PURPOSE:

To invite community members to plan for the future of the city. There had not been a broad look at the current state and direction of Portland for 15 years.

To open up government to all Portlanders, particularly to underrepresented groups and communities.

17,000 participated.

American Planning Association (APA) Award for Community Outreach!!!
visionPDX Final Products

FINAL VISION DOCUMENT - Portland 2030: a vision for the future
The vision document is the broad perspective of our findings - a "30,000 foot view" of Portland in the future.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT
This report serves the purpose of highlighting visionPDX's emphasis on community involvement, with vibrant stories of community engagement over the two visionPDX engagement phases, along with some principles of community involvement to pass on to other projects.

visionPDX DOCUMENTARY

visionPDX PHONE SURVEY
visionPDX contracted with Davis, Hibbits & Midghall, Inc., a local opinion research firm, to conduct a phone survey to assess attitudes of Portland residents towards our city's future and reactions to potential action steps in implementing our vision.

visionPDX COMMUNITY INPUT REPORT
This report is the most direct reflection (other than the database) of community input. It will ultimately be approximately 300 pages summarizing all of the 21,000 pages of data read by visionPDX volunteers, encapsulated by the visionPDX Drafting Committee, and refined by staff to make it accessible for readers and organized by themes.
Vision Implementation

Portland Plan:
A long-range planning effort (30 year plan) building on the vision to update the City’s Comprehensive Plan and other long-range and strategic plans.

Vision into Action (VIA) Coalition:
A broad, community-led alliance of organizations, businesses, neighborhoods, government and individuals acting collectively to ensure implementation of Portland’s community vision.

Two tracks of vision implementation.

VIA directed by predominantly community-led Steering Committee.

VIA Involvement in the Portland Plan:
Public Engagement
What VIA offers that the Portland Plan doesn’t have, but needs, such as social sustainability, etc.
You can’t do Portland Plan without VIA. Vision covers much more than what the Portland Plan will cover.
59 organizations currently members of the VIA Coalition

The Coalition’s purposes are to:
Convene action groups to solve problems/address big issues in the vision;
Provide support for community-led projects by a variety of means, which may include grants and technical assistance, education and outreach, and advocacy training;
Ensure alignment of government policies and programs with the vision;
Track progress toward the vision; and
Ensure sustainable sources of funding for the above.
Examples of Initiatives

COMMUNITY GATHERING CENTER
(Social Portland)

SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(Economic Portland)

Community Gathering Center
A place for Portland's diverse communities to gather, interact and communicate.
Provides a space for cross cultural collaboration and community organizing
Leadership development and civic engagement were expressed interests
The Vision into Action Coalition convened a Leadership Group of diverse community members to lead the outreach phase of this project.

Small Business Technical Assistance
One-on-one advising on a variety of business issues, such as:
Business start up
Plan development
Marketing
Certification
Procurement Opportunities
Financial Tools
Community-Led Projects

VIA COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Sauvie Island Center
Grow Lunch Garden

Historical Display
Golden West Hotel

TLC Farm
ReCode Portland Project

Hosford Middle School
African Girls Basketball Team

Criteria
- Actively advance the community vision
- Use innovative approaches to realize our shared vision for the future.
- Tap into existing community support.
- Impact as many people as possible given the scope of the project.
- Be short-term in duration and long-term in effect.

This year: Advance community partnerships.

Sample Projects
- Grow Lunch Garden
- Re-Code Portland Project
- African-American Historical Display (Golden West Hotel)
- Hosford Middle School Girls Basketball team
In Development

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY BENCHMARKING PROJECT
(VIA / Portland Plan / PSU)

2009 ACTION AREAS
Coalition Partners

Steph: Action Areas
Cassie: Social Sustainability Proposal