

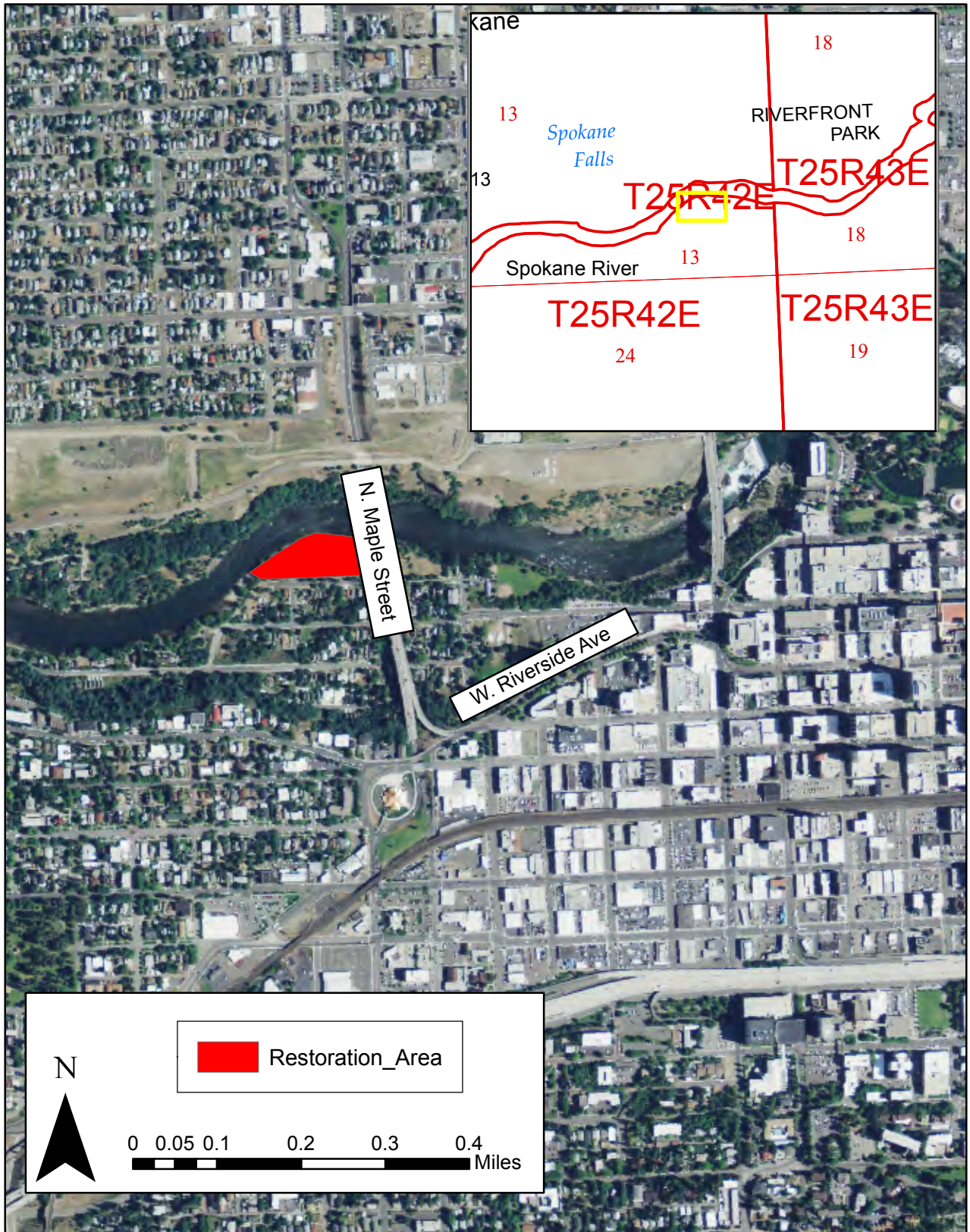


WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Peter Goldmark - Commissioner of Public Lands

Application for Use of State-owned Aquatic Lands

Applicant Name:	City of Spokane
County:	Spokane
Water Body:	Spokane River
Type of Authorization:	Interagency Agreement
Use:	Restoration
Authorization Number:	R-008/ IAA 11-139
Term:	November 30, 2010 – June 15, 2011
Description:	DNR plans to provide funding towards the City of Spokane's River Walk Riparian Restoration Project. This project is located in the City of Spokane in the Peaceful Valley Neighborhood along the Spokane River. The funding will support the purchase, planting, and maintenance of native trees that will be planted in the riparian corridor.

Spokane River Riparian Restoration





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Restoration Program
Request for Funds Form

To be considered for funding under this program, please provide the following information pertaining to your site and include a map, photo, and any plans if available. Please understand that funding is not guaranteed.

Project Proponent and Information		
Date: 2/4/10	Applicant Name: Matthew Phillipy	
Organization Name: Peaceful Valley River Walk Park	Phone #: (509)939-2865	Email: matthew.phillipy@wvwd.com
Organization Address: 1401 W. Clarke		
Project Description: Riparian restoration of approximately 8 acres along the Spokane River in the Peaceful Valley neighborhood located 1 mile west of downtown.		
Project Location (please include map with this form)		
Parcel Number: 25134.3526	Name of Landowner: City of Spokane	
Coordinates (in Decimal Degrees): Latitude: N 47.66 Longitude: W 117.43	Address: 1620 West Water Avenue Spokane, WA 99201 County: Spokane	Township: 25N Range: 43E Section: 13 and 18
Construction Start Date: Spring 2010	Total Project Cost: \$500,000	Amount Requesting from DNR: \$20,000
Description of Required Permits and their Status: Substantial Shoreline Development Permit (Obtained Spring 2009), JARPA, City Grading Permits and General City Construction Permits.		
Project Information		
Describe how your project is sustainable: The riverfront along the edge of the Peaceful Valley Neighborhood will be restored to a native riparian habitat and even some riparian wetlands. Public land will be improved by removing non-native species over time and establishing native species such as Black Cottonwood, River Birch, Scouler Willow, Pacific Willow, Swamp Gooseberry, Red Osier Dogwood, and Elderberry. These species would provide cover for wildlife as well as shade and nutrients for the river ecosystem. Bank retention will favor living, flexible materials rather than riprap or concrete. A restoration in this location could be especially useful in illustrating the potential for natural habitats to help prevent flooding, which is a periodic concern in this neighborhood since it was developed on fill in the river's floodplain. A neighborhood stewardship program will be organized through the community center at Glover Field that will oversee the regular maintenance and upkeep of this park. The underlying goal in this restoration will be to create a natural riparian habitat using plants that are well-adapted for this habitat and climate which would require little-to-no maintenance once they are established.		
Describe how your project is based on sound technical knowledge: A reference site for this habitat exists downriver from the confluence along the bank below the Greenwood cemetery which illustrates how natural riparian habitats prevent flooding and help maintain high levels of water quality for native fish populations. Huntington Park located upstream from River Walk Park has also undergone a native restoration as a result of Avista's dam relicensing requirements. This site provides concrete evidence of the success of using native plants to restore a riparian habitat along the south bank of the Spokane River.		
Describe the public review process for your project: Residents of Peaceful Valley held an intense 3-day long brainstorming session called a "Charrette", where professionals who are experts in their fields worked with volunteers from the community to sketch and illustrate their ideas for planning and design solutions. The charrette gave community		

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members the chance to help design comprehensive plans for River Walk Park. The charrette took a lot of work to organize and orchestrate but the effort was well worth the result. Diverse groups within the community were represented throughout this process. Citizen participation was solicited from all age groups, organizations, city officials, interest groups, and most importantly the neighborhood. We strived to fully understand the problems, perceived problems, issues, and concerns of each participant. We did not anticipate or predetermine the problems in the community and pass judgment. Also, we sought out the recommendations, ideas, and assets from people throughout the community. We completed a thorough inventory and assessment of the physical, natural, social and economic aspects of the community. We collected maps, photos, demographics, and other community data to serve as a basis for decision making. We made sure final documents and reports could be understood by the lay person. We developed drawings and pictures depicting accurately what we intended or expected the park to look like. Words were also generated as a different mental image for each person who reads them. Pictures were generated as a platform which is rarely misunderstood. We have regular meetings to make sure the project is on track. This follow through will be an opportunity to check the progress-to-date and establish benchmark dates. Last summer this project was open for public comment with large signs located in the park for residents and visitors alike so that they may comment on the proposed restoration. All the public comments were positive and in favor of the recommendations for restoration set forth in the site plans. At this time we are in the final stages of construction permitting with the city of Spokane.

Project Partners: Peaceful Valley Neighborhood, City of Spokane, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Friends of the Falls, The Lands Council, Storhaug Engineering, Spokane County Conservation District, Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Veterans Conservation Corp.

Describe what type of community support the project has: From inception the River Walk Park restoration project has been widely supported by the neighborhood of Peaceful Valley and the City of Spokane Parks Department. We have collaborated with numerous state agencies such as the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife who have assisted in permitting and studies of riparian habitats in this park. County agencies such as the Spokane County Conservation District has also supported this project by offering to donate all of the native plants for the restoration efforts. We have also received a great deal of support from non-government environmental organizations such as Friends of The Falls who provided much of the blue prints for the start-up for this restoration effort. The Lands Council assisted with native plant palette recommendations and organizing meetings for the charrette. The Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects supported us in the charrette process by volunteering five highly qualified landscape architects to donate their expertise for schematic drawings of the restoration of this park. And Finally the Veterans Conservation Corp has supported this project by placing returning war veterans in our parks to assist with restoration efforts as a means of providing soldiers with post traumatic war syndrome therapy.

Please mail or email the completed form to the appropriate Restoration Manager listed below:

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