



# Wetlands & Riparian Inventories for Springfield's UGB Expansion Areas

## State Grant Received

The City of Springfield has been awarded another Technical Assistance Grant from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to continue this project! The grant will bolster the City's budget and other staff resources to allow us to do more for the natural resources in Springfield's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion areas.



The project team will look to complete assessment work on wetlands and riparian areas, and to expand the project by:

- Completing an inventory of significant [wildlife habitat](#) within Springfield's UGB Expansion Areas to comply with [Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 5](#); and
- Identifying Water Quality Limited Watercourses (WQLW) and extending Springfield's existing WQLW protections to UGB expansion areas. These requirements relate to helping protect Springfield's water quality by identifying riparian areas along watercourses that need special development standards that help to minimize pollution that comes into those areas and into the water. See [Springfield Development Code](#), Section 4.3-115 for more information. This section of code and effort relates to [Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 6](#).

The grant agreement was executed in February, and the project team has officially started with work under the expanded project scope. The grant will provide continuity to the project by allowing the City to keep working with our project partners to complete all necessary steps to prepare an adoption-ready natural resource protection plan, along with any necessary development code updates. This includes completing the natural resources inventory, receiving direction from City Council to prepare an updated natural resources plan, and preparing any materials needed for implementation. The adoption process is

targeted to begin in 2023.

## New Year, New Project Name

To complement the additional work we are able to do with the help of DLCDC's grant, the project team has updated the project title to **Natural Resource Inventories & Protections for Springfield's UGB Expansion Areas**. This name will be reflected in future e-updates, outreach materials, and other messaging.



This title reflects Springfield's opportunity to expand the project by looking at significant wildlife habitat in UGB Expansion Areas in addition to wetland and riparian inventories. Along with a title change, the [project website](#) has been updated — visit it to review the updated project timeline, and be sure to keep checking back for updates!

## Draft Report In Review By Oregon Department of State Lands

The Oregon Department of State Lands is reviewing Springfield's draft [Local Wetlands and Riparian Corridor Inventory and Assessment report](#). Next, our consultant team will make any additional edits or corrections needed for the report's approval. Once the report is approved, landowners who have wetlands or areas marked as "probable wetlands" on or abutting their property will receive a paper copy of the Department's notice of approval via mail. The outcome of the Department's approval will be a finalized Local Wetlands Inventory, which will become part of the [Statewide Wetlands Inventory](#). We estimate approval to come later this year. *Check out our [e-update from September 2021](#) for highlights from the report!*

## Questions?

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