Anderson Perry & Associates wins Project of the Year for Crooked River Wetlands

The City of Prineville’s Crooked River Wetlands Complex demonstrates a new approach for dealing with wastewater. Constructed for just eight million dollars, a fraction of the sixty-two million dollar price tag of a previously recommended mechanical treatment plant—the complex utilizes natural processes found in the wetlands to further treat the reclaimed water.

Designed to operate entirely by gravity, the wetlands offer habitat to numerous plants, wildlife, waterfowl, and insects that support a healthy ecosystem.

The wetlands in the complex were designed to augment the flow of water into the adjacent Crooked River. After the water is polished by the micro-organisms growing on the plants in the wetland cells, the water is cooled as it flows underground into the Crooked River, providing as much as two million gallons per day of clean, cool water to aid in the reintroduction of steelhead and salmon.

This approach met with skepticism from regulatory agencies during the permitting process. Anderson Perry and the City conducted a number of studies to convince the agencies that this approach would not adversely affect area groundwater. The City agreed to meet extremely rigid monitoring requirements and increased water quality standards in order to secure permits.

Since beginning, the system is exceeding the stringent permit requirements and has helped pioneer a new permitting process for those interested in this non-traditional method for treating and disposing of wastewater.

This project proves that treating wastewater can provide more to a community than smelly ponds or energy-consuming treatment plants.

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Two categories eligible for Best in Category Award

**BEST IN CATEGORY - TRANSPORTATION**
KITTELSON & ASSOCIATES and PARAMETRIX
US 20 Barclay Roundabout for Oregon Department of Transportation*
“A precedent-setting project for roundabouts on a highway. An efficient solution to solve transportation problems in Sisters,” Judges’ comments. Pictured at left, from left are: Jim Phillips and Barry Johnson, Parametrix; and Scott Beaird and Hermanus Steyn, Kittelson & Associates.

**BEST IN CATEGORY - WATER, WASTEWATER AND STORM WATER SYSTEMS and the PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD**
KPFF and GRI
Portland Japanese Garden Expansion for the Portland Japanese Garden
“A landmark project on a difficult site both due to terrain and importance of the habitat. Complex site and owner limitations required innovative and sustainable solutions resulting in a great value to the owner and Portland visitors,” Judges’ comments. Pictured below, from left: Christina Jones and Jason Bock, GRI; and Andrew Chung, Katie Ritenour and Anne Monnier, KPFF.
Four projects earn Grand Awards from a field of 24 entries

**GRAND AWARD** NISHKIAN DEAN
Commercial Crew Tower Capability (CCtCap), Space Launch Complex 41, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station for Hensel Phelps / United Launch Alliance
“Once-in-a-lifetime project. Plus it was a challenging site and has unique safety considerations. Extremely complex problems with efficient solutions that are a great value to the owner,” Judges’ comments. Pictured at right, from left: Deke Black, Brooke Kind and Dave Beh, Nishkian Dean.

**GRAND AWARD** OBEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS
Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge for City of Salem*
“The design is so striking it helped get the community interested in the project. That’s tough to do with infrastructure. Dramatic aesthetic and efficient solution,” Judges’ comments. Pictured above, from left: Jeff Howell, Legacy Construction; James Stupfel, OBEC; Todd Ross, Legacy Construction; Amy Jones and Jim Bollman, OBEC; Aaron Kimsey, City of Salem; Guy Hakanson and Bob Goodrich, OBEC; and Nick Paveglio, GeoDesign.

**GRAND AWARD** PAE
Oregon Zoo Educational Center for Oregon Zoo*
“The detail in the modeling is impressive, plus I love the inclusion of sustainability in the aesthetic. The Zoo is a great role model for our region,” Judges’ comments. Pictured at left, from left: Scott Bevan, PAE; Jim Mitchell and Kate Giraud, Oregon Zoo; and Tim Elley, PAE.

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SMALL PROJECT AWARD
(Project budget of $3 million or less)
PARAMETRIX
Deschutes River Trail Boardwalk for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department*
“An innovative and elegant solution to an interesting problem for the boardwalk trail system,” Judges’ comment. Pictured at right, from left: Barry Johnson, Parametrix; Scott Nebeker, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department; and Ryan Rudnick and Mike Pyszka, Parametrix.

GRAND AWARD SHANNON & WILSON, INC. and HBH CONSULTING ENGINEERS
Southern Flow Corridor Project for Tillamook County / Port of Tillamook*
“The use of analysis to balance various project needs resulted in an efficient and significant benefit to the Tillamook area,” Judges’ comment. Pictured below, from left: Travis Nguyen, Shannon & Wilson; Mike Henry, HBH Consulting; Rachel Hagerty, Tillamook County; Matt Del Moro, HBH Consulting; Kevin Wood, Shannon & Wilson; Senator Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose; Vaughn Collins, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants; Michele Bradley, Port of Tillamook Bay; and Andrey Chernishov, HBH Consulting.

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Honor Awards (with judges’ comments)

DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Cornellus Pass Road: NW Cornell Road to US 26 for Washington County* “A difficult site, and an important project.” “The solution is a direct benefit to current users.” Pictured at right, from left: Zach Morris, Washington County; Gene Tupper, GRI; Don Odermott, City of Hillsboro; and Gavin Olen, David Evans and Associates, Inc.

GEOENGINEERS, CENTURY WEST ENGINEERING and DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Terminal 4 - Sustainable Stormwater Streets for Port of Portland* “Unique use of different pavements to show transportation and natural systems can work together.” Pictured below, from left: Greg Landau, GeoEngineers; Peter Craig, David Evans and Associates; Matt Rodgers, Century West Engineering; Molly Davis, David Evans and Associates; Dave Thielen, GeoEngineers; and Dean Norlin and Dave Dittmer, Port of Portland.

GRI Bolton Reservoir Replacement for City of West Linn* “The reservoir replacement applied complex geotechnical methods to resolve the necessary design requirements.”

HARPER HOUP PETERSON RIGHELLIS
- Farmington Road Improvements: Hocken to Murray for Washington County* “Great method to put in culvert without disrupting services (internet).”
- Mountainside High School for Beaverton School District* “Sustainable solutions to difficult problems created a usable, long-term product.”
- Tolbert Overcrossing for Clackamas County Development Agency* “Three million under budget.” “Effective use of existing technologies to reform a valuable product.”

INTERFACE ENGINEERING, INC. Corporate Headquarters for Banfield Pet Hospital “Beautiful project with sustainability in the design; challenging with so many considerations (data center, pets, etc).” “The resulting structure used sustainable measures to create an efficient structure that reflects corporate ideals.”

INTER-FLUVE River Island Restoration Project for Metro “Great idea to relocate materials on-site to save significant time and money.” “Efficient solution with sustainable methods produced a successful project.”

KELLER ASSOCIATES, INC. Stormwater Master Plan for City of Grants Pass* “Detailed and accurate model, good predictability and value to owner for a complex stormwater system.”

KITTELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. I-5 / La Center Road Interchange Project for City of La Center, Mohelian Gaming Advisors and Cowlitz Indian Tribe “A huge project to complete in 10 months.” “An efficient solution to meet owner requirements.”

OTAK, INC. with MASON, BRUCE & GIRARD, INC. ODOT Full Delivery Turnkey Mitigation for Yaquina Basin US 20 Corridor Improvements for Oregon Department of Transportation* “The solution provided was efficient and natural which resulted in a significant restoration effort to meet mitigation requirements.” Pictured below, from left: Kristen Currens, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.; Michael Rafferty, Otak; and Stuart Myers, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.

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PARAMETRIX Crooked River Ranch Water System for Crooked River Ranch Water Company* “First of its kind in Oregon, likely paving the way for others.” “Efficient solution and long-term benefit to the Crooked River Ranch Community.”

PARAMETRIX, OBEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS, DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, MURRAYS/MITH, GRI and DKS Highway 99W Newberg-Dundee Bypass for Oregon Department of Transportation* “One of the only new highways built in the last 30 years.” “Excellent sustainable solutions to a long-standing problem.” “Re-use of beams—good.”

PETE/NSTRUC/AL ENGINEERS Willamalane Parks Mill Race Path Bridges for Cameron McCarty Landscape Architecture & Planning This project is a key component in connecting a community and allows users to commute, recreate, and learn in an ecologically diverse and rich setting. Pictured at left, from left: Rachel Hanke, Bill Sandbo and Erik Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers.

SHANNON & WILSON, INC. Burnside Bridge Seismic Resiliency Study for Multnomah County* “Complex analysis is a good value to Multnomah County and a benefit to the numerous businesses and people who use this critical transportation element.”

WSP West Eugene EmX Extension for Lane Transit District* “An efficient solution to extend an environmentally effective system.”

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