

# Willamette Toxics Reduction Partnership

## Partnership Overview and Update

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*Columbia River Toxics Reduction Working Group*

# Origin of Willamette Toxics Reduction Partnership

- Record of Decision for Portland Harbor Cleanup
  - Recognition that Harbor could be re-contaminated from upstream toxics
  - Partnership formed and convened in May 2017 to assess watershed and develop a plan
  - EPA and DEQ co-lead efforts



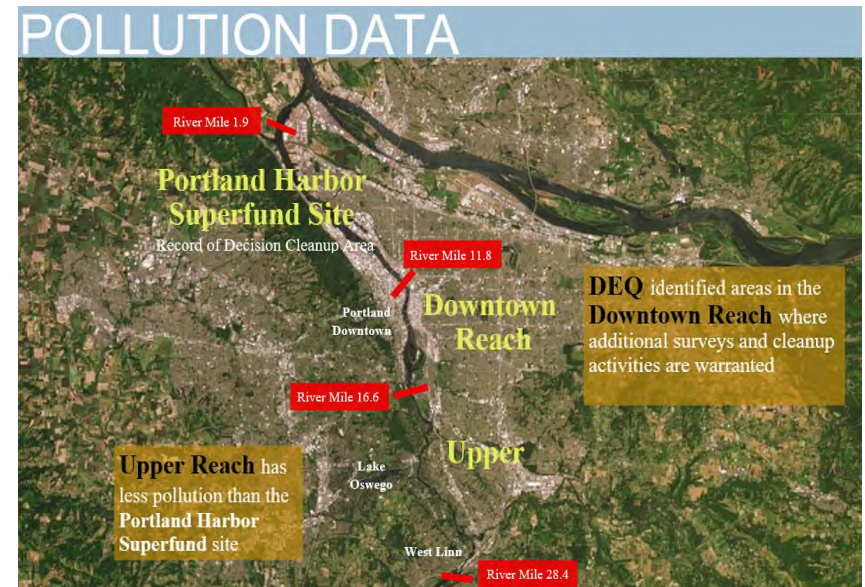
# Original Goals of Partnership

- Compile contamination data and identify data gaps
- Describe existing efforts and evaluate the efficacy
- Investigate potential upstream sources of contamination to the Portland Harbor Superfund site
- Identify new strategies to reduce contaminant loading



# Upriver Reach Sediment Assessment

- EPA helped fund DEQ sediment assessment
- Results summary:
  - Upriver Reach is much less contaminated than Harbor
  - Most contaminants not detected or below Harbor cleanup levels
  - Areas of contamination appear localized
  - Contamination not expected to impact Portland Harbor Superfund Site



*Between Sellwood Bridge to Willamette Falls*

# Engaging Partners in Willamette Toxics Reduction Efforts

- In 2017 work began on the watershed toxics reduction plan
- In 2018 the Partnership group changed course to develop a web-based story map
- EPA obtained Urban Waters Program funds to create an on-line story map



# Engaging Partners in Willamette Toxics Reduction Efforts

REDUCING POLLUTANTS  
THROUGH COLLABORATION



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