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PATHWAY AT GEORGE ROGERS PARK RE-OPENS

LAKE OSWEGO – The popular path connecting George Rogers Park and Old River Road reopened this afternoon. The path had been closed since February 2, 2008 as a result of a landslide which left the slope above the path unstable.

The landslide, which occurred on private property, deposited approximately five cubic yards of soil, rock and debris onto the path. The City, with assistance from a geotechnical engineer, evaluated the site to better understand the possible causes for the slope instability and the risk of additional debris coming down. Upon learning that there was a risk, the City immediately closed the pathway to pedestrians and cyclists.

In June, after months of negotiations, the City approved a repair plan submitted by the property owners and have been working closely with contractors and engineers to ensure the repairs meet specific requirements. The slope above the path has now been stabilized, eliminating potential harm to people using the path.

The stabilization process included removing mud and loose debris and putting in a series of free draining rock gabion baskets. In the upcoming weeks, the City will continue to monitor the slope, clear any remaining debris from the path and reopen the storm water culvert currently plugged by landslide debris.

The George Rogers Pathway is part of an extensive recreational pathway system established by the City. These pathways enable residents to travel safely while enjoying the scenic beauty of the City. The pathways were designed to connect neighborhoods with schools, parks, and commercial centers, and are shared by walkers, runners, bikers, and pets.

More information on the City's pathways, including a guide, map and "rules of the road", can be found at www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/pathways_main.htm.

For information regarding the slope stabilization, please contact Matt Tipton, Engineering Technician for the City of Lake Oswego, at 503-675-2533 or mtipton@ci.oswego.or.us.

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