



RS EXCHANGE

REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

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Eastern Oregon

3D Home Building in Eastern Oregon: Strawberry Mountain Construction, dba Layer Line 3D, was recently awarded a grant of \$300,000 from the Business Oregon Emerging Opportunity Fund to assist with a 3D printer and batch plant equipment that will allow the construction of 3D printed home structures. This equipment is emerging technology and will result in the first 3D printed home structures in Oregon. They are actively pursuing building permits for John Day and Ontario, Oregon for the erection of moderate sized homes between 600 – 1200 square feet.

North Central Region

Wasco County Brownfield Coalition: In 2019, the City of The Dalles, The Wasco County Economic Development Commission, and the Regional Solutions Team completed a Brownfields Inventory and used that information to \$600,000 clean up grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The RS team participates in the work of the Wasco County Brownfields Coalition (a collaboration The City of the Dalles, Wasco County, and The Port of The Dalles) to conduct outreach to and work with property owners on environmental assessments, redevelopment planning, and in some cases, cleanup sites. The Coalition has helped on major urban renewal projects, helped to develop plans for downtown housing, helped in remediation of properties for local businesses, and has invested in a community child care center.

This week the team met to discuss the small amount of remaining funds and the transition to the next phase: The Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, who has provided staff support to the coalition, recently won a \$1,000,000 clean up grant that will allow the team to expand our focus to MCEDD's five county territory. The team is already discussing projects, including one that would unlock new industrial land in Sherman County. Congratulation to MCEDD.

Dog River Pipeline: The City of The Dalles has engaged the Regional Solutions Team over the last several years on a project to replace 3.5 miles of aging wooden water supply pipeline that serves as the main water supply for the city. The former pipeline leaked nearly a million gallons a day. The project is designed to create more resilient infrastructure for the community as well

as supporting environmental values as well. In particular, the pipeline will include new fish passage and screening systems at the pipeline intake. The project includes a \$1 million investment from the Oregon Water Resources Department and financing from Business Oregon.

Update: The team assisted the city in a slight modification to their removal fill permit. Initially the plan called for a temporary 600 sq ft pad to help install fish passage—a new feature being added to with this project. Subsequent work revealed that the pad needs to remain in place for ongoing maintenance. The team worked with DSL to help make this slight modification with necessary mitigation in time for construction to start. With permits in hand, the final construction season has started on this project with the project scheduled to be completed this summer. Congratulations to City Public Works Director Dave Anderson for reaching this milestone after more than a decade of work on the project.

Resources and Opportunities

University of Oregon Federal Funding Webinar: On June 16, from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, UO will host a webinar covering the new historic federal funding opportunities and what they mean for Oregon. Representatives of federal and state agencies along with other experts will serve as panelists to help outline the potential opportunities for Oregon presented by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Please visit the UO [website](#) to view the full list of speakers and [register](#) to attend.