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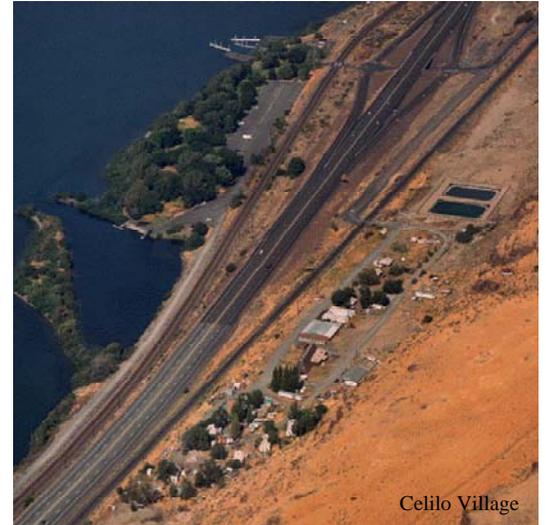
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Redevelopment history

For millennia, the Celilo area has served as a trade center, sacred fishing ground and gathering place for the Northwest Indian tribes. Celilo Village, itself, currently supports 13 dwellings and about 50 people, but inadequate sanitary and water systems have caused public health and safety problems that concern federal, tribal, state and local health officials. To resolve these problems, the tribes formally requested the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to rebuild the village under the Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites (CRTFAS) Project. Celilo Village Redevelopment was authorized by Pres. George W. Bush on March 2, 2004, as part of Public Law 108-204, and provides for the reconstruction of the village and associated structures and systems, repairs to the longhouse, and operation and maintenance of the rebuilt village.

The Corps continues to work with the tribes, agencies, residents and other stakeholders to make redevelopment a reality. The Corps is scheduling and facilitating monthly meetings with the reconstituted Wyam Board. Discussion topics from the meeting that was held on September 23rd, 2004 at the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center will be outlined in the newsletter.



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Design/Build Contract for Longhouse

The design/build contract for the longhouse is scheduled to be awarded this week. Colville Tribal Services Corporation, a tribally owned and operated building and road construction contractor, is being retained to perform the work on the longhouse, and will be the prime contractor. Cooper Consulting Engineers will be the subcontractor. Colville has scheduled a kickoff meeting at the longhouse for 10a.m. on Monday, October 4th to discuss the project. The meeting will give Colville the opportunity to explain the changes on-site that will be made to the longhouse and other structures, while gathering input from village residents and the Wyam Board. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Corps' current plan is to substantially finish all kitchen work and longhouse repairs in time for the 2005 Spring Salmon Feast.

New Water Well Drilling

The contract for drilling the new well and related work was awarded to Cherokee General. Cherokee's subcontractor, Geotech, will be performing the actual drilling. The drilling and related activities will likely take approximately two months, and are scheduled to begin the first week of November.

Cultural Resources Compliance

On September 20-21, a Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWSRO) Cultural Resource Department (CRD) crew, in consultation with Cultural Resource Program staff from the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, conducted a cultural resources survey of the well drilling project area. The CTWSRO CRD recommended that no significant cultural materials are present within the area of direct water drilling, and that well-drilling within the area may proceed. The Corps thanks the efforts of the Tribal Cultural Programs; Sally Bird, the Cultural Resources Manager for the CTWSRO CRD; and her Field Crew, for their support on the well effort. Work on a draft Comprehensive Plan for Protection of Cultural Resources which will deal with the overall redevelopment project is continuing.

Project Budget Information

Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 begins on October 1st. The President's Budget for the Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Site Project is \$4.2 million dollars, as is the House's version. The Senate version of the budget is pending. Savings and slippage is estimated at 16%, which would leave \$3,528,000 as available funds in FY05. Of this total, an estimated \$1.58 million will be used for Celilo Redevelopment.

Municipal Code Development

Berryman & Henigar's research of tribal and rural residential codes and regulations is continuing. Meetings to further develop the Needs Assessment will be held with village residents on October 27th, while meetings with tribal planning staff are currently being scheduled.

Upcoming activities

- **Monday, October 4th**. Colville Tribal Services meeting to discuss plans for repairing the longhouse. The meeting will be held at the Celilo Village Longhouse at 10a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 27th**. Berryman & Henigar will be holding meetings from 1-4 and from 6-8 with Celilo Village Residents at the village BIA trailer to discuss Municipal Code Development.
- **Thursday, October 28th**. The next scheduled Wyam Board meeting will be held in the classroom at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR 97058 from 10a.m. to noon. The meeting will update Corps progress on redevelopment project activities.

The Celilo Village Redevelopment Newsletter is designed to provide information about Celilo Village Redevelopment. It is published monthly by the Celilo Village Redevelopment Project Delivery Team of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For information about this project, please contact George Miller at (503) 808-4704 or by email at george.j.miller@usace.army.mil. For more information about this newsletter, please contact Jeremy Weber at (503) 808-4735 or by email at jeremy.j.weber@usace.army.mil.

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