



Megan Gibb
Multnomah County Land Use Planning Director
1600 SE 190th Ave,
Portland, OR 97233

Dear Ms. Gibb,

The Johnson Creek Watershed Council supports the City of Portland's efforts to remove an artificial, in-line pond near the headwaters of Johnson Creek and replace it with a free-flowing stream with restored native riparian zone. Removal of the pond will improve water quality in upper Johnson Creek by reducing peak summer water temperatures and restore fish passage for Cutthroat Trout and other native fish.

Working with landowners to remove in-line ponds that warm the stream and block fish passage is an important element of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council's 2015-2025 Action Plan. Removal of the pond located at 8344 SE Cottrell Road, Boring, Oregon, 97009, was identified as a high-priority project. Completion of this project by the City of Portland is in alignment with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council's strategy for restoring ecological functions in this important stream that flows within our rural and urban communities.

Thank you for considering the merits of this stream restoration project on Johnson Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Hamilton

Executive Director, Johnson Creek Watershed Council