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## **Media Opportunity: Restored Wood from Mill Race Transformed for Springfield Public Library**

**What:** Wood from the historic Mill Race has been transformed by Urban Lumber into an incredible table for the community to enjoy at the Springfield Public Library. Join us for the delivery and installation of the new table and to see how the city's historic past is now part of the present.

**When:** 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 25

**Where:** Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR.

**Who:** Members of the media are invited to film the installation of the restored wood table and to interview representatives from Urban Lumber and the Library.

### **Springfield Mill Race Restoration Background**

The Springfield Mill Race is significant to the city's history and foundation. The Mill Race, a channel dug by hand in 1852, provided power for mills and irrigation to the growing city.

The Mill Race's restoration has been a high priority for Springfield leaders for decades. The City, along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, began restoration efforts in 2009 by creating a new inlet at Clearwater Park. The Mill Race has since been re-created with a meandering channel. Most recently a new stormwater facility and Mill Race Path were added by TEAM Springfield partners, including the City of Springfield, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Springfield Utility Board, and Springfield Public Schools.

Throughout the restoration process, logs submerged in the Mill Race were removed. Urban Lumber selected logs from the historic Mill Race and skillfully restored a piece of Springfield's past.

**About Urban Lumber**

Urban Lumber Company specializes in creating large natural edge slabs and fine handcrafted furniture. Their furniture showcases monumental scale, live edges, and unique detailed grains. With each piece they build, they emphasize the inherent natural beauty of Pacific Northwest lumber. Urban Lumber Company is built upon the mission of promoting environmental responsibility and greater awareness of urban forests through their hardwood furniture. They take pride in environmental sustainability and incorporate it into all levels of production, from salvaging city street trees to selecting only the greenest materials for their products.

Urban Lumber Company was founded by owner and master woodworker, Seth San Filippo. Their operation is housed in the historic Booth Kelly Mill in Springfield. The 32,000 square foot mill facility allows them to run their custom built sawmill, which is capable of cutting logs up to eight feet in diameter. Also offering steel fabrication and full design consultation, Urban Lumber is equipped to handle all projects large and small, commercial and residential.