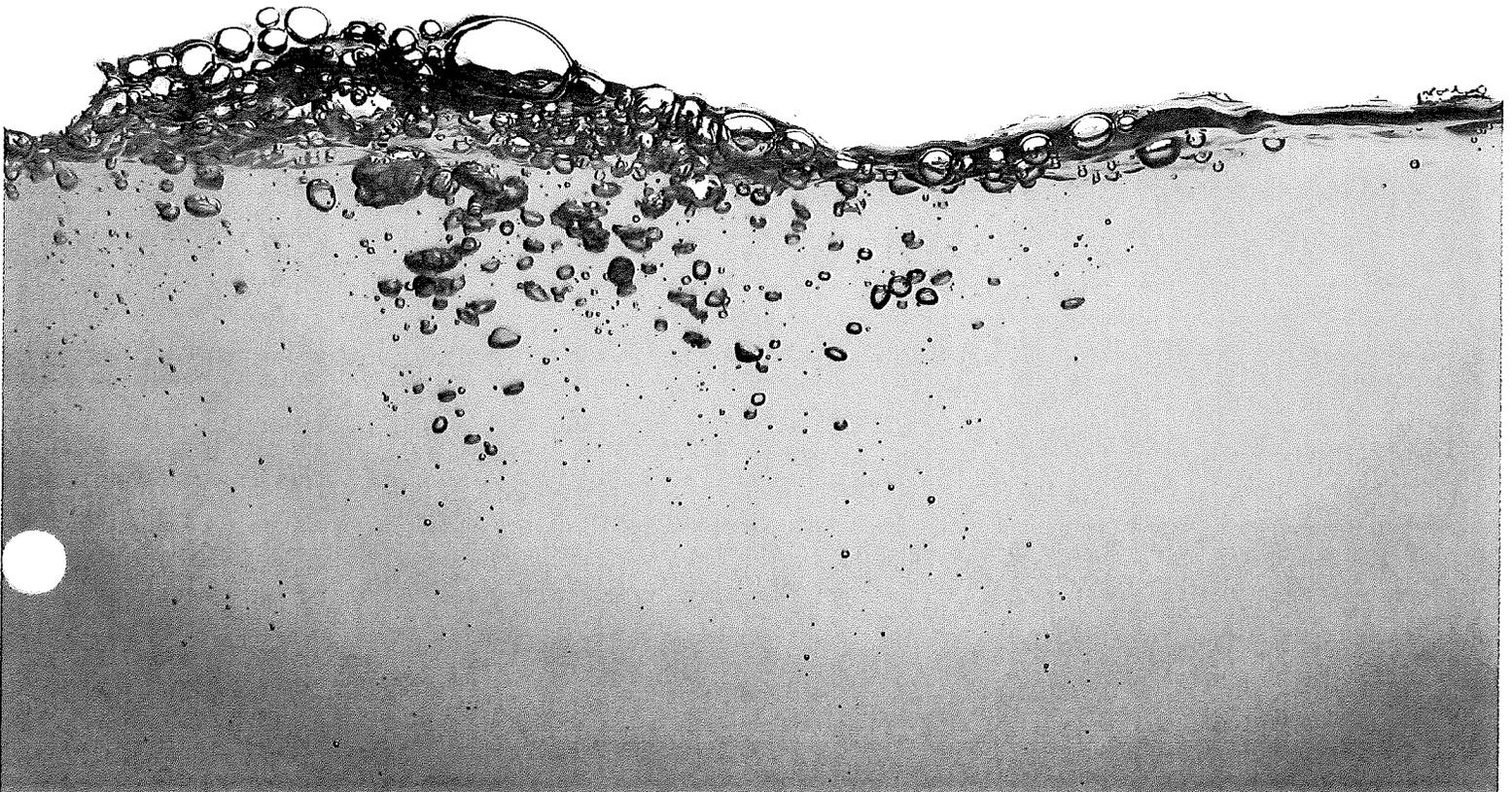
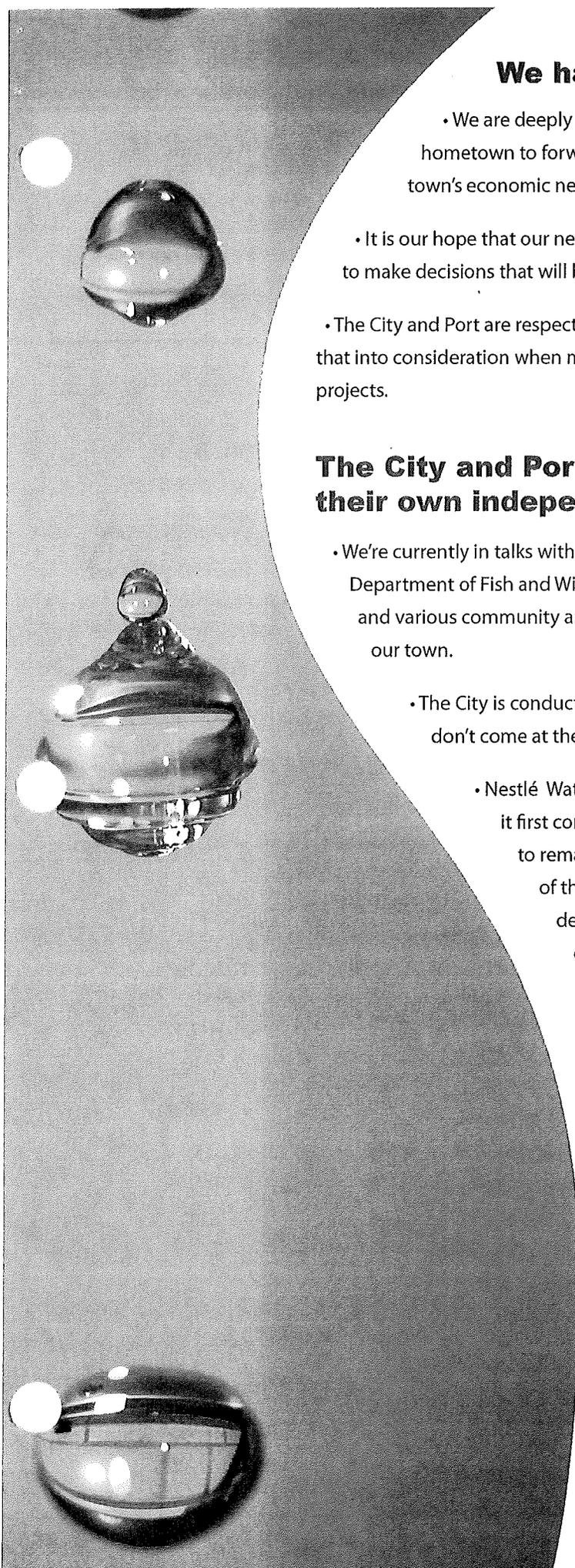


# GET THE FACTS...

## PROPOSED WATER BOTTLING FACILITY IN CASCADE LOCKS, OREGON

The City of Cascade Locks has received a proposal from Nestlé Waters North America (Nestlé Waters) to potentially build a small-sized, two-line bottled water plant in the Port of Cascade Locks' industrial park. Currently, there are approximately 30 other water bottling companies that operate in the state of Oregon. Both the City and the Port are currently undergoing a rigorous process to assess the economic and environmental viability of this project, and are committed to keeping residents informed with the facts. We are proud of our community's long-standing commitment to water stewardship, and recognize the need to fairly consider and evaluate any major new business opportunities that could provide a much-needed economic boost to our community. As we continue to make progress, we'll update residents as often as possible. You can also feel free to contact the City and Port at any time to get a status update.





## **We have our community's interests in mind**

- We are deeply cautious of outside national groups that have decided to use our hometown to forward their national agendas. These groups rarely understand our town's economic needs or our commitment to water and environmental stewardship.
- It is our hope that our neighboring cities and towns in Oregon appreciate our ability and right to make decisions that will benefit our town and community.
- The City and Port are respectful of our community's commitment to water stewardship and take that into consideration when making decisions related to water use and significant construction projects.

## **The City and Port are doing their own independent due diligence**

- We're currently in talks with Nestlé Waters, as well as other stakeholders including Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), and various community and civic leaders to determine whether this opportunity is right for our town.
- The City is conducting its own independent due diligence to ensure economic benefits don't come at the price of the incredible nature and wildlife surrounding our town.
- Nestlé Waters has been in conversation with the City and the Port since it first considered siting a plant in Cascade Locks in 2008, and continues to remain open and transparent; the company has provided us with all of the information we have asked for including scientific studies, details on previous sitings, and other relevant documentation. The company has also held numerous town halls to date, and hosts regular office hours in town every month.
- The City and the Port have created the Joint Work Group on Economic Development, greatly strengthening the partnership between the two governments and jointly focused efforts on job creation and economic development in the City of Cascade Locks. The City and Port of Cascade Locks <sup>have</sup> initiated their own public and transparent process in evaluating and assessing the proposed Nestle project and continue to encourage strong participation and input from city residents.

## **Nestlé will be a customer and purchase water from the city**

- If the exchange goes through, and the Nestlé Waters' project moves forward, the company would purchase water from the City of Cascade Locks much as any other business, and be subject to the same rules and regulations.

## **We are not losing our water rights**

- There has been a lot of misinformation in the public space about how Nestlé will "own" or "control" water from the Oxbow Springs. This is simply incorrect. The City will retain all control over its water.
- ODFW operates the Oxbow hatchery, which uses water from the Oxbow Springs to grow endangered fish species. ODFW will retain full control over their water rights as well. ODFW has applied to the OWRD for approval of a water exchange with the City of Cascade Locks that would enable the hatchery to swap a small portion of its spring water for city well water, and eventually the city to sell the spring water to Nestlé Waters. The hatchery has indicated that this plan would actually help its fish rearing efforts.
- As part of the proposal, the City of Cascade Locks would have access to up to five percent of the spring water (maximum of 0.5 cubic feet per second) from the Oxbow Springs to sell to our potential customer, Nestlé Waters, for bottling purposes.
- The City would replace the spring water with an annual gallon-per-gallon exchange of water from its groundwater source.

## **Nestlé Waters' proposed project will help boost our local economy**

- When fully built, the project will bring up to 50 new, well-paying jobs in Cascade Locks. These jobs will add significantly to our employment base.

We estimate that a small-size water bottling plant would bring economic benefits to Cascade Locks, including a significant increase in our property tax collections and additional revenues for our municipal utilities.

- Preliminary economic estimates from Bruce Sorte, Oregon State University Extension Economist, indicate the full project would provide more than \$26 million in sales per year in direct, indirect and induced economic benefits, plus another \$36 million in sales provided by the construction of a fully built two-line plant.

## **We will ensure that there will be no adverse impacts to the environment**

- ODFW conducted a year-long test to demonstrate that the City's well water is suitable for raising fish. The test was successfully completed in early 2011 and found that the fish thrive in the ground water equally as well as they do in the spring water.
- In response to questions raised by Trout Unlimited, the Association of Northwest Steelheaders and the Native Fish Society, among others, a study was commissioned to investigate whether its proposed activities would have an impact on the cold water refuge for migrating salmon at Herman Creek Cove. Cramer Fish Sciences of Gresham, OR completed the study and found that there would be no negative effect to the cold water refuge of the cove.
- Hydrological studies and continual monitoring of the springs and creeks help determine if there is sufficient water to meet the community's current and future needs, and also provide spring water for a new business like Nestlé Waters. Additionally, traffic, air and noise studies indicate no adverse impacts associated with the proposed project.
- Nestlé Waters is proposing to build a LEED certified building, which will ensure that the facility meets strict environmental standards for the facility.

## What's Next...

- The City will work with a professional hydrologist to assess the existing City wells to determine how much water we can get out of the wells and any limiting factors.
- Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) is being retained to evaluate similar agreements between water bottling companies and municipalities across the country.
- Oregon Department of Transportation is evaluating the safety of truck lengths on Wa-Na-Pa and Frontage Road access to the Port's industrial park.
- The City is examining the process of creating a commercial water rate.
- The City is developing a comprehensive water management plan.

The City and Port of Cascade Locks are motivated to welcome new business opportunities. We are within 30 minutes of the Portland Metro area, with easy access to ship, rail, and highway for your transportation needs. Cascade Locks is a proud and vibrant small town with a rich history and broad cultural diversity.

**We welcome your questions  
and feedback, contact us.**



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