

**Albany Floodplain Project Meeting #4**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**  
**Albany City Hall**

**Meeting Participants:** Tara Davis (CWC), Troy Brandt (RDG), Bud Baumgartner (CWC), Kim Kagelaris (Albany), Ed Hodney (Albany), Peter Kenagy (Landowner), Mark Azevedo (FETL), Kathy Cook (FETL), Annette Higinbotham (FETL), Karen Hans (ODFW)

**Presentation:** Troy Brandt with River Design Group provided the group with a presentation that addressed the progression of the assessment and the preferred ranking system of opportunities in all systems. Download the pdf of the presentation from the following website:

[http://www.calapooia.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Albany\\_Floodplain\\_Presentation\\_3\\_31\\_11.pdf](http://www.calapooia.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Albany_Floodplain_Presentation_3_31_11.pdf)

**Comments about prioritization:**

- Invasive species should be high priority and combined with improved long term shading and riparian planting
- Conservation easements lower priority because landowner education and stewardship will foster greater community ownership of conservation and restoration work
- Ivy was a major concern for all tributary systems and Willamette for our group
- ***Two week extension on review of tables and maps! Please comment on prioritization scheme, including restoration goals and objectives for each system. RDG will prioritize the individual actions at a site level.***

**Urban Projects:**

- City of Albany stormwater investigation, led by Chris Gollan, engineering looking at BMP's; we should use fold projects like this stormwater analysis into city code
- Upper Periwinkle Creek, Mennonite Village and high school should be brought on board; conversations with Grand Prairie District should be had as well.
- We are dealing with the "end of the streams", so our objectives need to be realistic with respect to significant impact- so we should move upstream to do residential education to increase stewardship. What would it take for folks to mitigate the problem? Raingarden, bioswales, xeroscaping education.
- TMDL requirements are holding Albany's feet to the fire: address 1-stormwater, 2- riparian shade, and 3-treatment plant and wetlands.
- Outreach to upstream UGB landowners in these tribs is very important to our group, but we need a strategy.
- Convince citizens that there is a cumulative impact; how to convey this to citizens?
- People aren't necessarily attached to these impoundments in these parks and creeks, ex. park on Periwinkle- it is only aesthetic. Group had the idea to communicate with local neighborhoods about advantages or removing ponds and creating nice meandering, vegetated channels.
- ODFW staff explained that Burkhart Creek has some good habitat with gravels and good substrate up to I5- although there's concrete and shopping carts; Burkhart ties into 2<sup>nd</sup> oxbow lake; railroad to the lake great habitat; fish passage being resolved by railroad for Burkhart.

- ODFW staff explained that 15 crossings for all of these small streams will be fixed- right now it's a big fish barrier.
- All railroad crossings for small streams are unknown fish passage sites.

#### **Stakeholder Meetings Discussion:**

- Council should move forward with facilitation of meetings
- The team will come up with a name at the next meeting, winner gets a beer from Karen at Calapooia Brewery!
- City lacks the natural resource staff to move restoration/conservation forward, so CWC/stakeholder support necessary
- Set up a quarterly agenda built around group members' progress, project needs, and funding opportunities using the assessment as the guiding action plan
- CWC will meet with Ed, Mark and Diane to discuss next steps for project development on City land
- Include the following stakeholders to future meetings:
  - Wah Chang to the table, the Environmental Services Manager
  - County representation, someone who has the ear of the Commissioners, Jeff Powers (Benton, head of Parks)
  - County planner or road department
  - Grand Prairie Water District (side discussions if not in attendance at meetings)
  - ADP- community liaison
  - Mennonite Village
  - School representation

#### **Grant Application Updates:**

- ETLNA: Dusting off the acquisition application (OWEB and OPRD); connectivity and price tag were the biggest concerns for the OWEB review team; ODFW grant submitted for turtle study- 24 total properties including orchard 80 acres interested in allowing the turtle assessment; orchard owner interested in conservation discussions
- CWC: An application to River Network was submitted to support 1-outreach/project development staff time, 2-continued youth and community watershed education programs and awareness events, 3-develop projects with landowners with technical support from the consultants