444 responses

Summary

First, please tell us about your connection to Moreland Woods.

1. What is your proximity to Moreland Woods?



I live within ten blocks	260	58.6%
I live in the Sellwood-Moreland neighborhood	128	28.8%
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I live two miles or more from Moreland Woods	18	4.1%
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2. Approximately how often do you visit Moreland Woods?



Often: 1-5 times per week	79	17.8%
Sometimes: 1-5 times per month month	99	22.3%
Seldom: 1- 5 times per year	93	20.9%
Never: I pass Moreland Woods but don't actually walk on the grounds	142	32%
Never: I see it from a distance and appreciate it	25	5.6%
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Picking up a student from Llewellyn Elementary School		17.1%
Visiting Wilhelm Portland Memorial Funeral Home	20	4.5%
Attending the Moreland Farmers Market across the street	222	50%
Exercising my dog off leash	102	23%
Connecting with neighbors	74	16.7%
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The mature trees	131	29.5%
The open space with scenic views	97	21.8%
Its role in providing wildlife habitat, including Bald eagles	161	36.3%
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No!

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Not sure about my answer - if this is a city-owned property does it go in Parks and Rec budget? Or is it a private and they pay for upkeep ?

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I would also be concerned about maintenance costs and public safety. Given that the neighbors already deal with the Llewellyn traffic, I'm not sure how much more impact another use of the space would have, especially if the parking situation remains the same.

We simply need to have more ability to report and move illegal camping out of our parks and protected areas

Why can I only choose one? Several of these worry me. But mostly that doesn't seem like a priority for public money at a city level.

Let's not spend money on preserving something that just becomes a trashed campground. I'd rather see development than that. Don't connect it to Oaks Bottom, don't have a lot of covered spaces. Do add some small amenities that will make it more highly used by the community, like a plaground or picnic tables or amphitheater. It's currently fairly underused.

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Of course, all of the concerns you list here are important. At the same time, with active stewardship the Moreland Woods would tend to be problem-free. Engage the kids from the start, help them to love the place. They will not hurt it, they will help protect the woods. We need to believe in our kids, and give them a way to have stewardship roles in their own neighborhood.

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Open space needs constant protection or else it is always on the chopping block

First figure out who will own the property if you succeed in raising sufficient funds to purchase it. I would not want Moreland Woods to become a camping ground. Do neighbors currently express concerns for the sort of use it's getting now?

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Let's appreciate non developmental spaces. Ones that we care for and care about. Keep it clean. Berries in control. Things like that.

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Who would patrol the area?

Habitat before humans demands!

My concerns regarding the space remaining open are primarily based on who will manage it: Who will make sure that there is no camping/garbage/vandalism/drug use? Who will ensure that the grounds are maintained and the trees are healthy? How will funds be raised for the costs associated with maintenance? If there are incidents at the dog park, who is liable? Etc.

Portland parks attract a lot of homeless and travellers. This needs to be proactively discussed and discouraged. Also, habitat/wildlife protection and dog park activity do not coexist very easily. You may have to pick one or the other. For example: http://birddigiscoper.com/dogimrev.pdf

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Not sure about my answer - if this is a city-owned property does it go in Parks and Rec budget? Or is it a private and they pay for upkeep ?

Unauthorized camping and resulting public health and safety issues

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This neighborhood has abundant open space. Many other neighborhoods do not. EVERY neighborhood needs and deserves open space. As much as I value it, I think that limited resources should be used wisely, and to benefit Portland residents equitably. There are many areas of North Portland and outer southeast that need open space much more than we do.

This is a great idea and would only, as I see it, be a positive!

Homeless camping is a concern, but no different from the entire neighborhood, so not an obstacle to going forward.

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Given the increasing safety concerns with Oaks Bottom and proximity to the elementary school, that is the only reason I did not suggest adding a trail to Oaks Bottom.

It looks currently like a great spot for camping, the visibility is very low at night into all areas of the open space, and it's away from major roads where there are more "eyes" on a public park. These are significant barriers to developing this further into a space for kids.

It sounds like the plan is to turn the space into a park/playground/occasional farmer's market while leaving it unchanged. This does not seem like a valid plan. The space would likely be best utilized for housing. The city is facing a HOUSING CRISIS, not a park crisis.

I would also be concerned about maintenance costs and public safety. Given that the neighbors already deal with the Llewellyn traffic, I'm not sure how much more impact another use of the space would have, especially if the parking situation remains the same.

We simply need to have more ability to report and move illegal camping out of our parks and protected areas

Why can I only choose one? Several of these worry me. But mostly that doesn't seem like a priority for public money at a city level.

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It would be a pretty small park, so I'm not concerned about parking since it would likely attract mostly neighborhood residents.

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Open space needs constant protection or else it is always on the chopping block

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Do neighbors currently express concerns for the sort of use it's getting now?

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Habitat before humans demands!

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GROWING TO MUCH!!! More people causes problems . Crime, parking

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Protect Moreland Woods!

No more housing!

Because I am not clear on how any project will be managed, I do not have any preference.

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keep the trees - incorporate into any development

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Best would be a park with a bike path down to Oaks Bottom.

If they build homes, they will cut down the trees.

Smaller homes if development happens is preferred.

I think this neighborhood has seen as much "development" as it needs to. Can't they build their

crappy apartments in someone else's neighborhood? Let's see how another neighborhood likes it.

GROWING TO MUCH!!! More people causes problems . Crime, parking

I have watched the new park being built around SW 30th and Freeman St. above Multnomah Village and I am appalled. It looks like in the name of handicapped access, they have provided an Olympic skateboard track down the hillside. Will we have any control over our park? No apartments please. We have had too many build in the neighborhood, many without parking.

Protect Moreland Woods!

No more housing!

Because I am not clear on how any project will be managed, I do not have any preference.

My greatest worry is that we'll be saddled with some kind of overly dense, no-parking, congested, pack-em-in-like-sardines, hipster-bait, UGLY EYESORE like "The Barracks" (which is what I call the chock-a-block, three-story condos that recently went in on SE 16th Avenue, not far from the post office). I would rather have a modest development of tiny homes, or a small (i.e. NORMAL-SIZED) collection of tasteful Portland homes that still allows for FlexSpace / mixed-use activities and (above all) sight-lines. If real-estate development *does* befall this parcel, I would emphatically move for public access (like sidewalks, public walkways, etc.), and a bona fide trail leading down into Oaks Bottom Nature Preserve. But dear gods, let's figure out a preservation route, as we do not need high-density or other urban infill in this neighborhood. Leave that for the River Front and the Pearl.

This area, as an open space, is a Westmoreland gem. It is an important asset to the surrounding businesses and high density apartment complexes. The fact is that it needs to be incorporated into the neighborhood structure and not be lost due to lack of long term planning or coming up with a creative solution.

NO HOUSING AT ALL!!!!

The only reason I would want the woods to be (hopefully partially) developed is for low income housing or tiny houses.

It is already getting too crowded in the are with the addition of the town house that were recently put in. What has kept me in the area is the access to natural spaces such as the Moreland Woods.

This area is in the liquefaction zone in terms of earthquakes. It would be a poor place to put any type of housing, sadly.

WE are already overcrowded, living on top of each other and nature is being eliminated, we need to see nature as our partner and leave her some space to flourish amongst humans. This is already a place of connection for our community....we can just make it more intentional place

Please note that the parenthetical details substantially alter what could otherwise be one's preferences. Example: I'd have put the "unconventional development" higher in my preferences but you've tied it to "no public access". WHY???

keep the trees - incorporate into any development

I could see some single family homes built along the road, with open space behind the houses

for a nature study area, and an access trail provided down to Oaks Bottom to extend the nature study opportunities.

Those huge Doug Firs provide a wonderful respite for our neighborhood. It would be absolutely disgusting if those trees were cut down for a housing development!!

KEEP THE TREES! Seriously. KEEP THE TREES! I promise you don't want Sellwood residents interfering with you precious developments. We'll do everything we can to ensure development will be your worst nightmare. Not being mean, just being real. KEEP THE TREES!

the worst would be like what is happened on the end of our street (Yukon/Milwaukie) with the developer who has no regard for community impact and is cramming the maximum amount of units in a four story complex with zero parking... and no retail on the main floor that would at least contribute to the community.

I think there are plenty of other areas in Portland where you can build housing; I don't think we need to building more on this piece of land. I hope this land continue to be used as an open community space. A park with minimal development would be nice, but I would hope they conserve as much nature as possible.

Almost done. Just one last thing...

Sustained community support will be essential to make this vision a reality. How would you like to be involved?

15. I would like to get involved in helping to preserve Moreland Woods as a community asset



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15a. Comment (optional)

If a dogpark, can volunteer clean-up time (minimal) and donations of money.

I might be able to make introductions for financing alternatives, also there is an organization that I know of that buys undeveloped land for preservation purposes. I don't know much about it nor the criteria involved but would be willing to look into it. I know about this through work with Columbia River keepers.

I am currently involved

I just don't want this space to become a chronic homeless camp filled with trash, needles, and human waste.

My husband is a landscape architect and may be able to advise on any park development related plans, and is familiar with city standards and permitting processes for parks.

Age & health problems mean I can't even take care of our own home-site.

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I will help as my other time and family commitments allow.

Retired and on a fixed income. I would offer support where I could.

Retired and regularly care for 3 grandkids, so time and energy is very limited. Want to stay informed and would attend/support fund-raisers. Thank you!!

I am not in a financial position to give money to anything but my own debts. My family is very close to being priced out of this neighborhood, this entire city. Sometimes I literally have \$10 or less in my bank account. Thank you for all you do for giving to this for those of us who cannot.

Does every bit of space have to be developed for housing? Our neighborhood is already on the way to being ruined with all the apartments, with no on-site parking, that have infested Sellwood for the past several years. Maybe when the "neighborhoodness" of Sellwood is completely destroyed people will stop moving here. The greed of the city of Portland, developers, etc., is making living here less desirable on a daily basis. Just too many people and their cars.