise approved in writing. The City of Washougal's Public Works Department has approved Saturday work hours. Construction activity is expected to be performed from June to October 2025. All work below ordinary high water shall be limited to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife-approved in-water window of July 1 – September 30. Planting activities will be performed within the park after construction is completed and may extend past 2027.

Responsible Official: Mitch Kneipp
Position/Title: Community Development Director
Address: 1701 'C' Street, Washougal, WA 98671

The complete file is available for review upon request, including any existing environmental documents that evaluate the proposed project.

For more information regarding this application, please contact the Community Development Department, (360) 835-8501 or at 211 39th Street, Washougal, WA 98671. Project website (organized by Applicant) located here: <https://www.estuarypartnership.org/our-work/habitat-restoration/campen-creek-reconnection-project>
