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season. And it will be an interchange that citizens can be proud of," said Cottage Grove Civil Engineer Ryan Sisson.

The project is also part of a larger irrigation system upgrade which will discharge recycled wastewater, or effluent, onto grassy and vegetated areas.

Middlefield Golf Course, owned by the city, has until now been the only site used for such irrigation.

At times, there has been more treated effluent than places to disperse it.

The city's effluent, which has been treated to remove contaminants, is discharged either by way of irrigation or released into the Coast Fork of the Willamette River.

With limited options,

the city has run afoul of a few Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) violations over the years, but it is hoped the extra 15 acres for irrigation at the interchange will help mitigate these issues.

"DEQ's requirements became more stringent, so therefore, we needed more area and the golf course was just getting too wet, even during dry summers," said Sisson. "So [the interchange] provides more capacity and more area for us to discharge the recycled water as part of a plan to distribute recycled water to not only the interchange, but to Bohemia Park."

Within the next couple years, there are plans to construct an eight-inch main that will bring recycled water from the wastewater plant down Douglas Avenue toward Bohemia

Park and the Row River Trailhead Park.

City staff have routinely expressed confidence in the level of safety in the city's effluent, placing it just one level below typical drinking water.

"You could factually say it's Class A wastewater. It's the highest level of wastewater — it's cleaner than the river," said Sisson. "The problem is that it's warmer than the river during the summer. It adds gradients of temperature to it that accumulate with every community's addition of wastewater to it. And by the time you get to Portland, it's non-viable for fish."

The irrigation project, along with a 12-million gallon storage pond, will be a long-term solution to relieve the city of trying to find places to discharge the recycled water.

Irrigation for the interchange is in its final stages and the contractor, Milfroy Golf Systems, is expected to be completed by mid-November.

LEGACY *from A10*

Map Room and the Iron Maiden were removed from the facility. The local pushback was so shrill that the Iron Maiden was actually brought back to appease complaints.

The Iron Maiden still stands there today.

At one point during the Moonstone ownership, there was even talk of turning the hotel into a truck stop. As expected, this did not go over well with the community and the idea was ultimately canned.

Still, some of the hotel buildings have clearly lived past their prime and are in need of demolition or total renovation.

Casey still appreciates the hotel for what it is, but recognizes that it may be time for a new chapter.

"It was built with really good bones, as they say, so a lot of [the original building] is still there now, but everything has an age and everything kind of runs its

course and it is tired," he said. "It is a tired building now and very difficult to maintain."

The Village Green is continuing its restaurant and

lounge service through the rest of the month.

For more information, visit the hotel online at www.thevillagegreen.com.



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