OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

County CLACKAMAS

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*Street Address: **THE BLUFF at 8TH STREET**			*City: Oregon City	
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City			UTM or GPS Latitude:	Longitude:
Township: 2S	Range: 2E	Section: 31	Block/Lot: N/A	Tax Lot #: N/A

*Date of Construction: 1937	Historic Name: Singer Creek Falls & Steps	Historic Use or Function: Waterfall and stairway to top of bluff
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A	*Current Name or Use: Singer Creek Falls & Steps	Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown

Style(s): N/A	Plan Type/Shape: N/A	
Foundation Material: Concrete	Structural Framing: Concrete and stone	Number of Stories: N/A
Roof Type/Material: N/A	Window Type/Material: N/A	
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary Stone	Secondary: Concrete	Decorative:
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s): None identified		

Integrity: Excellent Condition: Good	**Preliminary National Register Findings** ☐ National Register Listed Potentially Eligible: ☐ Individually (and/or) ☒ As a contributing resource in a district
Local Ranking:	Not Eligible: ☐ In current state ☐ Irretrievable loss of integrity ☐ Not historic

/escription of Physical and/or Landscape Features:

The falls include a series of five drops; four are 10-foot drops, one is a 12-foot drop. They are constructed of concrete and stone from the Center Street quarry. A set of trails and step up the side of Singer Hill was included as part of the project. They are also constructed in similar fashion, using locally-quarried stone.

Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)

The Singer Creek Falls and Steps were built in 1936 and 1937 as WPA projects. The falls divert Singer Creek, which once ran freely down the side of the bluff, where it powered William Singer's flour mill in the 1880s and 1890s. The waterfall is now the only place that the creek is visible before it enters the Willamette River beneath the downtown. The steps replaced an earlier set of wooden stairs and have become the only remaining set of pedestrian steps on the bluff. They connect the downtown with the bluff at the end of McLoughlin Park. The total cost of the project was $2500. Because the falls and steps are virtually intact (except for minor repairs), they should be considered eligible as contributing resources in a historic district.

Researcher/Organization: Michelle L. Dennis			Date Recorded: May 2000	
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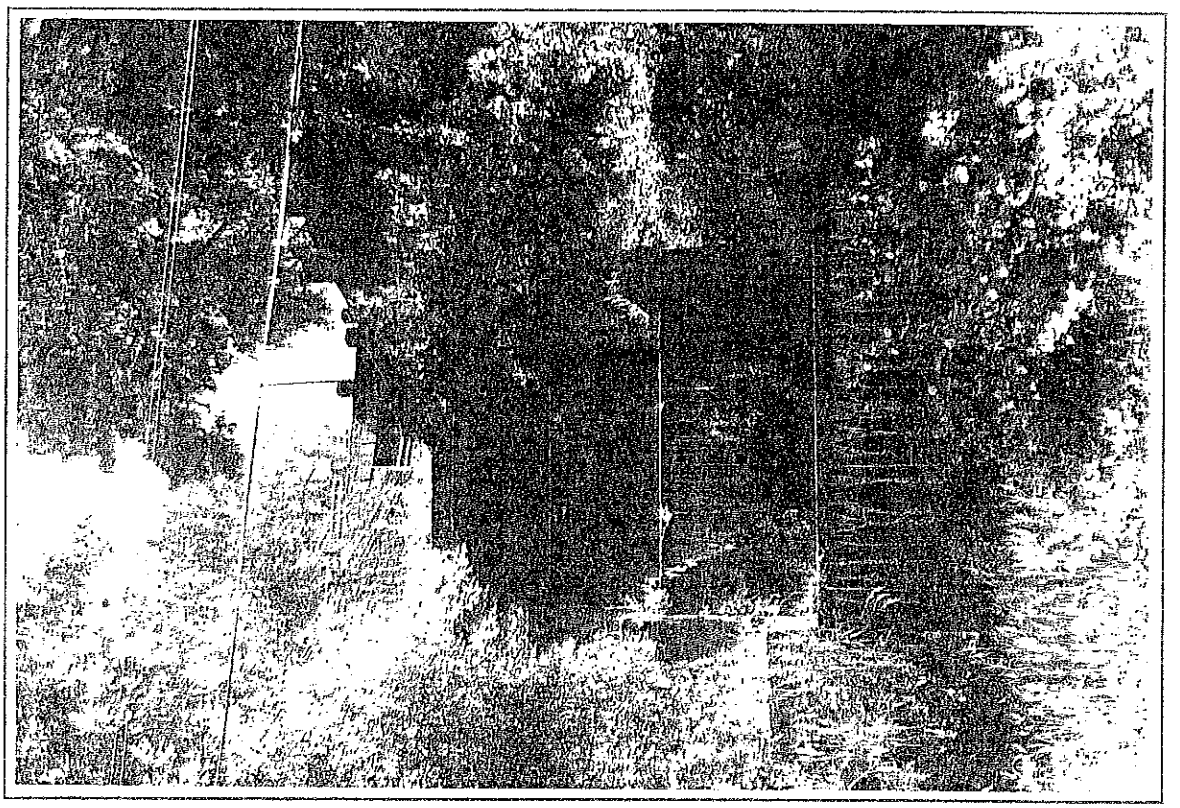

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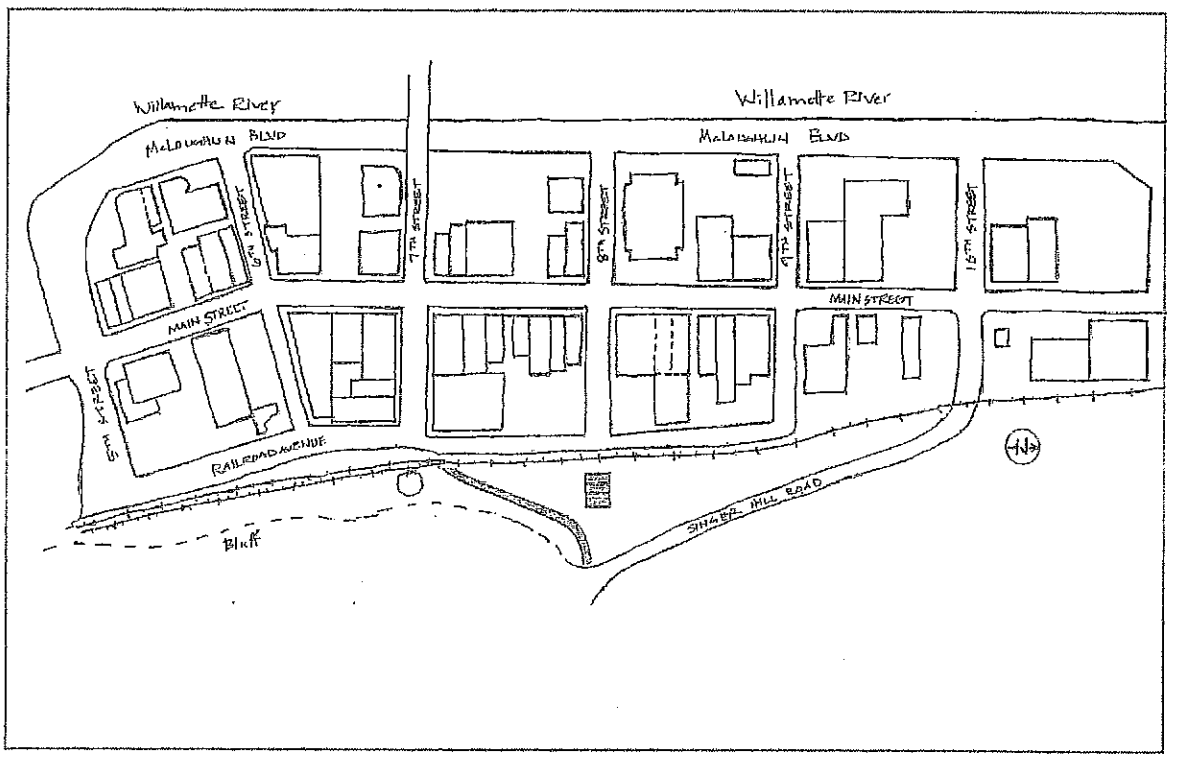

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Architect and/or Builder: Unknown	Owner Type: ☐ Private ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Mixed
Addition or Subdivision Nam Oregon City Original Plat	
Area(s) of Significance: Government/Transportation	Owner Name: City of Oregon City Address: PO Box 3040
Property Category: ☐ Building ☒ Structure ☐ Site ☐ Object ☐ District	City, State, Zip: Oregon City, OR 97045 Phone:

Documentation

Research Sources:		
☐ Abstract of Title	☐ Building Permits	Local Library (specify Oregon City Public Library
☒ Sanborn Maps	☐ Tax Records	University Library (specif UO/OSU
☐ Obituary Index	☒ SHPO Files	Historical Society (specify Clackamas Co. Historical Society
☒ City Directories	☐ State Archives	Other (specify):
☐ Census Records	☐ State Library	
☒ Biographical Encyclopedias	☒ Local Histories	
☒ Newspapers	☐ Personal Interviews	
	☒ Historic Photographs	

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