



## Healthy Watersheds Committee

Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Attendees: Jane C. and Jack B. (Community Volunteers), Ginny and Heidi (OLWS Board Member), Tessie (OLWS staff), Nadine P. (Guest)
2. Discussion about last meetings Minutes
  - a. A question was asked about [6PPD-quinone](#) and what OLWS is doing about this:

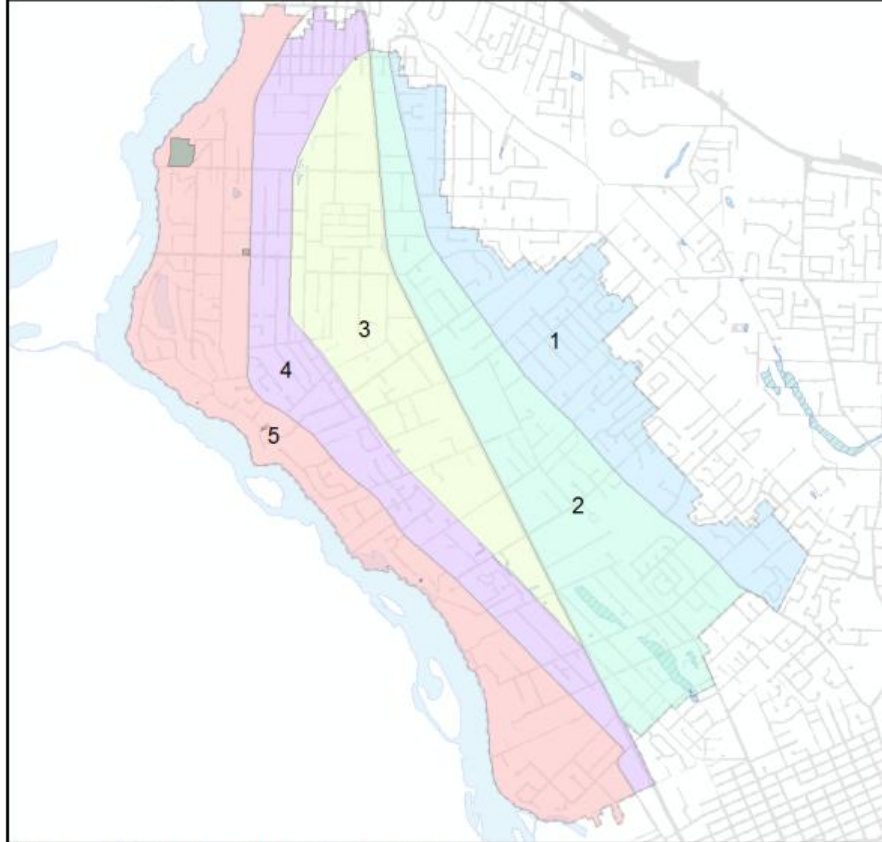
6PPD-quinone, aka Toxic Tire Dust, is present in roadway dust that accumulates in our streets. OLWS does not test runoff for 6PPD-quinone specifically but Total Suspended Solids (TSS) is tested at our test location as part of the MS4 permit requirements.

In the OLWS Design and Construction Standards, new or redevelopment project are required to minimize the discharge of pollutants and provide water quality treatment of stormwater runoff to preserve the beneficial uses of drainageways, lakes, ponds, wetlands, and other sensitive areas.

It is also required to minimize stormwater runoff volumes and maximize groundwater recharge through the process of infiltration of runoff into vegetated stormwater facilities. The most effective way to accomplish this, and the preferred method of treatment for stormwater runoff is Low Impact Development/Green Infrastructure. Removing the TSS before it enters waterways removes the 6PPD-quinone/toxic tire dust from entering the waterways.

Catch basins within the street right-of-way also collect TSS from the roadway. OLWS has five Surface Water Management (SWM) maintenance zones within our stormwater boundary that are cleaned on a 5-year rotation (see zone map below). OLWS budgets \$45,000 each year to inspect and clean catch basins and pipes. Zone 4 was inspected and cleaned this past October and Zone 5 will be inspected and cleaned next year. The debris collected during the cleaning is taken to a decant facility to dewater before disposing at an approved dump site. This method of disposal keeps the debris from entering our local waterways.

FIGURE 1: Map of OLWS SWM Maintenance Zones



Zone 1: Oatfield Drive east to District Boundary  
Zone 2: Highway 99E to Oatfield Drive  
Zone 3: Arista/ Trolley Trail to Highway 99E  
Zone 4: River Road to Arista/ Trolley Trail  
Zone 5: Willamette River to River Road

- b. A question was asked about the Walta Vista project and what is going on with that project:

The Walta Vista project is in the OLWS project folder identified as 2013 SB-08 Walta Vista, River Road Culvert Replacements. Work started in 2010 as a Boardman Creek Fish Habitat Restoration Project with a grant request for \$485,000 to Metro for a Nature in Neighborhoods (NIN) Capital Grants Program for a with Oak Lodge Sanitary District (OLSD) as lead agency and Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development (CC DTD) as co-applicant for the grant. Supporting organizations were North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, Oak Lodge Community Council, Jennings Lodge Community Participation Organization (CPO), and Clackamas County Urban Green.

Project Location: Culverts along Boardman Creek at SE River Road and SE Walter Vista



Scope of Work:

The project involves removing two deteriorating culverts, placing two single-span bridges at River Road and Walter Vista Court, and restoring 300 feet of the riparian zone between the bridges.



Project Timeline:

- 30% Design                      September 2013
- Final Design                      January 2014
- Construction                      May to December 2014

The 2013 Proposed Project Budget was \$1.6M. Approximately \$1 million was available for the project and project participants had begun applications for other grants such as OWEB, SCS, ODOT, and other funding sources.

In April 2011, OLSD received notification from Metro about the intent to award grant monies. An agreement between OLSD and Metro needed to be signed by May 2013. Preliminary engineering design showed that the original project cost estimate was too low, OLSD requested an extension to sign the agreement to allow time for additional project fundraising. Metro approved an extension until May 2014.

The project folder does not include any signed OLSD/Metro NIN grant agreement and there is no information to support that the Metro NIN grant funding was received for this project.

A Request for Proposals was advertised on July 11, 2012, and HDR Engineering was selected as the design consultant.

A Boardman Watershed Community Committee (BWCC) was created and facilitated by Barney & Worth. Five BWCC meetings occurred between March 4, 2013, and September 25, 2013. The final meeting corresponded with the Final Report for Preliminary Engineering being completed by HDR in 2013. From the fifth and final meeting presentation, the lowest total project cost had a preliminary estimate between \$2.8 and \$3.5M. The 30% engineering cost estimate provided by HDR Engineering had a total project cost of \$3,411,225.23. Using the 2013 preliminary cost estimate, this project could be estimated in the \$5M to \$6M range today.

The final slide from the BWCC meeting (below) had the Next Steps for the BWCC to begin working on the Boardman Wetland Complex. Based on the available information, it seems the Boardman Watershed Community Committee left this project at the 30% design phase and began to focus on the Boardman Wetland Complex project which did receive a Metro NIN grant and completed construction in 2020.

## Next Steps

- Proposed solution considered for approval by Clackamas County and Oak Lodge Sanitary District Boards
- Actively seek funding opportunities
- Continue to work on other Boardman Watershed Initiative projects
- Boardman Wetland Complex - next BWCC assignment!



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The status of the Walta Vista project is that it is unfunded and the not feasible at this time due to the high project cost and complexity of the project.

### 3. Review of the MS4 Annual Report submitted to DEQ

Printed copies of the OLWS 2024-2025 Annual Report were provided to attendees. The report covered MS4 reporting requirements from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The second part of the packet included Program Partner summaries for the reporting year. Included was information from:

- Backyard Habitat Certification Program
- Children's Clean Water Festival
- Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center (ELC)
- Clean Rivers Coalition
- Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors (ECO)
- Eco-Logical Business Program (EcoBiz)
- Regional Coalition for Clean Rivers and Streams
- North Clackamas Watersheds Council (NCWC)

### 4. Discussion about the Healthy Watershed Committee

This was the third meeting for the Healthy Watersheds Committee and the second meeting for the 2025-2026 MS4 Permit year.

- June 17, 2025 (2024-2025 permit year)
- September 16, 2025 (2025-2026 permit year)
- December 17, 2025 ( 2025-2026 permit year)

The next meeting had been tentatively scheduled for March 17, 2025. It was mentioned that the third Tuesday of the month was not convenient for all members and we discussed other possible meeting dates. With the MS4 permit renewal application due to DEQ by April 3, 2026, it was decided that OLWS staff would send the updated draft of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Document to committee members for review and comment. The [current SWMP](#) is available on the OLWS website in the MS4 Permit Library. This 2026 update will reformat the document to reduce the number of tables and will remove deadline dates that have already been completed during the current permit cycle. The Best Management Practice (BMP) for each Category Title will be reviewed by the OLWS Public Works Director/District Engineer. These may be revised as part of the adaptive management requirements outlined in Schedule A 2.f of the current MS4 permit.

5. Adjourned @ 7:30 PM