

Interpretive Artwork to Reflect the People and  
Environment of the Columbia River Basin

## Confluence Project



Artist rendering of Maya Lin's "Arc" at Celilo Park scheduled to be complete in 2016. Courtesy Maya Lin Studio.

## Six Month Update from the Executive Director

Dear Confluence Friends,

Today marks six months since I began as executive director of the Confluence Project. It has been a tremendously enriching experience, let me tell you. As a journalist, I was always drawn to stories about how history surrounds us daily. It is truly a privilege to lead an organization focused on connecting people with the history, culture and ecology of the amazing Columbia River system. And I'm lucky to work with an incredibly dedicated, whip-smart staff who remain patient with me as I continue to find my way.

Together we've forged a partnership with the National Park Service for our new home at [Fort Vancouver National Historic Site](#), just a short walk from the [Confluence Land Bridge](#). We've made steady progress in our capital campaign for Maya Lin's Celilo Park project, with generous grants from the [Ford Family Foundation](#), the [Oregon Community Foundation](#) and the [Meyer Memorial Trust](#). We've developed a [prototype for our digital project](#) that will be an online interpretive center for all our sites.



Detail of Story Circles.  
Photo: Corky Miller ♦ 2014

After six months, I can also happily report that we have a solid plan for sustainability after our sites are complete in 2016.



**Our new business plan charts a long-term strategy to build a broad membership base and partnerships with like-minded organizations.** This will take time. In many ways, Confluence is like a 12-year-old start up. But we approach this transition with an already existing legacy of goodwill built throughout the region by my predecessor, Jane Jacobsen, and all the friends and colleagues who have made Confluence what it is today.

**We can only succeed with your help!** The Oregon Community Foundation gift to Confluence is [a challenge grant](#). We're already two-thirds of the way toward our goal of matching it! Your [gift today](#) helps us get one more step of the way.

Our new mission statement defines our role as a "catalyst for discovery." I couldn't imagine a better purpose. Feel free to contact me

Warm Springs tradition keeper Bridget Scott for anytime at [Colin@ConfluenceProject.org](mailto:Colin@ConfluenceProject.org). Thank you for all you have  
Gifts from Our Ancestors. Photo: Staff ♦ 2014 done for the Confluence Project.

Your support means everything to us. Onward!

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Executive Director

