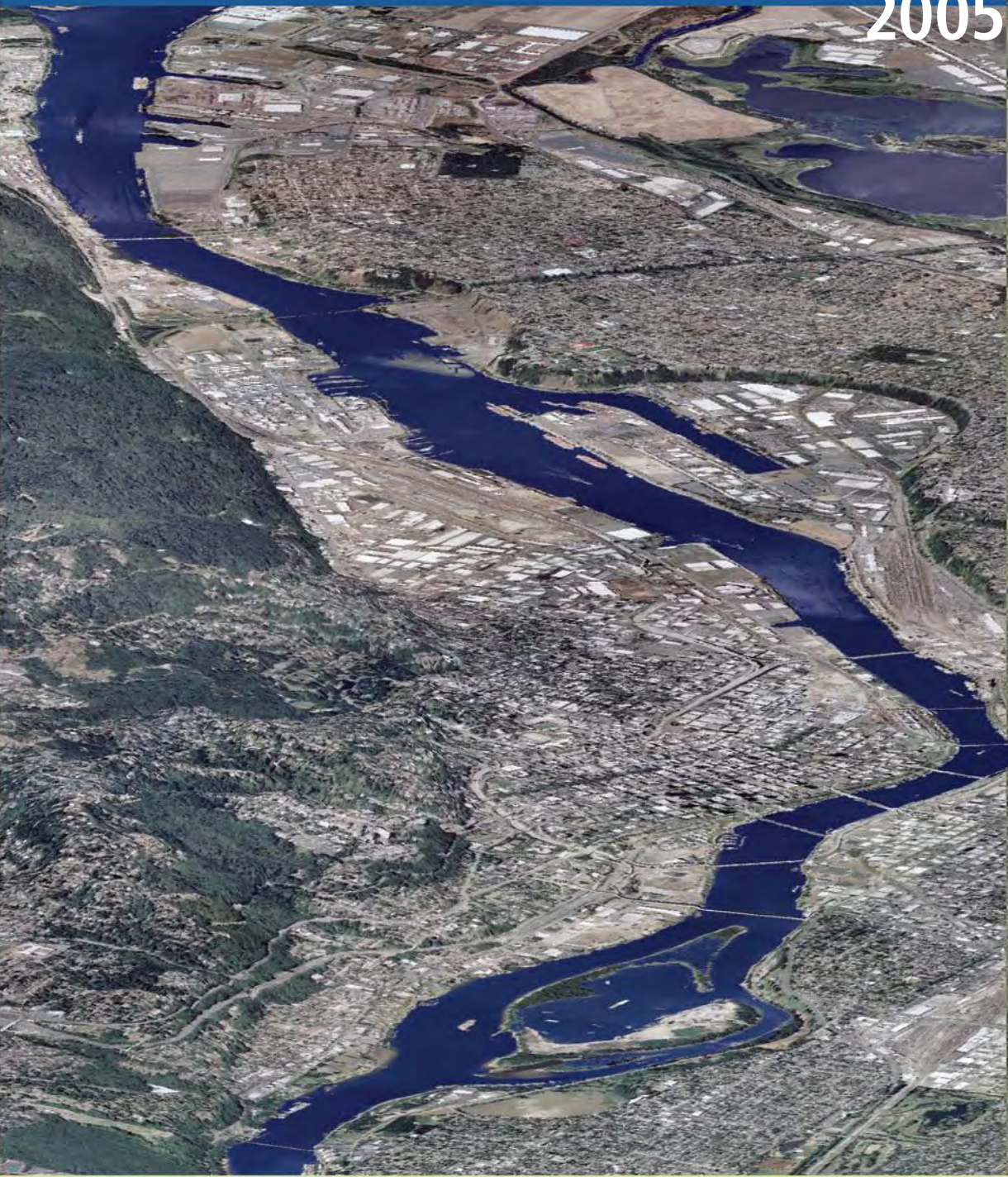


State of the River 2005





River Renaissance in Action: A smarter approach to river revitalization

The Willamette River shapes Portland's growth and success, our culture, and our sense of place. It is the historical center of our city and lifeblood of the region's commerce.

River Renaissance is a citywide initiative to reclaim the Willamette River as Portland's centerpiece. The initiative promotes and celebrates the Willamette River as our chief environmental, economic, and urban asset. Through River Renaissance, Portland is becoming a vibrant and prosperous city centered on a healthy Willamette River.





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“The Willamette River reaches beyond any one neighborhood. It brings together Portland’s rich history and exciting future, and symbolizes a united city. I embrace River Renaissance, because it brings people together as partners to work on common issues, and reflects a bold vision of what the community wants Portland to become.”

Mayor Tom Potter

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Dan Saltzman, *Commissioner*

Erik Sten, *Commissioner*

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River Renaissance Management Team

Portland’s coordinating team of managers and senior staff from the eight River Renaissance bureaus.

Community Partners

The growing list of community partners is presented on pages 35–36.





*River Renaissance Initiative Manager
Michael Montgomery, Planning Director
Gil Kelley, Mayor Tom Potter*

January 19, 2006

Dear Portlanders,

We are pleased to present Portland's first State of the River Report. On behalf of the River Renaissance Directors, we applaud everyone actively working to improve the Willamette River. The revitalization efforts are adding up and our success is clearly visible.

Portlanders love their river and are involved in extraordinary efforts to restore, promote, and celebrate it. The State of the River report is a comprehensive view of the many projects, programs, and partners that are contributing to our shared goals for the Willamette River and streams in Portland.

The State of the River report delivers on a key commitment made in Portland's River Renaissance Strategy and Vision. This new tool helps us measure the effectiveness of our current river work, and will enhance future investments and activities. It is also intended to celebrate and sustain the contributions of our many community partners.

The projects presented here are large and small, private and public, citywide and local. They involve teachers and students, industry and business, advocates and enthusiasts, builders and developers, captains and rowers, and Portland's riverfront neighbors. Many actions are focused in and along the Willamette River, but others reach well beyond the banks to include improvements in streets, parks, rooftops, and front yards across the city.

Portland's approach to river revitalization is gaining momentum and attracting national attention. We are proud that River Renaissance is recognized as a leading US model by the American Planning Association and American Rivers. In September, we will host the international Urban Waterfronts Conference. Portland was chosen in recognition of the many award winning local projects, and our successful waterfront redevelopment efforts.

Each of you has a stake in the success of River Renaissance. We encourage you to help us improve our efforts, celebrate our collective success, and sustain progress to create a vibrant and prosperous city centered on a healthy Willamette River.

Sincerely,

*Gil Kelley
Director of Planning on behalf of the River Renaissance Directors*

*Michael Montgomery
River Renaissance Initiative manager*

River Renaissance

Accomplishments Grant Received to Build Waud Bluff Trail

A new pedestrian and bike trail will be built in North Portland thanks to the collaborative efforts of city bureaus and community partners. This successful effort secured state funds to improve access to jobs via trails and transit connections from the bluff at Willamette Boulevard to Swan Island.



South Rivergate Overcrossing

A new overcrossing will save Rivergate businesses \$1.4 million annually in reduced delays, and ease the commute of the 9,000 people who work there. The new bridge lifts North Lombard over two busy railroad lines at the southern gateway of the Rivergate Industrial District.



Portland Boathouse Grand Opening

A new facility for year-round river recreation opened in March 2005 on the eastbank of the Willamette River. The Boathouse is home to seven clubs and organizations that use the new dock to connect rowers and paddlers with the Willamette River in downtown Portland. The River Renaissance Initiative was a proud sponsor of the community celebration held on opening day.



Combined Sewer Overflow Project Reaches Milestone

Portland has passed the halfway mark of a 20-year program to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Columbia Slough and Willamette River. Projects to date have eliminated almost all CSOs to the Columbia Slough, and have reduced total CSO volume by more than three billion gallons a year. The West Side CSO Tunnel is complete and final design of the East Side Tunnel is underway.



Portland to Host 2006 Urban Waterfronts Conference

The international spotlight will be on Portland's River Renaissance when more than 300 leaders attend the Waterfront Center's annual conference on waterfront planning, development and culture in September. Portland was chosen as the site for this event in recognition of the many award winning projects and the success of local waterfront redevelopment efforts.



Portland Streetcar Goes to the River

The Willamette River is now just a streetcar ride away. The Portland Streetcar RiverPlace Extension opened in March 2005, and now provides easy access to riverfront businesses, neighborhoods and parks.





Bridge Pedal Celebrates 10 Years

Providence Bridge Pedal marked its 10 year anniversary with a community bicycle ride across all 10 Willamette River bridges. As part of the celebration, River Renaissance was featured as one of "Ten Things That Make Portland Such a Special Community," and program staff joined Mayor Tom Potter to greet riders on the Marquam Bridge.



Grant Awarded to Willamette River Restoration Partnership

The Willamette Partnership—a statewide coalition of conservation, city, county, business, farm and scientific leaders that includes the City of Portland—was awarded \$779,000 in federal EPA funding to undertake an innovative approach that will accelerate and expand restoration of the Willamette River Basin. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Targeted Watershed Grant award, combined with \$800,000 of local matching resources, will fund a \$1.6 million effort to create a Willamette Ecosystem Marketplace.



New Columbia Slough Trail Complete

More than a mile of new trail along the Columbia Slough now offers great views of Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens and local wildlife. Portland Parks and Recreation has just completed this new route from NE 124th Avenue to the NE 142nd Avenue levee, with funds from the Portland Development Commission and the Columbia South Shore Trail Fund.



Largest Ivy Pull-No Ivy Day 2005

Mayor Tom Potter honored the extraordinary community-based efforts to control English Ivy and other invasive plants and declared May 7, 2005, No Ivy Day. The 2005 ivy pull was the largest in Portland's history, involving more than 1000 volunteers, and inspiring national and international partners. The No Ivy League program plays a key role in the effort to protect natural resources and contributes to a cleaner and healthier Willamette River. A coordinated effort of city bureaus and community partners was launched in the fall of 2005 to enhance the effectiveness of programs that reduce noxious weeds.



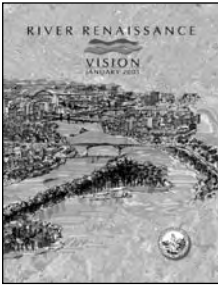
Brownfield Clean Up Grants Received

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$600,000 in grants to Bureau of Environmental Services Brownfields Program. The three separate \$200,000 grants will go toward clean-up of a site in St. Johns, and assessments for two sites with petroleum contamination and hazardous waste. These grants will be instrumental in the recovery and development of underutilized brownfield sites in Portland.

River Renaissance

Introduction

We started with a vision...



2000–2001

In the fall of 2000, more than a thousand Portlanders expressed their hopes and dreams for the future of the river in a series of interactive workshops held in classrooms, community centers, and river boats. The product of this community dialogue is the River Renaissance Vision—a set of long-term goals and aspirations for a revitalized river, and a call to action for City government, public agencies, community groups, business owners and

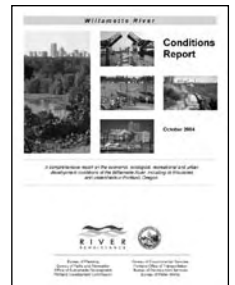
individuals. The Portland City Council enthusiastically endorsed the vision in March 2001.



Mayor Vera Katz at launch of River Renaissance Vision, September 2000

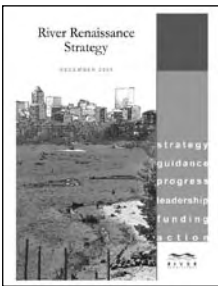
...then worked to better understand the river and its systems...

The Willamette River Conditions Report summarizes existing conditions, trends and opportunities for the river’s ecological, economic, recreational and urban systems. A collaborative team of eight City bureaus produced this integrated assessment of the Willamette River as a foundation for Portland’s river revitalization work.



2002–2004

...achieved early success through innovation, partnership, and a joint strategy...



2004

River Renaissance coordinates and connects Portland’s river-related work, engages and educates the public, and enlists community partners to solve complex issues. A growing list of achievements has been made possible by the innovations of key civic, community and government partners.

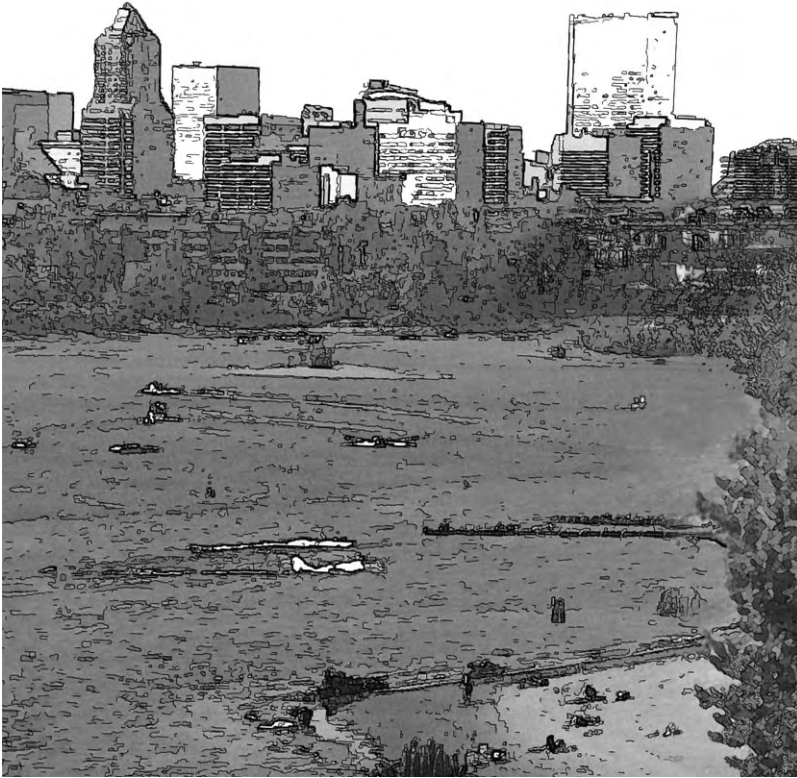
The River Renaissance Strategy establishes policy guidance, progress measures, and an action agenda for the city’s river activities and investments. The Strategy was adopted unanimously by the City Council in December 2004.

...now, we present the 2005 State of the River report.

This first annual State of the River report describes the achievements made by the City of Portland and a network of dedicated partners working in concert to advance goals for the Willamette River. It presents a comprehensive view of the many projects, programs, and partners that are contributing to river revitalization. The report is a tool to help measure the effectiveness of current efforts, and enhance future investments and activities. It will be refined over time to better reflect the work of community partners and more effectively measure the impact of the broad river revitalization effort.



2005



The River Renaissance Strategy (2004) established a set of measures to assess the impact of the collective actions being made to improve the health, vibrancy and economic prosperity of our river systems. Over the last year, the progress measures were refined, and information was collected for this first comprehensive report. Future reports will reflect ongoing work to improve the way we measure and track progress to achieve desired outcomes.

To track progress in a meaningful way, some measures will be presented annually, while others will be updated on a multi-year basis to better show trends. The measures are presented using the five River Renaissance Vision themes:

- Ensure a clean and healthy river system for fish, wildlife, and people.
- Maintain and enhance the city's prosperous working harbor.
- Embrace the river and its banks as Portland's front yard.
- Create vibrant waterfront districts and neighborhoods.
- Promote partnerships, leadership, and education.

The trend symbol assigned to each goal indicates the general direction that progress is moving. In this first year of monitoring, trends are very difficult to observe. Over time, as annual progress is added to that of previous years, trend indicators will become more meaningful.



Clean & Healthy River	Key Indicators of Progress	Trend
<p>Healthier populations of native fish and wildlife use the river and streams for rearing, migration and year-round habitat.</p>	<p>Reports on 2005 data not yet available. Updated information will be reported on a multi-year basis.</p> <p>Ongoing monitoring activities continue to show that native fish, including salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act, are using Portland rivers and streams.</p> <p>The City and its community partners are engaged in significant restoration efforts to improve shading, reduce pollution, control erosion, and plant trees and shrubs in and along local waterways. Meaningful trend information will require more time to develop.</p>	<p>■ ■ ■</p>
<p>Water quality in monitored streams improves annually.</p>	<p>Updated information on water quality in monitored streams will be reported on a multi-year basis.</p> <p>New tools being developed will help better predict and measure the effectiveness of water quality improvements and enhance the net impact of investments.</p>	<p>■ ■ ■</p>
<p>The volume and concentration of E. coli in the Willamette River is reduced.</p>	<p>The Water Quality Index of the Willamette River has improved from “fair” to “good” over the past five years.</p> <p>E. coli concentrations at Kelly Point Park at the confluence ranged from 1 to 2400 cfu/100 ml, a median of 17 cfu/100 ml, and a geometric mean of 21 cfu/100 ml in BES samples collected from January 1998 to October 2005.</p>	<p>+</p>


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Clean & Healthy River	Key Indicators of Progress	Trend	Progress Measures
<p>The overall quality and quantity of tree canopy increases.</p>	<p><u>Acres of Vegetation Cover</u> Tree canopy 24,162 acres Non-canopy vegetation 19,475 acres (2002 data from multi-spectral imaging of the city of Portland)</p> <p>In partnership with public and private entities in 2005, the Bureau of Environmental Services planted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 107,421 trees and shrubs to improve water quality, wildlife habitat and flood management, and ■ 1,500 street trees and 9 large canopy trees. <p>Enhanced tools to map and classify trees and vegetation are being developed in 2006 as part an update of natural resource inventories for wildlife habitat, waterways, and tree canopy.</p>	+	
<p>More buildings and sites are developed or redeveloped to include functional habitat and sustainable development practices.</p>	<p>More than 46,309 downspouts have been disconnected from residential roof drains. This is an increase of 6,309 in 2005.</p> <p>Development permits for stormwater facilities (e.g., planted swales and ecoroofs) totaled 1,231 swales and 8 ecoroofs in 2005. This is a 100% increase in ecoroofs in 2005.</p> <p>Portland now has more than 416,400 square feet of greenroofs (ecoroofs and roof gardens), an increase of 106,400 square feet in 2005.</p> <p>The number of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) registered buildings in Portland has increased from 33 in 2004 to 65 in 2005. The number of LEED certified buildings in Portland is 11, up from four in 2004.*</p> <p>Portland has the most LEED accredited professionals per capita in the country.</p> <hr/> <p>* LEED registered means that the project has been registered with the United States Green Building Council and aspires to achieve one of four levels of certification. Once a building has achieved certification, the building goes from being LEED "registered" to LEED "certified."</p>	+	





Prosperous Working Harbor	Key Indicators of Progress	Trend
<p>The number of regional jobs that are supported by manufacturing and distribution firms in the working harbor and Columbia Corridor increases.</p> 	<p>Total covered employment in 2002 of manufacturing and distribution firms in the working harbor and Columbia Corridor industrial districts was 47,537. These firms supported approximately one in seven jobs (125,000) in the six-county metro area, based on US Bureau of Economic Analysis RIMS II regional multipliers for 2000.</p> <p>The recent recession prompted countywide employment reductions of 20 percent in manufacturing and 10 percent in distribution from 2001 to 2004. Employment data at the district level for 2004 is due but not yet available.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">—</p>

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<p>Portland’s established and emerging industries grow.</p> <p>To measure progress, we track the job growth in regional target industries and the manufacturing sector generally within the working harbor and Columbia Corridor industrial areas.</p>	<p>Covered employment trends in the 3-county metro area:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="485 342 1059 709"> <thead> <tr> <th>Target Industries in Industrial Areas</th> <th>2004 Jobs</th> <th>2001–04 Change</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Distribution/Logistics</td> <td>76,758</td> <td>-1.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Metals/Transportation Equipment.</td> <td>30,040</td> <td>-10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Tech Manufacturing.</td> <td>45,458</td> <td>-19%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food Processing</td> <td>7,874</td> <td>-1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sports Apparel</td> <td>6,960</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manufacturing</td> <td>106,020</td> <td>-12%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The employment downturn reflects the recent recession.</p>	Target Industries in Industrial Areas		2004 Jobs	2001–04 Change	Distribution/Logistics	76,758	-1.7%	Metals/Transportation Equipment.	30,040	-10%	High Tech Manufacturing.	45,458	-19%	Food Processing	7,874	-1%	Sports Apparel	6,960	2%	Manufacturing	106,020	-12%	-
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<p>The maritime tonnage of goods handled in the working harbor increases.</p>	<p>International cargo (imports and exports) handled in the working harbor in 2003 was 15,753,000 short tons and domestic cargo was 11,043,000 short tons (US Army Corps of Engineers). There was no significant change from 2002.</p> <p>2004 data is due and expected in spring 2006.</p>	=																						
<p>The mobility of freight traffic (trucks, rail, and waterway transport) improves through the region.</p>	<p>This measure will be developed through implementation of the Freight Master Plan.</p>	. . .																						
<p>Private capital investment increases in the working harbor and Columbia Corridor industrial areas, especially in cleanup sites.</p>	<p>Reports on Multnomah County Assessment and Taxation data showing assessed improvement value will be provided every two years, beginning in 2006. These investments are cyclical and more appropriately reported on a multi-year basis.</p>	. . .																						
<p>Permitting time and complexity for development and redevelopment is reduced.</p>	<p>The Regulatory Improvement Program seeks to continuously improve Portland’s development code regulations, procedures, costs and customer service. Recent code amendments resolved issues with nonconforming development, procedures for final plats, and violations to tree preservation plans.</p> <p>Indicators to measure improvements in the permitting process will be established in 2006.</p>	. . .																						





Portland's Front Yard	Key Indicators of Progress	Trend
Increase the diversity of uses and balance of uses in City of Portland riverfront parks.	A tool to measure progress toward this goal will be developed in 2006. No data exists at this time.	■ ■ ■
Increase the number of people who live within a mile of park access points to the river.	A tool to measure progress toward this goal will be developed in 2006. No data exists at this time.	■ ■ ■
Improve watercraft access to and from the City's parkland.	A tool to measure progress toward this goal will be developed in 2006. No data exists at this time.	■ ■ ■
The number of days when it is unsafe to swim in the Willamette River decreases.	<p>Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) events during the summer season, May 15–October 15:</p> <p>There were 10 events in 2005, an increase of 3 over 2004. This variation is largely due to the amount and duration of seasonal rain.</p> <p>A significant drop in CSO events is expected in 2006 when the West Side Big Pipe opens, and another reduction will occur when the East Side CSO Tunnel opens in 2011.</p>	—
Increase the linear feet of off-street river trail segments on both sides of the Willamette River.	Progress toward this goal will be reported on a multi-year basis beginning in 2006.	■ ■ ■
The amount of riverbank habitat improved or restored increases.	In partnership with public and private entities, 11,350 feet of stream bank was improved or restored in 2005 by the Bureau of Environmental Services	+

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Vibrant Waterfront Districts	Key Indicators of Progress	Trend
<p>An increasing number of district residents, workers and shoppers perceive that waterfront commercial and residential districts are enjoyable places to live, work, and visit.</p>	<p>A tool to measure progress toward this goal will be developed in the future.</p>	<p>■ ■ ■</p>
<p>More private and public development activities contribute directly and indirectly to the vibrancy of the waterfront as a place for public use and enjoyment as well as development and investment.</p>	<p>Current development activities: The St. Johns/Lombard Plan was adopted in 2004 and calls for transportation improvements and a series of future actions for the community. New developments in the town center include housing, live/work, and office. Funding to improve transportation and pedestrian connections within the town center will be available in 2006. North Portland Riverfront The University of Portland Board of Regents approved a purchase and sale agreement for a 35-acre riverfront site with 2,250 linear feet of waterfront. A planning process to examine development options involves the City of Portland, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, and community leaders.</p>	<p>+</p>

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<p>More private and public development activities contribute directly and indirectly to the vibrancy of the waterfront as a place for public use and enjoyment as well as development and investment.</p>	<p>Current development activities:</p> <p>Centennial Mills is seen as a signature opportunity to transform a historic site into a place which reconnects people with the river. The 4.5-acre Centennial complex of 10 buildings is located in NW Portland, just north of the Broadway Bridge. A redevelopment project involves the community to develop support for the future use of this important riverfront site.</p> <p>Terminal One. The former Port of Portland terminal in NW Portland is being redeveloped with town homes, and will provide public access to the waterfront with a new segment of the Greenway Trail.</p> <p>The Ankeny/Burnside Development project began in 2005 to revitalize the historic district that includes Ankeny Plaza, the area under the Burnside Bridge along 1st Avenue, Naito Parkway, and connections to the riverfront at the Ankeny Pump Station and dock.</p> <p>The Portland Boathouse, a light watercraft recreational center, opened in March 2005, on the lower floor of the Holman Building. Numerous paddling, rowing, and crew teams use the facility and non-motorized boat dock on the east bank just south of the Hawthorne Bridge.</p> <p>The South Waterfront District (Plan adopted in 2002) is a 145-acre riverfront site in Portland’s central city that is being transformed into a vibrant mixed-use community. The district will be home to an expansion of the Oregon Health & Sciences University campus, an exemplary greenway along 6500 linear feet of riverfront, an innovative transportation system, affordable and market-rate housing, and environmentally sensitive buildings. Several buildings are currently under construction, in permitting, or in Design Review.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">+</p>

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Progress Measures

Partnerships, Leadership, and Education	Key Indicators of Progress	Trend
<p>More Portlanders take part in activities at home and in the community that contribute to River Renaissance goals.</p>	<p>A total of 46,309 downspouts have been disconnected from residential roof drains. This is an increase of 6,309 in 2005.</p> <p>More than 9,000 SOLV volunteers took part in watershed improvements like cleanups, plantings, and invasive weed removal in 2005. This is a 44% increase in participation from the greater Portland area since 2004.</p> <p>71.5% of citizens reported at least one visit to the Willamette River in 2005, a slight increase over the 70% who said they did something on or along the riverfront in 2004. (City of Portland Citizen Survey, 2004 and 2005).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>
<p>A growing network of civic and community partners engages the public in river-related activities and contributes to the River Renaissance Initiative.</p>	<p>More than 118 partners participated in 2005. This is an increase of 103% over 2004.</p> <p>The expanding list of partners is presented on pages 35–36 of this report.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+</p>



River Renaissance

Progress Measures

Partnerships, Leadership, and Education	Key Indicators of Progress	Trend
An increasing number of Portlanders receive the River Renaissance calendar and visit the River Renaissance website.	<p>In 2005, ten editions of the events calendar were produced, three more than in 2004.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 3,000 copies of each edition were distributed; ■ Monthly email announcements are sent to a network of 800 individuals, businesses, and organizations; and ■ Visitors to the River Renaissance website now average 4200 each month, an increase of 47% over 2004. 	+
The number of students participating in school assemblies and activities to learn about the economic, environmental and urban roles of the Willamette River increases.	<p>A total of 17,950 K–12 students in Portland area schools participated in presentations or field work through the Clean River Program (Bureau of Environmental Services). This is 7,950 more students than were reached in the 2003–2004 school year.</p> <p>The number of students engaged in programs led by Portland Parks & Recreation, local watershed councils, and other organizations were not available in time for the draft report.</p>	+
Cooperative efforts between upstream and downstream communities are enhanced.	<p>A new spirit of cooperation between Willamette River cities began with a successful summit in Oregon City hosted by Congresswoman Darlene Hooley. Participants from riverfront communities throughout Oregon participated in this unique gathering in June 2005, to discuss successful initiatives and explore partnership opportunities. River Renaissance is proud to have been an event organizer and sponsor.</p> <p>The Willamette Ecosystem Marketplace will accelerate and expand restoration of the Willamette River Basin in Oregon. This new approach is led by the Willamette Partnership, a statewide coalition of conservation, government, business, farm and scientific leaders that includes the City of Portland. This project has received a grant of \$779,000 from the US Environmental Protection Agency to be matched with \$800,000 in local funds.</p>	+

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The River Renaissance Action Agenda showcases the City of Portland’s current portfolio of river-related work. These highlighted efforts reflect an integrated approach to river revitalization and a strong commitment to collaborate with community partners.

The Action Agenda advances progress in the five interrelated themes of the River Renaissance Vision:

- A Clean and Healthy River
- A Prosperous Working Harbor
- Portland’s Front Yard
- Vibrant Waterfront Districts and Neighborhoods
- Partnerships, Leadership, and Education

While each vision theme cannot realistically be fulfilled on every stretch of our rivers, nor in every part of our watershed, River Renaissance strives to advance multiple goals with each action and investment.

The Action Agenda is presented in two parts:

Citywide—projects and programs that address broad improvements across Portland.

Willamette River and Columbia River Corridors—improvements focused in and along the river corridors and connecting streams in Portland. These projects and programs are shown on the accompanying map.



Clean River Education Programs

Continue hands-on classroom and community programs that teach students about the causes and effects of water pollution and how to protect rivers and streams.

A total of 17,950 K–12 students in Portland area schools participated in presentations or field work during the 2004–2005 school year.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	Environmental Services
Partners	Local schools, watershed councils



The River Trust

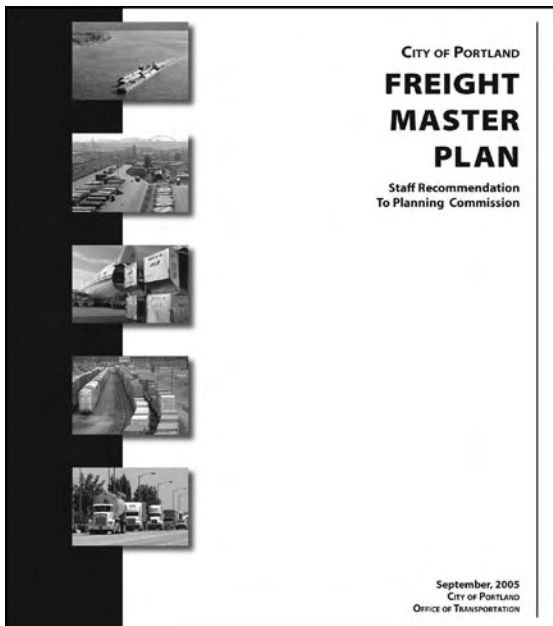
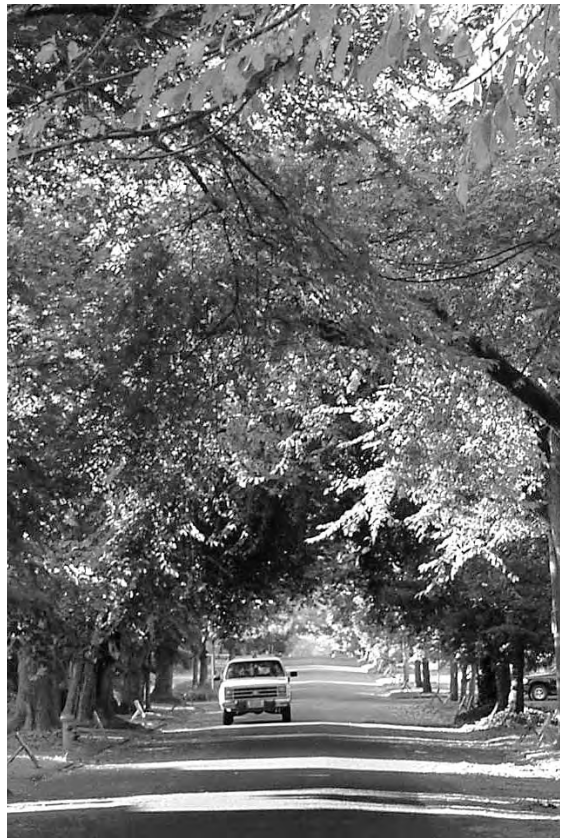
Expand this innovative partnership of local, state and federal agencies to effectively address permitting issues in the lower Willamette River. The first product of the Trust was the Streamlining Agreement, a tool to facilitate the review of City projects that trigger Endangered Species Act regulations. Portland is the first non-federal entity in the US to have such an agreement.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative, Environmental Services, Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Development Services, Planning
Partners	Local, state and federal agencies

Urban Forestry Strategy

Develop a coordinated approach to protect and enhance Portland's tree canopy and implement the 2004 Portland Urban Forestry Management Plan. A multi-bureau team will work with community partners to address current conditions, needs, and implementation strategies to promote a healthy urban forest.

Status	Project complete in 2006
City Leads	Parks & Recreation, Environmental Services, Planning, Development Services
Partners	Friends of Trees, Metro, Portland State University



Freight Master Plan

Complete the Freight Master Plan to serve as a guide for the city's freight mobility activities. Through freight policies, operational strategies, and system improvements, the plan will provide a road map for how Portland manages freight and delivery movement today and into the future.

Portland is at the confluence of two major rivers, two national highways, and two mainline railroads. These unique features make freight movement an essential part of the working harbor and the regional economy.

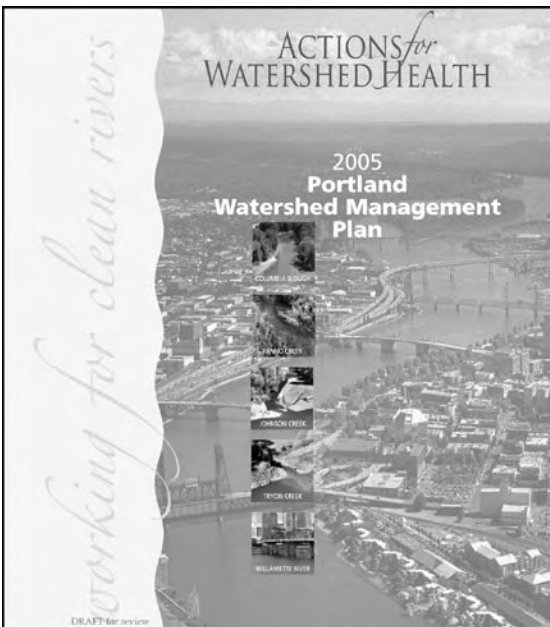
Status	Recommended Plan to City Council in Spring 2006
City Leads	Transportation, Planning, Portland Development Commission
Partners	Metro, Oregon Department of Transportation, US Department of Transportation



ReThink Training Series

Continue this green building education program that highlights the region’s most innovative and high performance projects. Training sessions explore what it takes to create sustainable residential and commercial buildings, and cover design, construction, materials and equipment. In 2005, more than 650 designers, builders, and community advocates were trained in this program that raises the bar for sustainable development in Portland.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	Sustainable Development
Partners	Private developers and builders



Watershed Management Plan

Complete a comprehensive, scientifically based approach to identifying desired future conditions of the health of Portland’s watersheds—identifying objectives, strategies and actions that will protect the remaining best attributes of our watersheds while improving the rest.

Status	Council adoption in Spring 2006
City Leads	Environmental Services, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Development Services, Water
Partners	Watershed Councils



Green Streets

Design and install innovative street facilities that absorb and filter rainwater. This approach is used to remove pollutants, reduce the volume of water flowing into the stormwater system, and enhance livability. In 2006, these efforts will include testing new techniques and increasing the number of demonstration projects.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	Transportation, Environmental Services
Partners	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Transportation

Parks' Environmental Education & Restoration

Involve community volunteers in hands-on activities focused on the forest, grassland, and water in parks throughout Portland. Continue environmental education, restoration projects, and guided tours in City parks and natural areas for Portlanders of all ages.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	Parks & Recreation
Partners	Community Volunteers, Watershed Councils





Green Investment Fund

Continue the Green Investment Fund, a competitive grant program that awards projects designed and built to meet aggressive resource conservation goals. The GIF recognizes project innovation in waste and toxins reduction, water conservation, on-site stormwater management and reuse, energy conservation and on-site renewable energy.

Status	A total of \$450,000 will be awarded in 2006
City Leads	Sustainable Development, Environmental Services, Water
Partners	Energy Trust of Oregon



CEO Environmental Practice Forum

Convene the CEOs from Portland-area companies to advance innovative practices and environmentally-friendly approaches. Promote “best practices” for other companies to follow.

Status	2006–2007
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative, Sustainable Development, Portland Development Commission, Planning
Partners	Oregon State University, Department of Fish and Wildlife



Public Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Ongoing outreach, education and promotional activities that involve Portlanders in the broad river initiative. These include publication of the River Renaissance Calendar, production of the annual State of the River Report, and management of Portland’s centralized river website. Efforts also focus on strengthening relationships with the growing network of partners actively working to advance river goals.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative
Partners	Community groups, river advocates, businesses, schools, property owners, local and regional agencies



Leaders Forum

Establish an executive level group of river champions to serve as a forum for multi-disciplinary river discussions. This group will advise the River Renaissance Directors, promote the broad initiative, and explore long-term funding options.

Status	Launch in Spring 2006
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative
Partners	Civic, business, and community leaders



Willamette River Cities United

A successful summit of Willamette riverfront cities was held in Oregon City in June 2005. More than 200 participants launched a coordinated effort to share best practices and explore partnership opportunities up and down the Willamette River in Oregon. Among the highest priorities is keeping the Willamette Falls Locks open year round. River Renaissance is proud to have been an event organizer and sponsor.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative
Partners	Willamette River Cities United, Governor’s Willamette Legacy Project



The River in Focus

New in 2005, this free discussion series highlights critical economic, environmental, and urban river issues. These public noontime events are held at Portland City Hall to provide answers and connect the complex array of river programs and projects. Topics in 2005 included Ross Island, Combined Sewer Overflow projects, and the River Plan—North Reach. The series continues with bimonthly brownbag sessions beginning in February 2006.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative
Partners	Community, business, and agency partners



Willamette River and Columbia River Corridors

Portland is located at the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. These rivers have shaped us as a place, and as a people. Portland is the Columbia’s major seaport and its economic and cultural capital. The Willamette River is Portland’s centerpiece—our chief environmental, economic and urban asset.

This section of the Action Agenda highlights revitalization efforts in and along the rivers and streams in Portland. The eighteen projects described here span both sides of the 17-mile Willamette Riverfront, and include work underway in the Columbia River Corridor, the Columbia Slough, Johnson Creek, and Tryon Creek. The map indicates the general location of these projects, or shows a prominent feature of the river wide effort.





Columbia Corridor Area Natural Resource Planning & Regulatory Improvements

Develop an approach to integrate natural resource conservation planning with the unique industrial and freight distribution characteristics of the Columbia Corridor area.

Status	Project scoping fall 2005
City Leads	Planning, Environmental Services, Development Services, Transportation, Portland Development Commission, Parks & Recreation, Office of Sustainable Development
Partners	Multnomah County Drainage District, Port of Portland, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Metro, Columbia Corridor Association and community stakeholders

Kelley Point Park Canoe Launch

Build a non-motorized boat launch with a small parking area at Kelley Point Park to improve access to the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and the Columbia Slough.

Status	Pre-design in 2006
City Leads	Parks & Recreation, Portland Development Commission
Partners	Port of Portland, Oregon State Parks, Columbia Slough Watershed Council





Columbia Slough Infrastructure Improvements

Develop enhancement projects to create wetland benches, replace culverts, improve off-channel wetlands, and install water quality facilities. These activities will improve water quality, and create and restore wetlands along a seven-mile segment of the Columbia Slough.

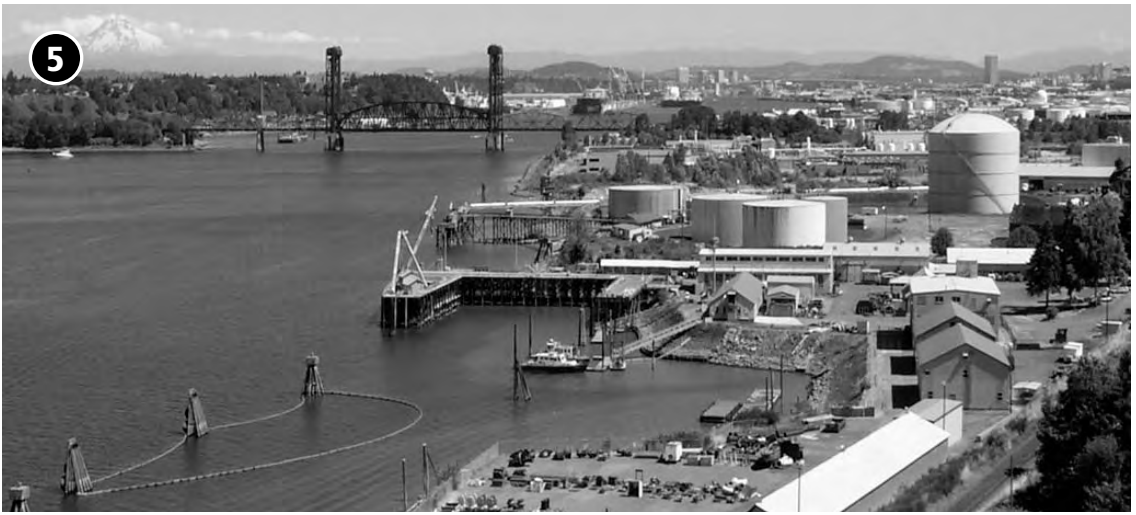
Status	2005–2006
City Leads	Environmental Services
Partners	Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Multnomah County Drainage District, Army Corps of Engineers



Harbor Reinvestment Strategy

Establish a 10-year program of coordinated investments in the working harbor industrial districts as part of the River Plan/North Reach. The strategy will focus on land, labor and infrastructure improvements to stimulate private industrial development.

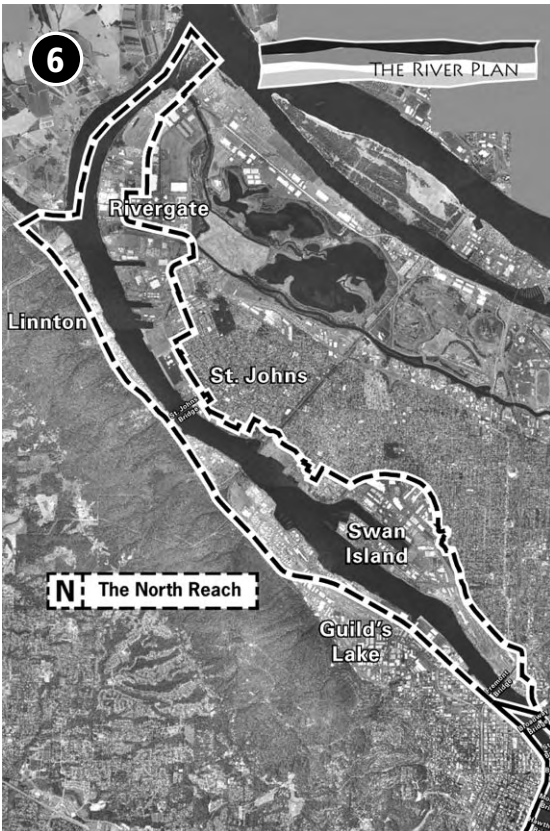
Status	2005–2006
City Leads	Planning, Portland Development Commission
Partners	Port of Portland, property owners and area businesses



Portland Harbor Cleanup

Advance cleanup efforts and the agreement with federal, state and tribal natural resource trustees on natural resource damages in the harbor. Complete evaluation and control of upland sources of contamination; continue investigation and remediation efforts.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	Environmental Services
Partners	Federal, state, and tribal natural resource trustees, Port of Portland



River Plan—North Reach

Develop a comprehensive update of the 1987 Willamette Greenway Plan, code and design guidelines that will reflect the River Renaissance Vision and Strategy. The Plan will address a broad set of issues related to the Willamette River and lands along the 17-mile river corridor in Portland.

The first phase will begin in the North Reach—future planning will address the downtown and southern areas.

Status	2005–2007
City Leads	Planning, Parks & Recreation, Transportation, Environmental Services, Portland Development Commission, Development Services
Partners	Port of Portland, property owners, state, federal and regional agencies, and community stakeholders



Willamette Industrial Urban Renewal Area

Encourage existing businesses to stay within the district and attract new industrial, high-tech, manufacturing and distribution businesses to the area. Urban renewal funds will be available for business location and expansion assistance, pollution studies and remedies, and infrastructure improvements. This URA is located on the east side of the Willamette River at Mock’s Bottom and Swan Island, as well as in two areas in NW Portland.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	Portland Development Commission, Planning, Transportation, Development Services
Partners	Port of Portland, large employers

University of Portland Riverfront Expansion

Partner with the University of Portland as they plan to purchase and redevelop riverfront land located below the University of Portland’s current campus in North Portland.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative, Planning, Parks & Recreation, Transportation
Partners	University of Portland, current property owners, Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency



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Waud Bluff Trail

Build a new pedestrian and bike trail down the bluff from Willamette Blvd. to the north end of Basin Avenue on Swan Island. This new trail in North Portland will offer a much safer, year-round path, provide quick access to TriMet buses, and connect to other existing and proposed trails.

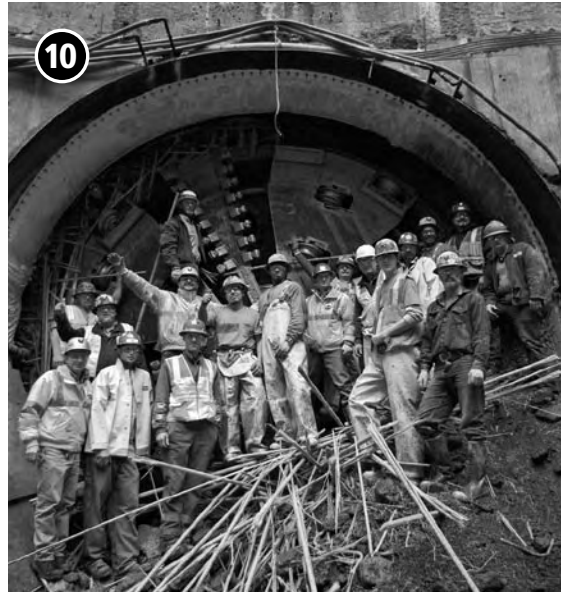
Status	\$1.2 million grant received in 2005
City Leads	Parks & Recreation
Partners	Swan Island Transportation Management Association, Oregon Department of Transportation

Combined Sewer Overflow Project

Continue CSO system improvements to significantly reduce sewer overflows into the Willamette River by 2011. Portland has passed the halfway mark of a 20-year program to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Columbia Slough and Willamette River. Projects to date have eliminated almost all CSOs to the Columbia Slough, and have reduced total CSO volume by more than three billion gallons a year. The West Side CSO Tunnel will open in 2006 and final design of the East Side Tunnel is underway.

Status	Completion in 2011
City Leads	Environmental Services
Partners	Residential and commercial property owners, local businesses

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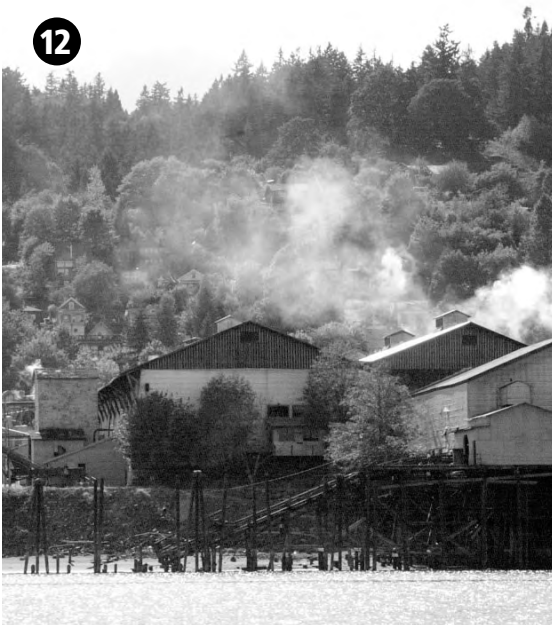




Centennial Mills Planning

Determine the future use of the former mill site that recognizes the historic connections to the working river, provides open space, connects the River District with the existing trail system, enhances fish habitat, and features the riverfront as a defining design feature. The planning process will involve the community to create a redevelopment concept for the 4.5 acre site located in NW Portland just north of the Broadway Bridge.

Status	2005–2006
City Leads	Portland Development Commission, Parks & Recreation, Planning, River Renaissance Initiative, Environmental Services, Transportation
Partners	Property owners and community stakeholders



Linnton Village Redevelopment Project

Assess redevelopment options for 35 acres along the Willamette River in the Linnton community. This area has included industrial users like the Linnton Plywood Company for most of the 20th Century. Opportunities for reuse are being explored to take full advantage of Linnton’s presence on the river.

Status	Report to Planning Commission Feb. 2006
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative, Planning, Portland Development Commission
Partners	Linnton Neighborhood Association and Working Waterfront Coalition



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Willamette Passenger Ferry Feasibility Study

Conduct a feasibility assessment and explore potential models of operation for a passenger ferry service on the Willamette River. The results of the study will guide decisions about the development of water-based passenger travel in Portland.

Status	Study completed in Spring 2006
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative, Planning, Transportation
Partners	RiversWest, Portland State University

Ankeny/Burnside Development Framework Project

Plan for the future of the historic waterfront area at Ankeny Plaza and the historic area around the Skidmore Fountain in the heart of Portland’s Old Town neighborhood.

Status	2005–2006
City Leads	Portland Development Commission, Bureau of Planning, Parks & Recreation, Office of Transportation
Partners	Saturday Market, Public Market, Old Town/China Town Neighborhood, private developers, local businesses and agencies



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South Waterfront District

This highly urban mixed-use community is transforming a 140-acre brownfield site and adding an exemplary greenway along 6500 feet of riverfront. The district features affordable and market-rate housing, research and education facilities, an innovative transportation system, and will reconnect the Lair Hill neighborhood to the Willamette River.

Status	Ongoing
City Leads	Transportation, Portland Development Commission, Planning, Parks & Recreation
Partners	Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland State University, State of Oregon



Willamette River and Columbia River Corridors



Ross Island Acquisition

Assess and advise on the opportunity to transfer ownership of Ross Island from the Ross Island Sand & Gravel company to the City of Portland. The Ross Island area includes Ross, Hardtack, Toe and East Islands and is located at approximately river mile 15 of the Willamette River.

Status	2006–2007
City Leads	River Renaissance Initiative, Parks & Recreation, Environmental Services, Planning
Partners	Ross Island Sand & Gravel, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Department of State Lands

Johnson Creek Restoration Program

Continue restoration work including culvert replacement, removal of invasive weeds, and planting of native trees and shrubs to improve flood control capacity, and restore fish habitat along Johnson Creek in Southeast Portland.

Status	2006–2007
City Leads	Environmental Services
Partners	Johnson Creek Watershed Council, private landowners



Tryon Creek Headwaters Redevelopment

Partner with private developers and the community to restore streambed at the headwaters of Tryon Creek as part of a mixed-income housing development at Southwest 30th Ave. and Dolph Court.

Status	2005–2006
City Leads	Environmental Services, Portland Development Commission
Partners	Winkler Development

Advisory Groups

Citywide Land Use Chairs
 City of Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee
 City of Portland Freight Advisory Committee
 City of Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
 River Industrial & Economic Advisory Group
 River Plan Committee
 Stormwater Advisory Committee
 Watershed Science Advisory Group

Boards & Commissions

Design Commission
 Landmarks Commission
 Multnomah Youth Commission
 Parks Board
 Planning Commission
 Portland Development Commission
 Sustainable Development Commission
 Urban Forestry Commission

Community Partners

Audubon Society of Portland
 Bicycle Transportation Alliance
 Bridlemile Creek Stewards
 Central Eastside Industrial District
 Christmas Ships, Inc.
 City Club of Portland
 City Repair Project
 Cathedral Park Jazz Festival
 Coalition for a Livable Future
 Columbia Corridor Association
 Columbia Slough Watershed Council
 Community Energy Project
 The Dirt!
 Energy Trust
 Fans of Fanno Creek
 Friends of Arnold Creek
 Friends of Forest Park
 Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
 Friends of Trees
 Friends of Tryon Creek State Natural Area
 Johnson Creek Watershed Council
 Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership
 News4Neighbors
 No Ivy League
 North Portland Greenway
 Oregon Health & Sciences University
 Oregon Historical Society
 Oregon Maritime Museum
 Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
 Oregon State University—
 Department of Fish & Wildlife
 Oregon Symphony
 Oregon Trout

Parks & Recreation Community Centers
 Portland Area K–12 Schools
 Portland Art Museum
 Portland Boathouse
 Portland Challenge
 Portland Festival Symphony
 Portland-Guadalajara Sister City Association
 Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association
 Portland Marine Dealers Association
 Portland’s Neighborhood Network—
 neighborhood and business associations
 Portland Public Market
 Portland State University
 Portland Streetcar
 Providence Bridge Pedal
 Riverfront for People
 RiversWest Small Craft Center
 Ross Island Sand & Gravel Company
 Salmon-Safe
 SOLV
 Swan Island Transportation Management
 Association
 University of Portland
 Waterfront Organizations of Oregon
 Wetlands Conservancy
 Willamette Riverkeeper
 Willamette Legacy Project
 Willamette Partnership
 Working Waterfront Coalition
 Xerces Society



Tribal Leaders

- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation
- Nez Perce Tribe

Agency Partners

- Bonneville Power Administration
- Department of State Lands
- East & West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
- Governor's Natural Resource Team
- Metro
- Multnomah County
- Multnomah County Drainage District
- Multnomah Youth Commission
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Fisheries
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Oregon State Marine Board
- Oregon State Parks
- Port of Portland
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- TriMet
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Coast Guard
- US Department of Transportation
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

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RIVER RENAISSANCE
January February 2006

1 JANUARY
1 SUNDAY
New Year Day Ride
12 noon-5 pm. Start the New Year off in spirit at the City Family Bicycle Ride. It's a 50-mile Portland edition. The ride will start at the Willamette River and ends with more drinks and treats at Goodheart Park. Meet at the Hartwood Center Memorial to Tom McCall at Goodheart Park between the Liberman and Burnside Bridges. For information about this free event, contact John at 503-733-0416. [Ride! - Registration \\$10/ride](#)

7 SATURDAY
Winter Birds at Smith and Byline Wetlands
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Come see the natural splendor of Smith and Byline Lakes as thousands of ducks, geese and cranes arrive for the winter holidays. For a special day, you can enjoy birds, turtles, otters, muskrats, beavers, and bald eagles. Binoculars and field notes are available for purchase. This event is available to the public for a fee. Registration is required at 503-559-0206.

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Wild on the Willamette Bike Trip
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Sauvie Island Raptor Road Trip
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Explore Sauvie Island and see the birds and nature that call this island home. Sign up for this event at 503-559-0206.

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Willamette the Heroes Paddle
9 a.m. - 12 noon. Paddle around the river and see the beautiful views of the Willamette River. Sign up for this event at 503-559-0206.

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What's New...
DEQ Issues Record of Decision for Ross Island
The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has released a decision on remedial action for the Ross Island Sand and Gravel site located on Ross and Hartstack Islands in Portland. December 2005.

Springwater Trail Crossings Under Construction
New bridges being built will connect east and west sections of the Springwater Corridor Trail. The Portland Tribune, 12/20/2005

Portland Watershed Management Plan
Review the draft plan to improve our watersheds.

2005 Providence Bridge Pedal (PDF Document, 2,290kb)
River Renaissance honored on list of "10 Things That Make Portland Such a Special Community." See page 10.

River Renaissance recognized by APA and American Rivers
Portland is profiled in "Ecological Riverfront Design: Restoring Rivers, Connecting Communities," Chapter 6. The Willamette River: A Renaissance in the making. <http://www.americanrivers.org/site/PageServer?page...>

The RIVER PLAN I North Reach
The River Plan is a comprehensive update of Portland's Willamette Greenway Plan, code and design guidelines to reflect the River Renaissance Vision and Strategy. [more news...](#)

The River Renaissance Initiative
River Renaissance coordinates the city's river-related work, engages the public, and connects community partners to create innovative urban solutions. Central to this initiative is the belief that urban development, healthy natural systems, and a sustainable economy are complementary goals.

The initiative is led by a collaborative team of eight city bureaus:
• Portland Bureau of Planning

Current Calendar
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