

**N BURLINGTON AVE & EDISON ST LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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North Burlington and Edison St. LID

We live in the St. Johns Bridge Condominiums on Edison St. and voted in favor of the LID. We encourage you to approve it.

- The asphalt on Edison St. is falling apart and has eroded to gravel on much of the street. When it rains the storm water flows in the street and on the sidewalks instead of the storm drains.
- Edison St. is used by a lot of pedestrians but because the sidewalks are in such poor repair most people walk in the street instead of on the sidewalks.
- There will be 20 new housing units built in the development within the LID plus the potential of over 400 new housing units south of the LID between N Burlington and N Richmond Avenues. Edison is one of two streets that connect between these two so we can expect to see a lot more car and pedestrian traffic on the street.
- This is a designated pedestrian area with limited pedestrian access now and will only get worse without new sidewalks.

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**RE: Portland City Council  
Proposed North Burlington and Edison Local Improvement District**

Improvements to North Edison Street

The improvements to N Edison St. will benefit the safety and convenience of the 94 gardeners and their families who use the Portland Parks and Recreation North and South Johns Community Gardens.

The North Johns Community garden is located on the South side of N Edison St. between Burlington Ave and at the corner of North John Avenue. The 61 families who garden in the North garden usually park on the North side of N Edison St., and cross North Edison St. to enter the garden. Improvements to the street will improve the safety of crossing the street with children and carrying plants and gardening supplies.

The South Johns Community Garden is located on the East side of North John Ave at the base of the hill, down the hill from the corner with N Edison St. The South Johns Community gardeners usually walk down the gravel road on North John Ave to the garden entrance on North John Ave at the base of the hill. At the current time, the North John Ave gravel road has gullies created by water runoff, making it difficult to walk safely down the hill, especially with children, plants and other gardening supplies. Improving the drainage North Edison will allow the North Johns Avenue hillside to be stabilized preventing gullies in the road, providing a safer footing for walking down the hill.

Vacating North John Ave between N Edison St and N Decatur St

It would benefit both Johns Community Gardens if the portion of North John Ave were vacated between N Edison St and N Decatur St at the base of the hill. Since the gardening shed for both gardens is located in the North Johns Community garden, the South Community gardeners and children frequently go between the two gardens across North John Ave carrying shovels, supplies and using wheelbarrows at the base of the hill. Due to the gullies in the road, the North John Ave is currently impassable by cars. The gullies make it difficult to walk safely, but provide safety from cars that cannot use the road.

If North John Ave is improved, due to the steepness of the road, it would be difficult for vehicles to stop for pedestrians at the bottom of the hill, exactly where gardeners cross the road with children, supplies and wheelbarrows. Vacating the road would provide safety for 94 gardener families.

This portion of North Johns Avenue is also used by neighborhood residents out for walks and walking their dogs.

Summary

As volunteer co-manager of the Parks and Recreation Johns Community Garden, I look forward to the improvements on North Edison St. and the improvements to the drainage because it will improve gardener safety and convenience. Vacating the North John Avenue would also improve the safety for the gardeners and their families that go across North John Avenue at the base of a hill on North John Avenue.