GIS as a tool for neighborhood-
LENTS IS DIVERSE

Race and ethnicity in Lents and Portland (2014)

- LENTS:
  - Hispanic: 18.6%
  - Other/Multiracial: 3.2%
  - Asian or Pacific Islander: 16.25%
  - Amer. Indian or Alaska Native: 0.6%
  - Black: 5.3%
  - White: 56%

- PORTLAND:
  - Hispanic: 9.6%
  - Other/Multiracial: 4.1%
  - Asian or Pacific Islander: 8.1%
  - Amer. Indian or Alaska Native: 0.6%
  - Black: 5.9%
  - White: 71.8%
LENTS IS CHANGING

*Households paying more than 30% of income on rent*

- Lents: 40%, 55%, 65%
- Portland: 40%, 50%, 60%

*Racial minority population in Lents and Portland 2000–2014*

- 2000: Lents = 25.2%, Portland = 24.5%
- 2010: Lents = 41.0%, Portland = 27.8%
- 2014: Lents = 44.0%, Portland = 28.2%

- White Non-Hispanic %
  - 2000: Lents = 74.8%, Portland = 75.5%
  - 2010: Lents = 59.0%, Portland = 72.2%
  - 2014: Lents = 56.0%, Portland = 71.8%
LENTS PLANNING HISTORY

Outer Southeast Community Plan
Develops a guide for growth and development in Lents and surrounding neighborhoods. Provides a blueprint for accommodating new housing and jobs.

Lents Town Center Housing Strategy
Recommends a strategy for housing investment in the Lents URA, focusing on providing resources for home buyer programs, property repair programs, and new housing.

Lents URA Amendment
Expands the URA, increases maximum indebtedness to $245 million, and extends the timeline to 2020. Recommends a 30% set-aside for affordable housing programs.

Foster Lents Integration Partnership
Engages public agencies, community groups, and non-profit partners working to address issues of concern in Lents and surrounding neighborhoods.

1996
Creates a plan for revitalization in the Lents Urban Renewal Area (URA). Specifies how City agencies should prioritize multi-year investments in the neighborhood.

Lents Urban Renewal Plan

1998
Provides guidance for restoration of Johnson Creek, with the aim of reducing nuisance flooding, increasing water quality, and improving fish and wildlife habitat.

Johnson Creek Restoration Plan

2000
Develops an action plan to strategically address community identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability and prevent displacement in East Portland.

East Portland Action Plan

2001

2008

2009

2012

2014

Fosters an action plan for investment in the Lents URA from the PDC and other City bureaus. Focuses on commercial, housing, and neighborhood development.

Lents Five-Year Action Plan
ENGAGEMENT THRU COURSEWORK (PPGIS)
SUPRMAP AS FREE PLATFORM
Crime and Safety in Lents

Overall: Central neighborhood concern, particularly around community spaces.

Spatial patterns: Lents Town Center, Holgate, Lent’s Park, Bloomington Park, 82nd Ave.

What we’ve heard:
- Need to address crime, rundown and vacant homes.
- Requests for more local, on foot, “open minded” police presence.
- Houselessness and camping in Lents.
NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGE

Where did you live before moving to Lents?
How can residents, businesses, community groups, and government officials work together to build a sustainable, diverse neighborhood that is both livable and affordable?
CO-CREATING A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN
LENTS STRONG GUIDING VALUES

Preserve affordability
The cost of housing is rising at a rate that is becoming difficult for residents to bear. Future planning and development must underscore efforts to preserve affordability.

Enhance livability
Lents is experiencing increased investment. Enhancing livability means leveraging this investment to enhance the quality of life for those that currently live in Lents.

Foster community control
Lents residents must have the opportunity and the agency to shape the outcomes of projects and programs. Communities of color, non-English language speakers, renters, and other disadvantaged populations have faced barriers to participating in the public process in Lents. Collaborating with these community members on opportunities to advocate and affect project outcomes strengthens the legitimacy of recommendations.
ENGAGING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
# Community Engagement Summary

## Interviews
- **GOALS**
  - Identify collaboration opportunities
  - Build partnerships
  - Mobilize participation
  - Improve shared understanding
- **Total Interviews**: 45

## Community Workshop Participants
- **GOALS**
  - Gather community feedback on potential action items within our three focus areas (housing affordability, economic development, and safe and accessible community spaces) and create an opportunity for interaction and discussion among a diverse group of community members
- **Total Participants**: 80

## Focus Groups
- **GOALS**
  - Seek input from these communities that have been underrepresented or are vulnerable to displacement:
    - Renter
    - Native American
    - Slavic/Russian
    - Hispanic/Latino/a
    - Vietnamese
    - Chinese/Cantonese
    - African American
    - Somali
    - Youth
- **Total Participants**: 93

## Participants Reached through Focus Groups
- **Race/Ethnicity**
  - USA: 33%
  - Asian/Pacific Islander: 38%
  - Vietnam: 22%
  - China: 13%
  - Somalia: 11%
  - Mexico: 7%
  - Other: 15%
  - White: 22%
  - Black: 15%
  - Hispanic/Latino: 14%
  - Native American: 5%
  - 2 or More Races: 6%
  - Other: 1%
WHAT YOU HEAR DEPENDS ON WHO YOU TALK TO
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<td><strong>Objective 1</strong> Build the knowledge base and improve access to financial assistance programs for housing.</td>
<td><strong>Objective 1</strong> Invest in community leadership.</td>
<td><strong>Objective 1</strong> Foster a diverse, connected community by bringing people together in ways that are fun and engaging.</td>
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<td><strong>Action 1</strong> Host a series of renters’ rights workshops in partnership with the Community Alliance of Tenants.</td>
<td><strong>Action 1</strong> Fund community-based internship and training programs, including Liveable Lents Community Ambassadors and Lents Youth Initiative.</td>
<td><strong>Action 1</strong> Offer experiential, hands-on English learning programs.</td>
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<td><strong>Action 2</strong> Improve access to and participation in available housing grant programs, homeowner loans, down-payment assistance, home repair, and rental assistance through community education.</td>
<td><strong>Action 2</strong> Contract with community-based groups, such as Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Wisdom of the Elders, and Green Lents, to perform culturally specific engagement and program implementation.</td>
<td><strong>Action 2</strong> Develop and promote activities and programs that will bring Lents neighbors together in community spaces.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 2</strong> Preserve and build more permanently affordable housing in Lents with opportunities for home rental and ownership.</td>
<td><strong>Objective 2</strong> Create a thriving, affordable, multicultural business district.</td>
<td><strong>Objective 2</strong> Improve walkability and safety while strengthening neighborhood identity.</td>
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<td><strong>Action 1</strong> Ensure the development of an adequate mix of traditional affordable housing options in Lents, with a focus on family-sized apartments, single-family homes, and middle-density housing that includes duplexes and row houses.</td>
<td><strong>Action 1</strong> Increase local awareness of Portland Development Commission grants that support small local businesses.</td>
<td><strong>Action 1</strong> Conduct walkability audits of the Lents neighborhood.</td>
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<td><strong>Action 2</strong> Collaborate on the development of creative, alternative housing models in Lents which provide affordable opportunities for homeownership and rental housing.</td>
<td><strong>Action 2</strong> Grow and diversify the membership of Lents Grown business association.</td>
<td><strong>Action 2</strong> Build community-based advocacy for guiding investments and upgrades in the built environment through the Lents Green Ring and ABLE projects.</td>
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<td><strong>Action 3</strong> Collaborate with Oregon Solutions partners to develop conservation-based affordable housing as part of the Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Project.</td>
<td><strong>Action 3</strong> Develop tenanting criteria for affordable commercial spaces in the Lents Town Center which prioritize a mix of emerging and local businesses that benefit the diverse residents of Lents.</td>
<td><strong>Action 3</strong> Design a pedestrian wayfinding program to enhance walkability, strengthen Lents’ multicultural identity, and highlight community assets.</td>
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DIESEL POLLUTION IN LENTS
# PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS LIST

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<td>101st &amp; Foster Rd.</td>
<td>HIGH: take eastbound turn lane away on Foster, create bus boarding island on Foster, create pedestrian safety island on 101st with a bioswale and pass through for bikes, barrier island to prevent right-hook for eastbound bicyclists on Foster. ADA tactile strips. LOW: raised intersection, increased crossing times.</td>
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<td>101st &amp; Harold St.</td>
<td>HIGH: raised intersection [behind pedestrian island]</td>
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<td>LOW: add crosswalks, signage, green paint for bike lanes</td>
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<td>raised crossing, add lighting, add crosswalks</td>
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<td>87th &amp; Duke St.</td>
<td>jog cycle track on south side of Duke St., bioswale pinch point for cycle track, move crossing east and add pedestrian bulb out with bioswale.</td>
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<td>87th &amp; Flavel</td>
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<td>87th &amp; Woodstock Blvd.</td>
<td>protected bike lanes on Woodstock using parking and bioswales, trade two parking spaces for bicyclist turn queue boxes on Woodstock and crosswalks to 87th</td>
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<td>92nd &amp; Springwater Corridor</td>
<td>raised crossing, ramp flash beacon, bolt extension and signage on 92nd, lighting along Springwater Corridor</td>
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<td>92nd &amp; Steele St.</td>
<td>acid sidewalks on Steele St., raised intersection, restricting left turn from 92nd to Steele (eastbound), extending the pedestrian safety island to create left turn refuge for bikes, remove buffer on 92nd and extend for pedestrian safety island, add pedestrian crosswalk on north side of intersection</td>
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<td>Flavel &amp; Springwater Corridor</td>
<td>raised crossing, lighting along Springwater Corridor, add stop sign on Flavel St.</td>
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<td>5E Maiden Ct. &amp; Springwater Corridor</td>
<td>pave the roadway, add sidewalks on Maiden Ct., and make the connection to the Springwater Corridor, lighting along Springwater Corridor</td>
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*This project is detailed in a PSU Engineering Capstone project and thus was not a focus for this plan.*

## Segment Project Improvements

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![Lents Green Ring Diagram](image)