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Amazon Creek Project Will Close Portion of Path Temporarily

A \$975,000 project to stabilize and enhance Amazon Creek between Chambers and Garfield streets has resumed.

This week the contractor is mobilizing equipment and materials. On Monday July 7, the portion of the Fern Ridge multi-use path between Chambers Street and Garfield Park (Hayes Street) will be closed for an extended period of time to allow trucks to haul excess soil away and bring rock into the site. Cyclists and pedestrians will be directed to use a detour route along 15th Avenue.

The section of Amazon Creek from Chambers to Garfield has had erosion problems and creek bank failures. City natural resources specialists and engineers developed this project to stabilize the eroded banks, improve stormwater conveyance and enhance habitat potential. Last summer the contractor completed much of the work between Garfield and Hayes streets.

When the project is completed, the creek banks will be stabilized with rock at the toe of the slopes at the bend and other areas with high potential for erosion. The creek will be widened on the north side, creating a floodplain bench that will reduce water velocities, provide added capacity and improve habitat potential. More than 13,000 native plants along with wild grass seed mixes will be planted to create a more natural area.

The existing path, which was reconstructed and relocated away from the creek in 2012, will be bridged to protect the concrete surface from the construction traffic.

The bank stabilization work is scheduled for July through early October while creek flows are low. Planting will take place in the fall and winter.

KSH Construction of Keizer, Oregon, was awarded the bid for the project, which is funded by stormwater user fees and stormwater system development charges.

For more information about the project, go to www.eugene-or.gov/pwprojects. For construction updates on this and other City of Eugene projects, go to www.keepusmoving.info.

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