

Project commitments

Improve drinking water quality

The Water Partnership project will improve how water is treated before it arrives at your tap. Lake Oswego's current water treatment process already produces high-quality water. Advanced treatment methods will make it even better.



A panel of national experts in drinking water treatment and public health recommended combining conventional filtration with ozone treatment. The new process will meet future drinking water standards and provide safer and better-tasting drinking water. A steering committee of local leaders and citizens agreed that ozone treatment is a good choice for Lake Oswego.

Protect the environment

The Partnership is working closely with federal, state and local agencies to ensure the project meets or exceeds all applicable regulations and that the environment is protected. To protect fish and wildlife in the Willamette River, for instance, new pipeline construction in this location will be done using a tunneling method called horizontal directional drilling, or HDD. This method avoids any in-water work in the Willamette and will also be used to avoid impacts to Oswego Lake. On the Clackamas River, careful construction techniques and timing will protect fish.



Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) uses a drilling rig on the surface to drill and install a pipe underground to avoid environmental disturbance.

Respect host communities

The Partnership's facilities are not just in Lake Oswego and Tigard, but in Gladstone and West Linn as well. In all four communities, the project team is working to ensure that neighbors are involved in the design and ongoing operation of the facilities.

Ensuring safety during construction, honoring local values, and making sure facilities are assets to the neighborhoods where they are located is our commitment throughout the project and beyond.

Learn more

The Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership is committed to providing neighbors with clear information and working with them to address concerns. If you would like a presentation to your neighborhood association or organization, contact us at (503) 697-6502 or lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us.

You can learn more, or share your feedback by visiting our website at lotigardwater.org. Join our email list to receive timely project updates, or provide a comment. You can also contact us directly at (503) 697-6502 or lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us.



Summer 2012



Clean water for Lake Oswego's future

Safe, clean water is something everyone wants. For nearly 50 years, Lake Oswego's water system has provided our community with the water we all need. Lake Oswego has changed a lot over the 50 years—but the pipes and treatment plant that deliver our water have not. The time has come to replace and improve them.

To maintain the high quality drinking water we need, the City has formed a partnership to replace, upgrade, and expand key water system facilities. The Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership provides benefits to both cities. By partnering with Tigard to share Lake Oswego's high quality Clackamas River Water Supply, Lake Oswego customers will get the water improvements they need for a lower overall cost than they could achieve alone. Tigard gains ownership in a lower cost supply.

Six Facts You Should Know About Lake Oswego's Water System

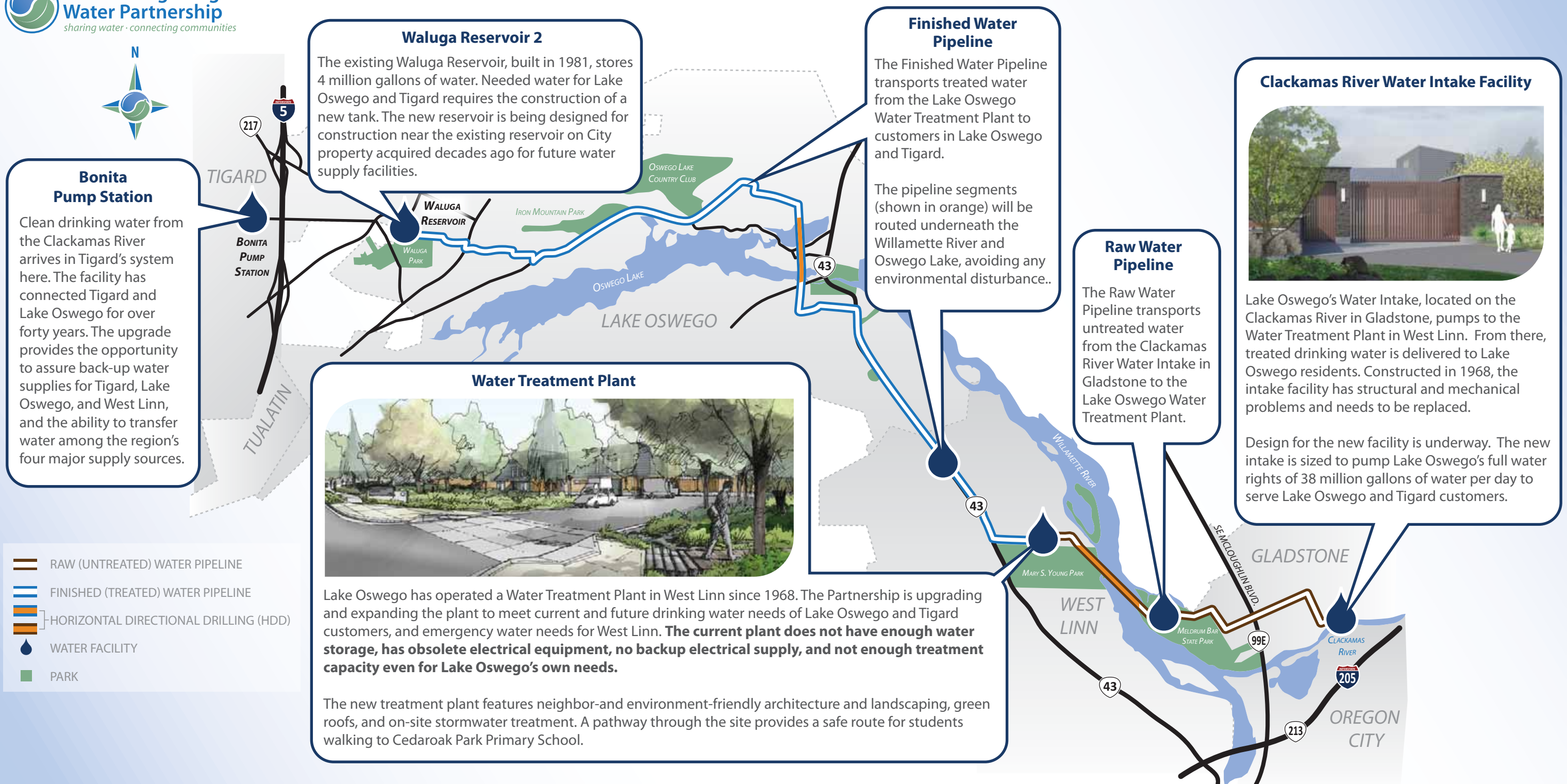
- 1** The Partnership with Tigard is a good business decision. It offers significant savings—one-time and ongoing—for Lake Oswego water customers.
- 2** Lake Oswego's water system is worn out, undersized, and in need of reinvestment. The system is at capacity and the City must move immediately to ensure that replacement, upgrading, and upsizing of key facilities occurs now, regardless of whether or not Lake Oswego partners with Tigard.
- 3** Conservation is the first, most important water source, but Lake Oswego can't conserve enough water to delay or resize the project. An enhanced conservation program will help the water system keep up with demand until new facilities come on-line in 2016.
- 4** Experts recommend converting Lake Oswego's current water treatment method to conventional filtration plus ozone. This proven treatment combination will ensure high quality drinking water year-round, and meet current and anticipated regulations.
- 5** Project costs for the water system upgrade are in line with Lake Oswego's financial plans.
- 6** Now is the one-time window of opportunity to meet Lake Oswego's current and future water needs, by sharing costs with Tigard.

Where are we now?

Engineering design is on schedule to meet the Partnership's June 2016 completion goal. **Environmental permitting** is underway and **land use permits** have been approved or are in review for the various water supply facilities. Public outreach and communications continues across five communities **so that residents and businesses know about the project and know what to expect during construction.**

The biggest change to the original plan is the decision to build out the water treatment plant to its full **planned** capacity now, rather than in the future. Making this investment now **eliminates future permitting** uncertainties and gives West Linn a reliable supply of water for emergency use.

THE PARTNERSHIP RELIES ON SIX KEY FACILITIES IN FIVE COMMUNITIES



PROJECT TIMELINE