

POLLUTION UPDATE

Oregon DEQ is accepting comments through 5 pm Wednesday, Oct. 8, on the proposed issuance of a water quality permit for **Lane County's Underground Injection Control System** (UICs), which consists of 88 stormwater drywells in the Eugene-Springfield area that collect stormwater from municipal rights-of-way and direct it into the ground. Studies indicate that such stormwater contains pollutants such as metals from brake pads and chemicals associated with incomplete combustion of hydrocarbons. For more information go to goo.gl/GWZX96.

Doug Quirke/Oregon Clean Water Action Project

LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

- ODOT recently sprayed **Highways 36, 126 and Territorial Highway**. For daily information call ODOT Herbicide Application Information Line, (888) 996-8080. You may also call Tony Kilmer at the Springfield office at 744-8080 for herbicide and additives information and to ask what time a highway was sprayed.

- Giustina Resources, 485-1500, plans to hire Strata Forestry, Inc., to spray 10 acres near **Noisy Creek and Dexter Lake tributaries** with Escort, Polaris AC, Garlon 3A, MSO and/or Induce. See ODF notice 2014-771-00785, call Tim Meehan at 726-3588 with questions.

- Rosboro, LLC, 746-8411, plans to hack trees and squirt imazapyr on the gash on 103 acres near **tributaries to Lake Creek and Hula Creek**, and 86 acres near **Johnston Creek** and tributaries. See ODF notifications 2014-781-00919 and 2014-781-00920, call Robin L. Biesecker at 935-2283 with questions.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our "Does Our City Council Know?" news story Sept. 18, we incorrectly identified Jayme Vasconcellos as an architect, but he tells us he's just a "concerned citizen" with a great interest in architecture. He was one of the people who spoke to the City Council Sept. 8 in favor of saving and remodeling City Hall.

NEWS

EMX EXPANSION TO TAKE OUT 230 TREES

About 230 trees will be cut down as part of the west Eugene expansion of LTD's EmX bus rapid transit system, including a pair of stately big cedars by Hollywood Video on 7th Avenue. But Friends of Trees is not protesting. In fact, Erik Burke, director of Eugene's FOT, says he welcomes what he sees as LTD's long-term investment in Eugene's urban tree canopy.

Some 400 new trees will be planted along the corridor of 6th, 7th and 11th avenues and the new trees will have more room to grow in an "expanded soil zone" with other vegetation that will filter stormwater, according to Andy Vobora, LTD's director of customer services and planning. In addition to the 400 new trees, 50 trees will be planted in west Eugene neighborhoods on cross streets adjacent to the EmX corridor east of Garfield.

The two big cedars on 7th are in the way of road widening to provide a dedicated lane for the EmX buses, Vobora says. The group analyzing the project "looked at routing the sidewalk behind the trees but that was not a good option."

Not all trees along the corridor will be cut, just those that are stressed, lack room to grow, are in the way of busi-

ness access or have roots that would be damaged by EmX work, Vobora says. He says many of the trees to be removed "were planted about 25 years ago and are struggling." An extensive tree root survey was conducted over the summer as part of LTD's landscape plan development in collaboration with Urban Forester Mark Snyder, Nathaniel Sperry of Sperry Tree Care, landscape architect Justin Lamphear

and Burke of FOT. A diverse 18-member citizen focus group was also involved in the process.

No trees will be coming down where EmX buses will be moving in mixed traffic without their own, dedicated lanes. But some stretches that have no trees currently will get trees.

Wood from the cut trees will be used for "public benefit," Vobora says. Some

wood will be available for art and furniture projects, some for use in habitat restoration and branches will be chipped and offered to the public.

A lot of concrete sidewalk will be removed to accommodate the trees. The concrete will be cut up into roughly 1-foot-square blocks (called urbanite) and made available free to the public for landscaping projects. There will be a depaving project Saturday, Oct. 4, involving volunteers from FOT and local neighborhoods. Call Jennifer at 632-3683 or email jenniferk@friendsoftrees.org for more information. — Ted Taylor



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