

**URBAN ISSUES WORKING GROUP
Klamath Watershed Partnership
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009**

Attendees: Ken Hay, Susan Honea, Ralph Opp, Heather Ray, Terry Wagstaff, Anita Ward, Jerry Ingram
Staff: Terry Morton, Katharine Jackson, Ginny Monroe

The mission of the Urban Issues Working Group of the Klamath Watershed Partnership is to promote a healthy urban watershed through education, enhancement, protection and restoration.

GOALS and OBJECTIVES:

1. Protect and restore and create habitat

- A. Protect habitat along the Link River and Lake Ewauna
- B. Restore/Create Wetlands around Lake Ewauna Trail (LET)
- C. Manage uplands and drainage (juniper, erosion, storm water runoff)
- D. Enhance communication among partners

2. Educate the public (regarding watershed issues in the urban areas)

- A. Non-point source education
- B. Interpretive signage for Lake Ewauna Trail (OR 150?)
- C. Resource guides (green pages, KCEDA/Klamath Sustainable Communities)
- D. Establish the Partnership as a clearinghouse for information and resources to enhance the watershed

3. Develop a trail system (connect existing and develop new systems)

- A. Connect trails from the Running Y to Rails to Trails (Buck Ridge, Ridgewater, Moore Park, Link River, Wing Watchers, City Parks around Lake Ewauna, Conger Heights)
 - i. Research history of 4 years ago (minutes Sandra Z.)
 - ii. Reconvene group w/old and new players/stakeholders
- B. Develop design standards for various trail components (furnish, signs, lighting, surface)
- C. Obtain funds and specify participants

Today's Discussion:

Develop a trail system - Report from Ken Hay

- **Lake Ewauna Trail**

City working with students in the Engineering Club (Engineers without Borders) at OIT to design the trail project from Veterans Park to Lot 7 of Timber Mill Shores, which is halfway through the trail project. The Club will come up with standards which will be submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. Some of the standards are grading, graveling, design of benches, solar, etc. Once these standards are approved by the planning commission, they will be provided to landowners as requirements for developing the trails on their property.

The group asked when the trail will be available for public use. Ken said there is no schedule at this time. He said there are some real hazards on the trail, like big holes, that make it an unsafe thoroughfare at this time. Eventually there will be a footbridge over the slough which is on a portion of the trail. This is included in the design being prepared by OIT.

The City is submitting a grant application to complete this project. They are looking for letters of support from the members of the Urban Issues group.

Another issue the City is working on is the old railroad bridge. It cannot be left as it is now and they have come up with three options to correct: (1) Move easement around bridge; (2) Remove bridge and install a new one; or; (3) lower the bridge so it is ADD accessible.

The City is currently working on Putman's Landing, which will cost between \$120,000 and \$130,000. US Fish and Wildlife Service is doing the wetlands enhancement portion of this project. The third week of May, the US Fish and Wildlife will be doing plantings along Lake Ewauna. They will be asking for volunteers to assist with this project.

- **Interpretive Signs**

The City is also working on the design of a map that will be placed at various points guiding tourists through the system, including the historical tour of the downtown area. They are working with the Klamath Museum to come up with dimensions and materials for the signs, and one will be placed at the trailhead of the Lake Ewauna Trail in Veterans' Park. There has been some interest from Rotary to sponsor two signs along the Lake Ewauna Trail. The City is also looking at dedicating one of the signs to the Tribes for all their assistance with projects along the trail.

Protect, restore and create habitat - Report from Heather Ray, US Fish & Wildlife Service

- The technical assistance application that was submitted to OWEB is still pending. The grant request is to assist with the habitat restoration along portions of Lake Ewauna. They hope to use this process as a demo and pilot on what can be

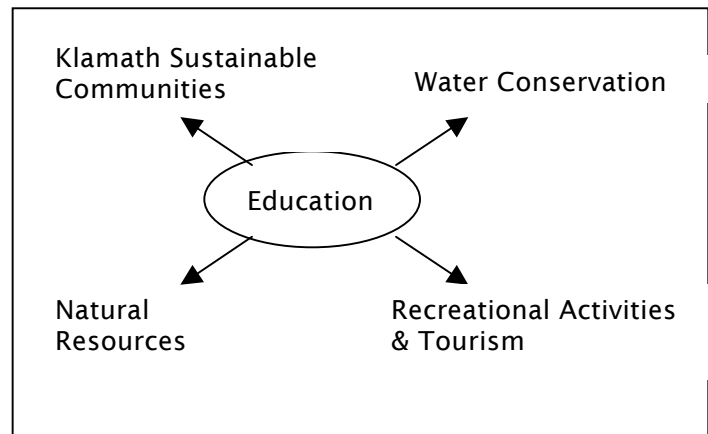
done and hope to see it extended around Lake Ewauna. There was some discussion about the restoration project that was implemented by the Klamath Watershed Council a few years ago. Katharine Jackson, Restoration Specialist with the Partnership, is going to provide Heather with a copy of the file, showing the project description, which will hopefully inform future projects.

Educate the Public

- Audience
 - Residents of Klamath Falls
 - Sports & Outdoor enthusiasts
 - Experience Klamath
 - Non-outdoor & sports people who live locally
 - Public Land lovers
 - Conservation interests
 - Older people - curious about area/neighborhood
 - Tourists
 - Birders
 - International interests
 - Journalists/media/TV/radio

- Partners: Education is the overlap
 - Klamath Sustainable Communities
 - Water concerns
 - Recreational Activities/Tourism
 - Natural Resources

- Non-Point Source Pollution
 - Past projects:
 - Fliers “Paint the Basin Blue”
 - Stenciling storm drains
 - Door hangers
 - Fliers in City Water Bills
 - Billboards
 - PSAs KCTV
 - Migratory Bird Day booth
 - Klamath County Fair booth
 - Earth Day booth
 - Ideas for the future:
 - Radio KFLS
 - Posters at kiosks
 - Library
 - Airport
 - Schools
 - Website education
 - Programs for Kids
 - Retailers
 - Welcome Wagon
 - Word of Mouth
 - Master Gardeners
 - Education on TMDL requirements
 - Water Model for kids



- Water flows
 - Sewer drains
 - Lakes & rivers
 - Winter wings
 - Third Thursday
 - Saturday markets
 - 4th of July
- Links
 - See list from minutes of December 1, 2008
- There was some discussion about what types of marketing strategies are most effective. Susan Honea is going to check with Christy, OSU, who teaches marketing at OIT to discuss marketing strategies.
- Also some discussion about in the future doing fliers and brochures in Spanish.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Date: February 23, 2009
March 9, 2009
April 13, 2009

Time: 1-3pm

Place: USFWS Conference Room