

Ripples Snippet 12/21/22

RIPARIAN RESTORATION UPDATE:

Bank erosion has been a concern in Quiet Water for a number of years. The board is still trying to find some workable solutions, but there are no easy answers. In mid-November, Jim Welch arranged for a site visit of the Mid-Coast Watershed Council (MCWC) and Lincoln County Soil Conservation (LCSC). In addition to Jim, board member Nan Scott, DRC chairman Loren Dickinson, and homeowners Linda Redmond, Steve Kriegh, and Rebecca Owen participated in the walk-through.

Here are some salient points from the visit:

- With proper permitting, trees that are in the riparian zone may be removed if they pose a safety hazard. Appropriate trees and shrubs should be planted to replace them.
- Older alders could be thinned, but some trunks should be left standing as habitat and to continue to stabilize the bank. Shade tolerant conifers should be planted to replace the canopy – important for keeping the river cool in summer for fish habitat.
- Willows are recommended for revegetation in areas where the bank has eroded. Evan could make available plants and cuttings and volunteers to join QW to organize a planting day.
- Quiet Water volunteers should continue to remove ivy, blackberry and other invasive weeds.
- Tyler will contact QW about a herbicide application program for knotweed and other hard to remove invasives next summer.
- Regarding the east-west run of the river, Tyler thought that we can use the existing guard log structures along the bank to plant willow and other species for bank stabilization.



Figure 1 Tyler (LCSC), Evan, Tom (MCWC), Linda, Steve, Nan, Loren, Rebecca not pictured. Jim was photographer

This simpler, less engineered approach may save us money and be more doable than the proposal that was approved at the annual meeting last year, but it will require QW volunteer participation.

Jim Welch who has been charged by the DRC (Design Review Committee) to monitor our riparian area, has been in conversation with City Planner, Katherine Guenther, regarding permitting issues for bank stabilization. The jury is still out as to whether cutting older trees BEFORE they fall into the river is permissible or advisable. We will keep you posted.

BOARD MEMBER REPLACEMENT:

At the last board meeting, we regretfully accepted the resignation of Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia due to time constraints and health issues. Thank you to Sherry Dickinson who agreed to serve out the remainder of Chareane's term which ends May 31, 2023. Nan's term will also end on that date. Please consider volunteering to run for the board. We need your energy and enthusiasm and willingness to be a team member.

NEW FACES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Curt and his wife Vickie and their two dogs Tuppence and Mable have rented Theresa Hubbard's house at 444 Combs Circle through March. They drove out from Indiana for some R&R on the Oregon Coast and to escape the snow of the mid-west. Curt enjoys biking as do several of our regular members. Introduce yourselves.

Eric has rented Larry Brice's cabin at 384 Combs Circle through the end of May. His partner Dove will join him in a week or two. They will use the time to look for a house to buy in the area. Maybe we can convince them to stay right here in Quiet Water.

Be sure to welcome them if you see them out and about.

COLD WEATHER ALERTS

We have been experiencing some very cold temperatures in the last few days. Be sure your home is protected. Disconnect hoses from outside hose bibs. If you don't live here all the time, set your thermostats to 55 or so to keep a little bit of warmth in the house. Cold temperatures and ice can cause power outages so have battery lights handy. If you are traveling from the valley, check road conditions and be on the lookout for ice. Please be safe

HOLIDAY WISHES



Jim Welch submitted this picture of visitors to the cabin of Rosalinda Case at 230 Jennifer Drive.

Looks like Comet and Cupid may have been on a reconnaissance mission to check out the roof top but got distracted and ate lunch.

May Hope, Joy, and Love fill your days this holiday season and Peace surround you throughout the new year.

Nan Scott, Co-President
for the board