

# The Mill City Messenger



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- Monday - Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM (503) 897-2302

**AFTER HOURS**

- Public Works Supervisor  
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**WILLAMETTE BASIN TMDL –  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PART 1**

Since late 2014 we have been providing an overview of what a TMDL is. The information provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was comprehensive but heavy reading. Now that the technical information has been provided the City of Mill City would like to inform our citizens specifically about our basin; Willamette Basin TMDL. Over the next few months we'll provide information from the executive summary of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Willamette Basin - Part 1

**INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:**

- The Willamette Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is:
  - \* A pollution analysis to determine why certain waterbodies in the Willamette Basin do not meet water quality standards.
  - \* A strategy to return those waterbod-

ies to a healthy status.

- \* TMDLs are essentially a pollution budget which determines:
- \* How much pollution a stream can receive and still meet water quality standards.
- \* How much excessive pollution is in the stream. (This represents how much pollution must be removed from the stream to meet water quality standards.)
- \* Who is responsible for reducing pollution.
- \* A framework and commitment for those actions needed to reduce the pollution.
- This TMDL is a series of such studies across much of the Willamette Basin, addressing primarily bacteria, mercury and temperature. These pollutants are known to be problematic in much of the Willamette Basin. (Cont'd Page 3)

**CITY HALL CLOSURES FOR  
FEBRUARY**

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 in observance of Presidents Day.

For water or sewer emergencies call:

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For non-emergencies please leave a message at City Hall and we will contact you promptly upon our return.

