



Wetlands & Riparian Inventories for Springfield's UGB Expansion Areas

Draft Report Available for Review

Greetings to you in this New Year! We are looking forward to what's ahead for the [Wetlands & Riparian Inventories for Springfield's UGB Expansion Areas project](#) and are kicking 2021 off with some progress and results to share.

After the consultant team, SummitWest Environmental and Terra Science visited and analyzed 39 wetland resource sites and 18 riparian resource sites within 792 acres of UGB expansion area (study area), the draft inventories (a report) is now available on the [project webpage](#). The project webpage also has a couple other tools we are excited for you to take a look at.



Our [StoryMap](#) will launch you into an interactive way to navigate the results for specific properties you want to know more about. There is also a survey on the webpage so we can be sure that the next draft of the report considers the additional knowledge we gain from input received about the study areas and sites within those study areas. We hope you enjoy exploring things!

Survey - Your feedback is needed!

Anyone who is interested in providing us input about the results for any of the study areas can take the survey. The questions are mostly multiple choice questions, which should only take

approximately 8 minutes to complete. Be sure to submit your response by February 8, 2021.

Take the Survey

If you live in or visit Springfield, you might find announcements about and links to the survey around Willamalane's parks and trails as you head out to some of your favorite outdoor places. We invite you to spread the word!

Note: This survey is just one of several ways you can provide written feedback. You can also e-mail the project manager directly (contact information below). If you are a property owner in the study area, you will also be able to write your comments directly on the draft maps or attach comments and return them to us with prepaid postage, which are either on the way or are already delivered to your mailbox.



Next Steps & Look Ahead

Comments received at this time will be provided to the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) but will not be forwarded directly to this project's local decision-makers (for example, the Springfield City Council) who will ultimately decide on an update to the Springfield Natural Resources Study in addition to ultimately adopting the final Inventory. We will send property owners in the study area DSL's final decision on the Inventory report as soon as possible. Plus, post their final decision to the project web page.

Looking further ahead, the project team will be moving into discussions with City and Lane County local decision-makers about possibilities for land use regulations that serve to protect the resources found to be "locally significant" (of special value). While dates are to be determined, we hope to begin these discussions this winter and continue them in early spring as needed.

Project Timeline

Winter 2021 — Project team inviting community members to review and comment on the draft inventories

We look forward to receiving your comments and feedback on the results of the draft inventories. To do so please click on the above survey button.

Winter/Spring 2021 — Oregon Department of State Lands to review and approve the Local Wetlands Inventory (LWI) piece of the inventories

Once approved, this LWI and the inventories for riparian corridors will be the foundation for the preferred local policy approach for protecting the resources identified in the inventories.

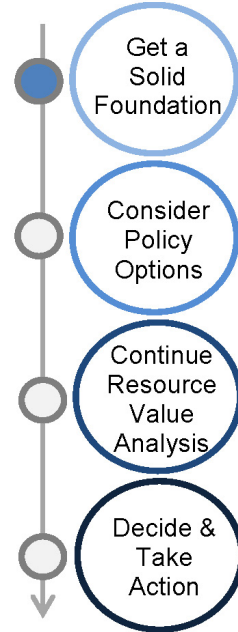
Winter/Spring 2021 — Work Sessions to consider options for local protection measures

Although the Springfield City Council will be the deciding body to select and direct the project team on which policy approach to use, the project team will also look to schedule a meeting with the Springfield Planning Commission to receive the Commission’s recommendation before meeting with City Council.

TBD 2021 — Update to the Springfield Natural Resources Study to be adopted

This update will involve adoption by the Springfield City Council and the Lane County Board of Commissioners. This action could occur as soon as 2021, but much needs to be accomplished before we can identify a timeframe.

Where are we?



Questions?

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