



# Willamette River Stormwater Improvement Project



## About the Project

We are protecting fish, wildlife, water quality, and public health by building 26 stormwater treatment facilities to clean runoff from the Fremont Bridge (I-405), St Johns Bridge (U.S. 30 Bypass) and U.S. 30 in NW Portland. These stormwater facilities include 5 underground filtration tanks that will be built next to the bridges and 21 rain gardens, swales, and other assorted underground stormwater treatment sites along U.S. 30. Each system connects into our current stormwater pipes removing large debris like trash and smaller pollutants like metals and oil from the water.



## How will each site improve stormwater entering the Willamette River?

Each site will collect stormwater from the highways and filter it, before releasing it to the Willamette River between Sauvie Island and downtown Portland. Most sites will not be visible from roads and sidewalks because they will be underground or designed to resemble ditches with exposed rocks, mulch and plants.



## Why should stormwater be treated before entering our waterways?

Rain from roads and other hard surfaces pick up trash, metals such as copper and lead, oil and other pollutants. When untreated, they wash into drains and nearby waterways diminishing water quality and habitat. Each filtration system we build will meet sustainability goals to protect our rivers, streams and groundwater, and regulations such as the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, by removing large debris like trash and smaller pollutants like metals and oil before they reach the Willamette River.



## When could construction begin?

The project is entering the design phase and construction-related impacts will be shared when we get closer to finishing design and securing a contractor. Design is estimated to finish in 2025 with construction beginning as early as 2026.



## How can I stay up-to-date or learn more?

We will be hosting an online open house on our website in spring 2024 to provide more details about the design and any anticipated impacts. Be on the lookout for an announcement inviting you and your neighbors to attend in the coming months.

- » For more information and to receive email updates about the project, you can contact the project team at **971-336-1249** or [Ellen.Waters@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:Ellen.Waters@odot.oregon.gov).
- » You can also visit the project website to stay informed: [tinyurl.com/Willamette-Stormwater-Project](https://tinyurl.com/Willamette-Stormwater-Project).

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