

DEQ, City of Portland sign agreements for loans for water pollution control activities

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The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has signed agreements with the City of Portland on two Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loans for projects that reduce pollution to rivers and creeks in city watersheds.

A \$5.5 million loan is for storm water piping for Tanner Creek. The Tanner Sewer Separation Project Phase 3 extends a new storm water pipe from S.W. Jefferson and Canyon Road to the Washington Park Zoo. Phase 3 will connect to, and receive water from, some existing storm water pipes and will also receive water from new field inlets constructed as part of this project. This project is part of the City's Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program.

A \$1 million loan is for planting and maintenance of native plants to help reduce polluted runoff on 230 acres in the Willamette River, Johnson Creek, Tryon Creek and Columbia Slough Watersheds.

Interest rates on these loans have been reduced through the loan program's sponsorship incentive for public agencies that agree to match projects that reduce nonpoint source pollution with a wastewater facility project.

The DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program loans money to public entities across the state, helping communities complete a variety of water quality improvement projects. Loans have ranged from \$7,000 to \$35 million. DEQ administers the program, which is supported from annual grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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