

**If Community Connect's *Five Year Plan* is successfully implemented:**

- Portlanders will feel connected to one another and their communities;
- Members of the city's increasingly diverse populations will be more involved in civic affairs;
- When issues arise, Portlanders will be aware of the issues and opportunities for involvement, and will feel welcomed and supported in getting involved;
- Portlanders from a broad range of communities will have the capacity to solve problems that impact them;
- City government will develop more consistent, transparent, accountable, respectful, and informative processes to involve people in making decisions;
- Both the community and government will experience satisfaction in the decision-making process;
- Greater community input at the front end will result in decisions that have wide public support, saving resources in the long run;
- The inclusion of more voices will result in better outcomes for building a healthy and vibrant city.

Community Connect's plan gives Portland an opportunity to make strategic investments that will reinvigorate our civic life and build a genuine partnership between government and the community.

[*Community Connect Final Report*, January 2008, p. 13.]