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~ MEDIA OPPORTUNITY ~

Springfield Mill Race Celebration

The City of Springfield along with project partners will recognize the successful completion of the Springfield Mill Race Ecosystem Restoration Project. The event will include comments by dignitaries and agencies representatives and a display with photos and facts. The full event program is below.

Project Background: The Springfield Mill Race Ecosystem Restoration Project was conducted under Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, by the Portland District Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the City of Springfield and the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District. The project restored and enhanced off-channel habitat along approximately 3 miles of the Springfield Mill Race and approximately 40 acres of riparian area. Project features included the construction of a more stable inlet to the Mill Race, removal of the Mill Dam, restoration of the Mill Race channel, creation of wetlands, seasonal ponds and backwater sloughs through the Mill Pond area, riparian restoration, and associated recreational features.

The overall purpose of the project was to create a stable Mill Race inlet from the Middle Fork Willamette River to continue to supply existing legal water users; improve habitat conditions for anadromous salmon, red-legged frogs, western pond turtles, and neotropical migratory birds; and integrate restoration plans with the overall recreational and environmental education plans of the City of Springfield.

What: Springfield Mill Race Celebration

Who: Dignitaries, elected officials, and project partners

When: July 21 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Where: Springfield Mill Race access at Booth Kelly, 303 S Fifth Street in Springfield

Event Program

2:30 PM Introductions by MC Jeff Towery,
Springfield Assistant City Manager

2:35 PM Welcome by Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg

2:40 PM Project Overview by Len Goodwin,
Springfield Development & Public Works Director

2:50 PM Local Partnership by Bob Keefer,
Willamalane Park and Recreation District Superintendent

3:00 PM Project Need by Kevin Brice
US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District Deputy District Engineer

3:10 PM Remarks from Senator Jeff Merkley by Dan Whalen,
Field Representative and Natural Resource Liaison for Senator Merkley

3:15 PM Remarks from Senator Ron Wyden by Juine Chada,
Field Representative for Senator Wyden

3:20 PM Federal Partnership by Congressman Peter DeFazio

3:30 PM Closing Remarks by Gino Grimaldi,
Springfield City Manager

3:35 PM Refreshments

3:50 PM Optional - Short walking tour of the Mill Race

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