

## Western 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.

### Western Neighborhoods (Draft Policy 5.14)

In the Western Neighborhoods, encourage development to respond to and integrate the area's prominent characteristics, such as its hilly topography, streams, ravines, and forested slopes, while cultivating a built environment that is accessible to all people.

- Enhance the village character of the neighborhoods' small commercial districts and increase opportunities for more people to live within walking distance of these neighborhood anchors.
- Preserve and enhance the area's network of green spaces, parks, and tree canopy.
- Encourage the integration of natural features into centers and corridors and enhance views and connections to the surrounding hills.
- Enhance the area's distinctive system of trails to expand connections, mobility, and active living opportunities in the area.
- Encourage larger developments to integrate, restore, and extend the area's systems of green connections, such as streams, ravines, and trails.

### Implementation Examples



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



**Inner Neighborhoods** – continuing main street patterns in new development



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