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Riverfront Park Conservation Futures Project Receives \$1 Million Grant for Demo and Restoration Project in Riverfront Park

Spokane Parks and Recreation has received confirmation of receipt of a \$1 million Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant Award to be used toward the purchase of the former YMCA property in Riverfront Park.

The ALEA Volunteer Cooperative Grant Program provides monetary support for qualifying organizations and individuals who utilize volunteers to undertake projects that are beneficial to the fish and wildlife resources of Washington State. The outcome of these projects must be available to the public as authorized by Chapter 77.100 RCW. Funds are dependent on the Legislature approving the proposed state budget.

The \$1million grant will be used to help fund purchase of the "Y" property. Total property purchase price is \$5.3 million which will be funded by \$1 million from the Park Board, \$3.3 million from Conservation Futures, and this \$1 million ALEA Grant.

Project timeline and milestones:

- Applied for demolition permit in November 2010 (SEPA, JARPA AND HPA)
- Prior to receiving the demolition permit the Spokane Landmarks Commission determined that the YMCA building was not eligible for historic preservation designation
- Issued RFP for demolition bids

- Rob's Demolition was awarded contract February 10, 2011
- Additional asbestos delayed actual demo work for approximately 3 weeks and added to costs
- Applied for Shoreline Substantial Development Permit March of 2011. (The public comment period ended June 1st.)
- Presented to Design Review April 13, 2011
- Made adjustments to restoration plan per Design Review recommendations and resubmitted to Design Review on May 25, 2011
- Permits for restoration include (SEPA, JARPA, HPA, GRADING) – none of these is secured yet
- Presented to the County Commissioners on May 24th – hope to receive their approval per the requirements of the City/County Interlocal Agreement on June 7th
- Agencies involved include: City of Spokane Building Department, City Planning Department, WDFW, DOE, Spokane Tribe, SRCAA, Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Avista Corporation
- The overall goal is to bid restoration in June with a Notice to Proceed by July 15th
- The project is expected to take 60 days minimum and should be completed by mid-September at the earliest, October at the latest
- The Park Board budget for demolition and restoration is \$1.3 million – demolition will cost about \$860,000 which leaves \$440,000 for restoration.

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