Updates on PGE's West Linn waterfront property



September 2019

PGE appreciates the community's interest in the property and its history. As we shared in our open houses over the summer and online, the conditions of the buildings on the island vary widely. One of the buildings, Mill J, has been unused for decades and presents a serious safety risk.

In October, removal of Mill J will begin to prevent an unplanned collapse. We have no plans to remove Mill J's stone foundation and will protect it during the demolition. We'll then explore long-term options to manage it.

We take environmental and cultural stewardship seriously and have retained a professional to document and photograph the structure for history's sake. We are also working with relevant state agencies to make sure the removal complies with all applicable regulations.



Mill J interior



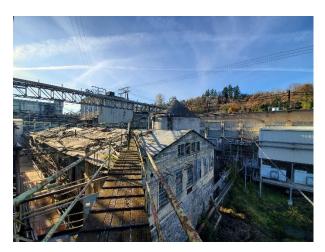
Mill J roof

March 2020

PGE contractors recently finished deconstructing Mill J by hand, carefully taking the building apart piece by piece to protect the structure's iconic stone foundation. This building had not been used for paper production since the late 1960s and was structurally unsafe.

In addition to preserving the stone foundation and documenting the building before and after deconstruction, PGE is providing archival-quality photos to the Oregon Historical Society, the University of Oregon and the State Historic Preservation Office.

Photos of Mill J before and after demolition appear on the next page.



Mill J before demolition



Mill J foundation after demolition