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# Celilo Village Redevelopment Newsletter

*A newsletter keeping you informed about upcoming meetings and providing updates as the Corps continues Celilo Village redevelopment.*

## Starting Phased Designs

In 2006, we move into a phased approach for design and construction.

Phase 1. Water and sewer

Phase 2. Infrastructure: housing, road work, parking and improvements to community buildings

The Corps welcomes and encourages Celilo Village residents, the tribes, the Wyam Board and other interested parties to participate in the process.

The Corps awarded Cooper Zietz Engineers of Portland the design contract on Jan. 17. The current schedule calls for design efforts to continue through September 2006. Cooper Zietz designed the Celilo Village Longhouse, and previously worked on Columbia River treaty fishing access sites. The Corps plans to award the construction contract for the water and sewer systems in July 2006.



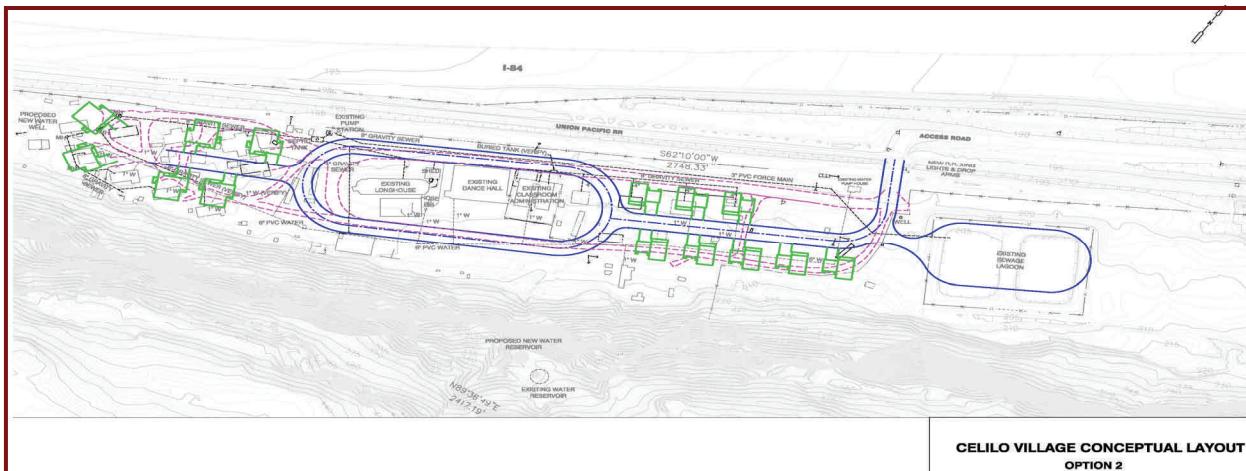
Dwight Gray,  
Project Manager,  
Cooper Zietz

## Design Alternatives

At the Jan. 26 Wyam Board meeting, the board reviewed site design alternatives and supported the Cooper Zietz recommendation to proceed with Option 2 in the May 2003 Celilo Village Post Authorization Change Report. The report can be viewed on the web at <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Pm/Projects/crtfas/documents.asp>. Cooper Zietz presented a revised Option 2 to accommodate stick-built rather than modular houses.



Responding to residents' comments, Cooper Zietz further revised Option 2 to allow for more even spacing of the houses and allow more space around buildings. The revision will shorten the loop road that circles and defines the common area. Shortening the road will reduce the amount of paving required, allowing more space around houses and provide more efficient use of the site. Community facilities will be concentrated inside the loop road.



## Utility Lines

The designer's objective is to use existing utility trenches for new utility lines and pipes. The first step will be locating existing trenches using exploratory probes. Heavy equipment, such as back-hoes, will be used to dig the holes.

Residents and visitors to the area should use extra caution around the equipment and open holes.

During this process and throughout the redevelopment, the designers, contractors and Corps personnel will continue their commitment to protecting cultural resources.



## Resident status

In a letter dated Jan. 4, 2006, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) presented their findings on Celilo Village resident status. The BIA distributed copies of that letter at the Jan. 26 Wyam Board meeting,



### What's next:

The Wyam Board invites Celilo Village residents to attend meetings, participate in the process and provide their comments. The date, time and locations of the meetings, design and construction timelines and related information will be posted in the Longhouse meeting room.

BIA staff, Paul Young and Don Robertson, and a representative from Cooper Zietz will attend Wyam Board meetings to provide design updates.

### Next Wyam Board meeting:

**Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, 10 a.m.  
Celilo Village Longhouse,  
Elders Dining Hall**

## Employment

The Wyam Board encouraged the Corps and contractors to provide employment for Celilo Village residents. Cooper Zietz will start with hiring an apprentice AutoCAD operator. For information or to apply for the position contact Cooper Zietz at (866) 622-2450.

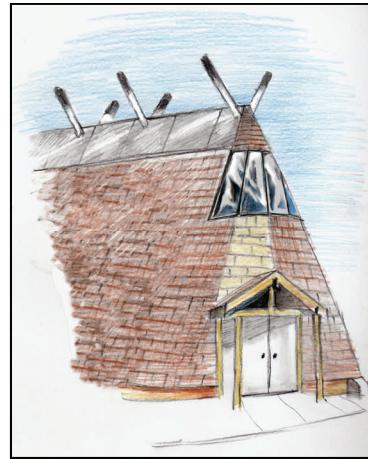
## Acquisitions and relocation

Although *acquisitions and relocation* are still off in the future, the Portland District has already secured the services of the Corps' Seattle District Office, which has staff with expertise in this area.

## Longhouse Update

George Miller, Corps project manager, delivered the final as-built drawings for the Longhouse and its Operating and Maintenance manuals at the January Wyam Board meeting.

The drawings and manuals will be kept at the Longhouse. Copies were sent to the BIA. Once the Longhouse design and construction is complete, the Corps will provide training programs on operation of the Longhouse equipment.



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