2015 Livable Lents Community Survey
All Responses

Neighbors Come Together to Create a More Livable Lents!

Livable Lents combines a community-wide survey and pledge action to connect the community members of Lents to their neighbors, local organizations, small businesses, and city and state bureaus, all in the name of creating a more Livable Lents.

This summer our team spoke to over 400 Lents Community members. Hundreds have already taken action to make Lents a better place to live by recycling, getting to know neighbors, and volunteering with local groups like Green Lents. We invite you to take our Survey and Pledge and get involved in the community!
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Community Spaces and Engagement

Lents Park
Appreciate: beautiful, great jogging paths, close affordable housing, accessible, “love that it’s open to all.” Provides space for families to meet.
Goals: Idle fixed, cleaned up, good coffee shop near by, improved safety for visitors, concerns about people experiencing homelessness camping in the park. Questions about the impact of proposed baseball park.

Town Center
Appreciate: Love the Farmer’s Market and Street Fair, open gathering space, Working Class Acupuncture, Tool Library.
Goals: Community center (maybe in place of the New Copper Penny), more 3rd places, more community events (such as bloc party or pig roast), food cart court, gaming room, small hardware store, places to gather in the evening/early bars.

Lent School (K-8)
Appreciate: Garden and mural, clean playground, diversity of community. SUN Programs provide awesome community spaces and free food.
Goals: More community involvement with the school, leaders getting out and talking to the community.

Bloomington Park
Appreciate: Neighborhood asset, nice place to walk, more community events.
Goals: Cleaned up, concerns about people camping in the park.

Marshall High School
Opportunity to better use the space: do something positive for youth, connect to Portland Community College, skill building classes, reopen school, do a better community process to determine best community use for the space.

Foster Floodplain
Appreciate: Lents is as a community space, want to see more like it, “great to see heron in Lents.”

Legend
- Lents Neighborhood
- Foster Green Eco-District
- Parks
- Point Plotted by a Lents Community Member
- School
- Library
- Community Center
- Green Lents Project

Institute for Sustainable Solutions
Portland State University
Green Lents

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Economic Development

Legend

- Lents Neighborhood
- Foster Green EcoDistrict
- Parks
- Point Plotted by a Lents Community Member

Town Center

- Appreciate: Belmont, Titan Tire, Anderson’s Coffee, Z Thao Brewery, El NutriTaco (delicious and vegan), Olives’ Cafe, Lents Eyes, Eagle Eye Tavern
- Goals:
  - More points in the town center, consensus that Lents Town Center is an asset of economic development.
  - GROcery STORE: 137 people would like a grocery store in the neighborhood, especially in town center.
  - Many calls for small businesses, keep corporations out. Empty PDC land should be developed by locals, not rich developers.
  - Preserve historic buildings; Focus on empty buildings and storefronts.
  - Encourage retail, restaurants, grocery stores, office spaces, coffee shops, yoga studios, bike shops that are functional and affordable.
  - Development that makes Lents a destination for people in other parts of Portland.
- Farmer’s Market on Saturday too
- Redevelop New Copper Penny, Cherier gas station into community space or grocery store.
- Develop businesses and amenities that reflect diversity of local residents.
- Specific focus on developing 62nd & Foster
- Establish more green space, street in landscaping, improve storefront facades

Foster Rd.

- Appreciate: Mercado because it is a business incubator, food provider, Latino-centered, helps lower income folks, well-run, great food. Geronimo, electronic, nursery, home/office available close by
- Goals: More family-oriented, small businesses; More equitable development; Develop vacant properties, better parking

Flavel St.

- Appreciate: Rose CDC Housing keeps Lents affordable, Spring Water Trail brings people to the area, Community Orchard, Leach Botanical Garden, availability of social services
- Goals: More economic activity and jobs, address drug sales, crime, assist large community of people who are experiencing homelessness

Holgate Blvd

- Appreciate: Good Dim Sum, Walmart
- Goals: Address bike lanes; not used, slow down traffic, not connected to city network of bike lanes. Needs more economic development, restaurants, small businesses

Industrial Park

- More family wage jobs, more density as opposed to storage/mill type areas

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Health, Crime, and Safety

Overall: Primarily Goals and Concerns

Lents Town Center
Goals: Need to address drug sales and use; Concerns about crime at New Copper Penny; More open minded law enforcement officials; Increased police presence on Duke St.
Traffic Safety issues are addressed in Transportation Section.
Conclusion: Health and Safety were less of a concern than Economic Development and Transportation Issues in the Town Center.

Holgate Blvd
Concerns: Lots of boarded up houses, run down properties, illegal dumping, break-ins, abandoned cars, litter, community of people experiencing homelessness.
Goals: Higher police presence; Neighborhood where families feel safe and kids can play outside

Lents Park
Concerns: Many people love Lents Park but have concerns about safety at night, crime, illegal dumping, and people camping in the Park, noise around the park, safer Parks nearby

Area Around Lents School
Appreciate: This part of the neighborhood is very safe and livable
Goals: more street lights, address break ins (car and house), more police patrols

Bloomington Park
Appreciate: Safe for kids
Goals: Improve safety, reduce noise, address break ins in the Park, reduce crime in the area of the Park.

82nd Ave
Goals: Fewer "adult stores," more car lots, more police to address prostitution, crime, drugs, gang related violence; Provide better services to those experiencing homelessness; Community watch program

Legend

- Lents Neighborhood
- Foster Green EcoDistrict
- Parks
- Safety Points Plotted by a Lents Community Member

Community Member Safety Point Plotted by a Lents Community Member

145TH 132ND

136TH 135TH

134TH 133RD

132ND 131ST

130TH 129TH

128TH 127TH

126TH 125TH

124TH 123RD

122ND 121ST

119TH 118TH

117TH 116TH

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9TH 8TH

7TH 6TH

5TH 4TH

3RD 2ND

1ST
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Transportation

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- Lents Neighborhood
- Foster Green EcoDistrict
- Parks
- Traffic Point by a Lents
  Community Member
- Bus Lines

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Highway 205 Corridor

Goals: Fix dangerous exit ramps for cars and bikes, more police presence on the bike path, address graffiti on the bike path

Goals: Cars need to slow down, add a crosswalk.

Springwater Corridor

Goals: Improve bus service, better bike lanes, contiguous sidewalks, address tagging, foot patrol police that know the community

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Where did you live before moving to Lents?

# Respondents
- Yellow: 0 - 10
- Orange: 11 - 30
- Dark Orange: 31 - 50
- Brown: 51 - 100
- Maroon: 101 - 180

Portland City Boundary
County Boundary
Lents