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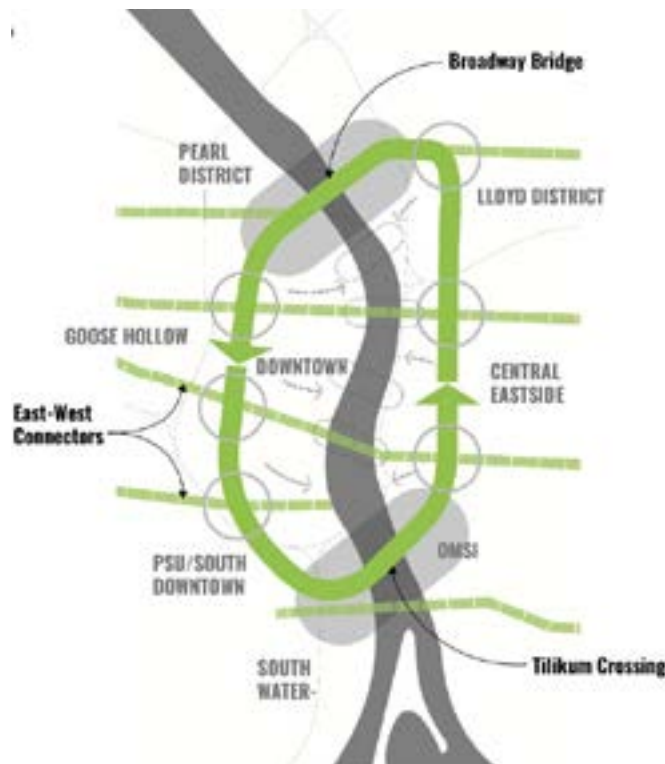
This year's Policy Peloton, a select group of social influencers and civic visionaries, will explore a pair of dynamic community-driven initiatives that promise a fully-integrated network of safe routes and sylvan oases. The **Lents Green Ring** and the **Green Loop** are signature components of the broad vision to build a fully integrated network of parks, trails and natural areas. - **The Intertwine**

The map displays the Lents Water Corridor, a green line running from the northwest to the southeast. Four locations are highlighted with numbered green boxes: 1. Lents Creek (top left), 2. Clinton Park (top center), 3. Lents Park (center right), and 4. Foster Floodplain (bottom right). The map includes various street names and landmarks, such as Mount Tabor Park, Kelly Butte, Eastport Plaza, Lents Park, and Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery. The corridor is labeled 'LENTS WATER CORRIDOR' in large, bold, green letters.



GREEN LOOP

The Green Loop, a bold new concept of the Central City 2035 plan, envisions a linear park that connects people to places within and beyond Portland's downtown neighborhoods and to the Willamette River. In the growing Central City, which expects to hold 30 percent of the city's future population in the next 25 years, the Green Loop is for the people. It's a 21st century open space that will encourage more Portlanders to stay in the Central City.



Source: Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

START

► OREGON HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, SOUTH WATERFRONT

Our ride begins on the riverfront deck of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building in South Waterfront where more than 3,000 students from OHSU, PSU and OSU collaborate daily in a wide range of innovative programs. The signature structure, which stands on a previous brownfield, is a civic showpiece of sustainable design and shared space.

1 THE ROSE QUARTER

The 30-acre Rose Quarter, anchored by the Moda Center, is the epicenter of Portland's sports and entertainment district. Exciting new plans call for its redevelopment into a neighborhood that will be as respectful of its history as it is of its embrace of new urbanism.



◎ LLOYD DISTRICT

Looking ahead, the Central City is expected to absorb 30 percent of the city's growth over the next two decades – that's roughly 37,000 new households and 50,000 new jobs. To support that amount of growth, neighborhoods like the Lloyd District with considerable redevelopment potential will need new investments in open space and active transportation infrastructure. The Green Loop will also support the Lloyd EcoDistrict's sustainability goals and targets to foster and expand low carbon urban development.



Source: Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

◎ CENTRAL EASTSIDE

The future design of the Green Loop will smoothly integrate within the existing industrial district, without negatively impacting industrial mobility around the district. A primary objective will be to create a safe, intuitive and direct route between the Tilikum Crossing and the Sullivan's Crossing bridges. Additionally, the Green Loop will provide much needed new green spaces and tree canopy to help provide places for employees and residents to recreate and relax, while helping mitigate the urban heat island effect and offering additional stormwater management.



Source: Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

SULLIVAN'S CROSSING PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE BRIDGE

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2 CLINTON PARK

The Clinton Neighborhood Greenway is a Major City Bikeway that connects school and parks while providing access to business and transit. Large numbers of people use the street to walk, bike, play and live. In 2016, it had improvements to bring it to modern active transportation standards. This included two new diverters, additional speed bumps, and lowering of the posted speed limit to 20 mph.



Source: Greg Raisman

PUTTING THE GREEN IN THE GREEN LOOP

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Integrating nature, in the form of green streets, planters, and trees, into the Green Loop will enhance the outdoor experience for pedestrians who walk, bike, roll, or jog along this 6-mile linear park. These facilities provide habitat, cool the air, protect human and watershed health, and add beauty in our densely developed downtown. Additionally, the Green Loop provides opportunities for making stormwater visible and celebrating it as a resource and continuing Portland's national and international leadership in green infrastructure.



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LENTS GREEN RING

LENTS GREEN RING

Coordinated through Green Lents, a local grassroots environmental organization, the Lents Green Ring seeks to improve neighborhood safety and accessibility through placemaking and community-led advocacy. Physically Lents Green Ring is a network of loosely connected bicycle streets that builds social connections in the community through placemaking projects and community programming that is accessible across cultures and geography. Ecologically, partners work to improve habitat connectivity for pollinators in both urban and natural areas in Lents.



3 LENTS PARK

The Green Ring also connects key community parks and natural areas, including Foster Floodplain, Lents Park, Bloomington Park, Glenwood Park, and the Malden Court Community Orchard. The route provides walking and biking access to Kelly and Lent elementary schools, as well as the Lents Town Center which features Wattles Boys & Girls club and the Lents International Farmer's Market. These spaces provide a venue for much-desired community programs and activities.



GREEN LENTS COMMUNITY TOOL LIBRARY

Established in 2012, the only tool library in East Portland serving 1,000 members living in Lents, Powellhurst-Gilbert, Pleasant Valley, Foster-Powell, Mt. Scott-Arleta, Brentwood-Darlington and Montavilla neighborhoods.



Source: Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

4 FOSTER FLOODPLAIN

The Foster Floodplain Natural Area project used a natural approach to reduce local flooding and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat along Johnson Creek. The 63-acre project restored over a half-mile of Johnson Creek, reconnected the creek to its floodplain and transformed a flood-prone neighborhood into a beautiful natural area. Through their Willing Seller Acquisition Program, the City purchased the land from over 60 families and helped them move out of the 100-year floodplain. An ADA-accessible trail and pedestrian trail provide public access through the site, which is easily accessed from the Springwater Trail.



Source: Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

MALDEN COURT COMMUNITY GARDEN

In 2016, Green Lents opened the [Malden Court Community Orchard](#) (MCCO) at the SW corner of the Lents Green Ring. The space was infested with Himalayan blackberries, served as a dumping spot for trash, and attracted nuisance activities. Community developed it into a functioning, thriving community space with fruit trees and edible shrubs, a covered gathering space, rain gardens, water harvesting, accessible tools, a planned pervious concrete path. Partners are developing an English-language learning curriculum for the orchard site. Current efforts focus on accessibility and wayfinding challenges at the site.



SPRING WATER CORRIDOR

The last leg of this year's Visionaries Voyage will be a leisurely ride from the Springwater Corridor Trail to Springwater on the Willamette and past 160-acre Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, along the Holgate Channel with views of Ross and Hardtack Islands, to the Tilikum Bridge and a post ride celebration at Zidell.



Source: Mike Houck

ZIDELL

The 33-acre Zidell Yards property, former headquarters of Portland's barge-building industry, is slated to become home to 2,600 homes, 1.5 million square feet of office space, retail, restaurants, a hotel, three parks, a public plaza and a waterfront greenway boasting recreational access to the Willamette River.



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