Eastern Neighborhoods

All of Portland needs things like safe connections and centers providing services and housing opportunities. The draft policies encourage the design and form of these connections and centers to be guided by the distinct characteristics and opportunities in each pattern area. While Portland's neighborhoods will continue to change and evolve, the draft policies are intended to identify some key positive characteristics that can continue to shape the distinctive physical environments of our neighborhoods.

These generalized Comprehensive Plan policies are intended to be complemented by a greater amount of local detail in future area-specific plans.

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In the Eastern Neighborhoods, guide development in ways that respond to and enhance the area's distinctive mix of urban patterns, streets, and natural features, such as buttes, streams, and large native trees.

- Strive to guide the area's evolving street and block system in ways that build on positive aspects of the area's large blocks, such as opportunities to continue mid-block open space patterns and create new connections through blocks that make it easier to access community destinations.
- Encourage development to continue and enhance views of the area's skyline of buttes.
- Encourage development and right-of-way design that preserves and incorporates Douglas fir trees and groves.
- Encourage development suited to the area's lot and block structure.
- Encourage landscaped edges along residential corridors on major streets, continuing the area's green character and providing a more livable environment.

Implementation Examples

Eastern Neighborhoods – including Douglas firs as part of the urban environment

Inner Neighborhoods – continuing main street patterns in new development

Western Neighborhoods – integrating natural features into development (daylighted creek shown)