

AJC priorities at Johnson Creek Station?

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A well-designed station, including natural enhancements and promotion of Other Than Car [OTC] access, will significantly improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. The theme of the station should focus on Johnson Creek and its improvements, historical and contemporary.

The agenda cover sheet promotes three major areas:

Station Area Enhancements and Parking Garage

Creek and Habitat Restoration

Public & Educational Elements

I think our neighborhood position on each is the following:

Station Area

Rename to Johnson Creek Station.

Make the station as naturally landscaped as possible, with special attention to water features.

Make innovative as a bike-friendly station, links with Springwater Corridor. [For Ardenwald and Sellwood, it's downhill on the way to work!]

Restoration

Maximize the flood plain.

Gain conservation easements or more on all available creekside land from Eastmoreland Golf Course in the northeast to the Corridor/Johnson Creek bridge in the southwest. [Mobilize neighborhood volunteers as much as possible for restoration work outside the TriMet site.]

Public & Educational Elements

Education element should be focused on: 1). The history of the Johnson Creek Watershed, especially including early industrial uses [water powered mills] and flood control; and, 2). The efforts of volunteers, both at Johnson Creek and elsewhere in Oregon, to reclaim natural habitats.

I hope to pull together some information on water mills in Milwaukie area as soon as I can.

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