BOUE PRNT COLUMBŮS

Cleaner streams. Stronger neighborhoods.

Walhalla Ravine Restoration Project Preferred Design Meeting

February 28, 2024 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

City Representatives

Alana Shockey

Deputy Director, DPU Sustainability & Regulatory Compliance

Rob Priestas

Administrator, DPU Division of Sewers & Drains

Tim Swauger

Administrator, DPS Division of Refuse Collection

Paul Wilson Assistant Administrator, DPU Division of Sewers & Drains

Janean Weber Assistant Director, DPU Sustainability & Regulatory Compliance



The Engineering Team

Fang Cheng, PhD., P.E.

Sewer System Engineering Section Manager

20 years in the stormwater and wastewater management field. PhD research at OSU was on sediment transport and stream restoration.

Jehan Alkhayri, P.E.

Project Manager, City of Columbus

Over 17 years of experience as a professional engineer and project manager managing various capital improvement projects. Currently manages two projects in the Clintonville 3 area: Tulane Findley and Fredonia Piedmont

Travis White, P.E.

Project Manager, Stantec

17 years' experience including 22 ecosystem restoration projects completed; 50+ miles of stream and river assessed; 12 wetlands designed; and 300+ rain gardens designed and implemented. Envision Sustainability Professional, Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.





BRING COLUMBÚS

Cleaner streams. Stronger neighborhoods.

Agenda

- Goals of Ravine Restoration
- Project Update & Presentation of Detailed Design
- Q&A
- Open House

Goals of Ravine Restoration: A Refresher

TIFFANY CONN Community Relations Coordinator *City of Columbus*



Blueprint Goals

Mitigate SSO Activations (sewer overflows)

Improve Water Quality

No more than
 ONCE every 10
 years

 20% reduction in TSS



Goal: Reduce Sewer Overflows



 Seals cracks and small breaks in pipe that carry rain away from your home to sewers



Roof Water Redirection

 Redirects rainwater away from your home and to the street, so that it can't enter the sewer through connection joints around your home



- Collects rainwater around your home's foundation
- Discharges rainwater into a pipe that discharges to the street



Green Infrastructure

- Filters rainwater from the street
- Removes pollutants and trash
- Makes rainwater cleaner when it reaches rivers and streams





Goal: Improve Water Quality



- Keeps rainwater out of sanitary sewer
- Seals cracks and small breaks in pipe that carry rain away from your home to sewers



Roof Water Redirection

 Redirects rainwater away from your home and to the street, so that it can't enter the sewer through connection joints around your home



- Collects rainwater around your home's foundation
- Discharges rainwater into a pipe that discharges to the street



Green Infrastructure

- Filters rainwater from the street
- Removes pollutants and trash
- Makes rainwater cleaner when it reaches rivers and streams





What does Green Infrastructure do?

- Slows down the stormwater
 - Green infrastructure captures stormwater before it gets to the river/stream
 - Released slowly back into storm system
- Results in cleaner stormwater outfalls
 - Removes sediment (TSS) from stormwater



Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

- Organic and inorganic particles that float or "suspend" in water (do not dissolve)
 - Sediment runoff (silt, plankton, algae, etc.) from erosion
 - Fine metals
 - Some chemicals/nutrients
 - Trash/debris

Why does this matter?

- ✓ Clouds the water, preventing sunlight from reaching aquatic plants
- ✓ Reduces oxygen levels in the water
- ✓ Buries aquatic life and impacts food sources
- ✓ Carries toxins

Methods to Reduce TSS

Green Infrastructure (rain gardens)

- Filters stormwater through soil media.
- Stormwater is treated prior to entering storm sewers and traveling downstream to the Olentangy River.

Stream Restoration

- Chesapeake Bay Expert Panel, Protocol 1:
 - "This protocol provides an annual mass nutrient and sediment reduction credit for qualifying stream restoration practices that prevent channel or bank erosion that would otherwise be delivered downstream from an actively enlarging or incising urban stream."







Pieces of a larger puzzle

- Walhalla Ravine is part of the Blueprint plan and is located within the Tulane-Findlay project area
- By restoring banks on Walhalla Ravine, sediment is prevented from entering the Olentangy River downstream.
- Green infrastructure will be implemented throughout the Clintonville 3 project area





Timelines





Community Involvement-Walhalla

- October 11, 2023 Walhalla Revised 60% Community Meeting
- August 8, 2023 Walhalla Impacted Residents Revised 60% Meeting
- October 26, 2022 Walhalla Ravine Onsite Meeting with DPU leadership
- October 10, 2022 Walhalla Ravine 60% Meeting
- October 2022 Impacted Resident Site Visits
- June 8, 2022 FLOW Science Committee Meeting
- November 24, 2021 Meeting with FLOW
- September 21, 2021 Walhalla Ravine Resident Meeting (Impacted Residents)
- August 20, 2021 Conversation with Friends of the Ravines and Walhalla Ravine Association
- August 6, 2021 OEPA Acceptance
- August 16, 2018 Walhalla Public Meeting



What we've heard

Concerns have primarily focused on:

- Wall
- Guardrail
- Road
 - Pedestrian safety
- Habitat
- Trees



Woonerf

Woonerf translates into a living street.

This street layout allows for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles to share the same space, in a safe way.

These roads provide safety and accessibility, it also integrates green spaces and sustainable design features to improve the environment.



Updated Concepta living street







BLUE PRINT COLUMBŮS

Cleaner streams. Stronger neighborhoods.

Ravine Update

Old Rendering







New Rendering-Toward Clinton Heights







New Rendering-Toward Longview









Rendering

COLUMBUS Cleaner streams. Stronger neighborhoods.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Cleaner streams,

Stronger neighborhoods.

Retaining Wall



PRECAST PANEL DETAIL SCALE: 1"=1'





Guardrail









Road







Benefits of Ravine Restoration

- Pool depths will be increased, which will provide energy dissipation and enhance habitat and water quality by providing cover for aquatic life and regulating water temperature.
- Riffles provide grade control and create turbulence for oxygenation of the water. Dissolved oxygen is essential for most aquatic organisms.



Benefits of Ravine Restoration

- The stabilization of the stream banks will prevent TSS from being introduced to the waterways and transported downstream.
- Vegetation, including live brush layering, bare root seedlings, and herbaceous plugs will be installed along the streambanks. Native riparian plantings are proposed to enhance biodiversity and provide shade and refuge for aquatic life.



Erosion Monitoring

- Repetitive Geomorphic Monitoring for Stream
 Bank Erosion Validation
 - Established 8 Permanent Cross Sections
 - Surveyed cross sections in 2018, 2019, and 2020.









Streambank Erosion Assessment - Conclusions

- Blueprint project objective:
 - 20% TSS reduction = 4.95 tons / year TSS removal for Clintonville 3
- From field measurements, Walhalla Ravine Restoration will reduce 4.05 tons / year TSS
- Traditional GI to be used to reduce remaining 0.9 tons / year TSS
 - Walhalla Ravine Restoration to significantly reduce amount of GI needed in other project areas.





Habitat



Habitat





Log Riffle





SECTION B-B'







Rock Toe with Live Brush Layering





PUBLIC UTILITIES

Post-Construction Photos of Live Brush Layering



Picture taken 1-month post-construction

Picture taken 2-years post-construction

Picture taken 2-years post-construction





Mini Vane







Trees

- How many trees will be lost due to this project?
 - 14 trees 8" DBH or greater

| ADDRESS | DIAMETER | SPECIES |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| 310 WALHALLA ROAD | 18" | OAK |
| 402 WALHALLA ROAD | 12" | ASH |
| 402 WALHALLA ROAD | 12" | MAPLE |
| 402 WALHALLA ROAD | 12" | BLACK CHERRY |
| 402 WALHALLA ROAD | 12" | ELM |
| 434 WALHALLA ROAD | 8" | ASH |
| 434 WALHALLA ROAD | 36" | OAK |
| 446 WALHALLA ROAD | 10" | MAPLE |
| 446 WALHALLA ROAD | 18" | SYCAMORE |
| 446 WALHALLA ROAD | 24" | SYCAMORE |
| 454 WALHALLA ROAD | 8" | ASH |
| 454 WALHALLA ROAD | 12" | MAPLE |
| 454 WALHALLA ROAD | 12" | MULBERRY |
| 454 WALHALLA ROAD | 16" | OAK |





- What considerations were made about the importance of preserving the canopy?
 - After meeting with each impacted homeowner, the design team made changes to reduce tree loss and preserve canopy where feasible.

Walhalla Ravine Concepts









BLUE PRINT COLUMBŮS

Cleaner streams. Stronger neighborhoods.



Tonight's Open House

Talk with our team

- Visit Travis and Rachael to get property-specific questions answered
- Talk to Tiffany, Fang, and Jehan about general project questions

Learn More

 Visit the Blueprint table to ask project questions, view exhibits, and sign up for construction updates!

Sign up for a sump pump

- Blueprint Columbus offers free sump pump installation for qualifying homeowners
- To learn more and sign-up visit: <u>blueprintneighborhoods.com</u> or call (614) 645-1253
- Ask a team member today to sign you up!



Your Outreach Team



BLUE PRINT COLUMBUS Cleaner streams. Stronger neighborhoods.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 614-645-1253 blueprintneighborhoods.com

BINE PRNI COLUMBŮS

Cleaner streams. Stronger neighborhoods.

Thank you!

blueprintneighborhoods.com

Follow us! 🕑 🎯 😱 @blueprintcbus