

Sustainable Stormwater Management for Clean Rivers

SE Clay Green Street Project



Green Street Project Area Map

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Route to the River

Residents of Portland's inner eastside have long sought improved and safer connections to the Willamette River from the outlying neighborhoods. The City of Portland is interested in answering this community request by implementing a multi-block green street project along SE Clay Street.

SE Clay Street is already recognized as a primary Route to the River for inner eastside neighborhoods. The Clay Green Street Project will enhance the corridor and complement existing green amenities along the Eastbank Esplanade.



*A comprehensive concept showing a variety of potential design elements for Clay Street
Diagram by GreenWorks*

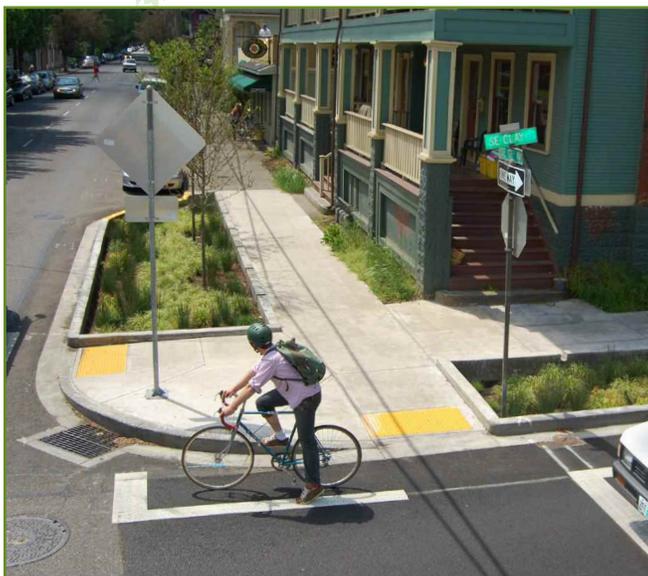
A key part of this project is developing Green Street facilities along the route. Green Streets use landscaping to capture stormwater runoff and allow it to soak into the ground as plants and soil filter out pollutants. Green Streets also create attractive streetscapes and urban greenways that connect business districts, neighborhoods, parks, recreation facilities, schools and habitats.



Goals

Project goals will be achieved by collaborating with members of the local community and city bureaus.

- Incorporate green street technologies to effectively manage stormwater runoff and improve the water quality of the Willamette River.
- Maintain the business use and freight needs of the industrial district.
- Provide enhanced pedestrian access from the outlying neighborhoods to the Willamette River.
- Provide enhanced bicycle safety and access to the Eastbank Esplanade.
- Work directly with neighboring property owners to minimize loss of parking.



SE 12th and Clay Street

Final Recommendation

A Public and a Technical Stakeholder Group has developed a final recommendation that balances the needs of trucks, bicyclists, pedestrians and stormwater management within a constrained area.

Industrial Identity

The SE Clay Green Street passes through the heart of the Central Eastside Industrial Area. Individual design elements such as the use of appropriate scale of materials, forms, and signage will reflect the neighborhood's industrial identity.

Movement as a Theme

Because of its location in the Central Eastside Industrial Area, the Clay Street project should acknowledge the movement of goods and materials through this industrial sanctuary.

Also recognizing that this project is designated as a "Route to the River", the design should acknowledge the movement of people through this area by foot, bike, car, truck, and railcar.

Plans to proceed

The first phase of implementation will include:

- Planting trees along the eastern portion of the route
- Improving two intersections along the eastern portion of the route
- Enhancing the crossing signals at MLK, Grand and 7th

Additional implementation will occur over a five year period. Some funding for the project is secured. The city will seek additional funding from city resources and grants.

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