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Work starts on infrastructure projects at Mill Creek Corporate Center
Southeast Salem industrial-commercial park moves toward 'shovel-ready'

Salem—Work begins this week on the first of several infrastructure projects at southeast Salem's Mill Creek Corporate Center, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) announced Wednesday.

The relocation of 600,000 cubic yards of fill from Mill Creek's Phase IIB, near Deer Park Road, to Phase IA, near Kuebler Boulevard, will make this core area of Mill Creek "shovel-ready," said Robin Harpster, DAS Facilities Administrator. The area will then be ready for development by business and industries that wish to locate there.

"Elevating this area above the 100-year floodplain will remove a physical barrier to development, helping to entice developers to the site," Harpster added. Actual work on moving the fill material will begin this week.

With a bid of \$1.25 million, Kerr Contractors, Inc., of Woodburn won the contract to raise the elevation of roughly 100 acres of Phase IA and to relocate an existing irrigation ditch. As Phase IA develops, the relocated ditch will be landscaped, and will become an attractive physical feature of the Corporate Center, Harpster said.

Rick Scott, Director of the City of Salem Urban Development Department, shared the City's support for the project. "This project is important as it opens up more than 100 acres in Phase 1A at the Mill Creek Corporate Center for development and the creation of new jobs in our community," Scott said. "This property, combined with the 200 acres of shovel-ready property at the north end of MCCC, will provide more site location options for a wide variety of end users, making Salem more competitive in the market."

Scott lauded the efforts of Governor Ted Kulongoski and State Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem) in making funds available for the project, and for their continued support of economic development. Winters championed the project in the 2009 Legislative session. A spokesperson in her office said Tuesday that Winters is pleased with the progress at Mill Creek.

DAS expects the fill-relocation project to take 60-75 days, with crews working six days a week, 10 hours a day. Funding for the project comes from the Governor's Policy Option Package 215, which supports infrastructure projects at the Mill Creek Corporate Center.

In 2001, the Oregon Legislature directed the state to sell the property now known as the Mill Creek Corporate Center. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the City of Salem worked together to plan the development of the property to stimulate economic development for the region and earn a maximum return for the citizens of Oregon. The city and the state estimate that creating a Class-A business park on the 515 acres of developable land at Mill Creek will take 20-30 years.

Additional information about the Mill Creek Corporate Center is available at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/das/fac/millcreek>.

Also, a map is available at:
http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/MILLCREEK/docs/ConceptMap_2009.pdf