

## Portland park lamps

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Hello:

I am concerned about the plan to remove historic lamp posts. It appears that the ones in Mt. Tabor y should be protected under a 2004 historic registration. In that year, the park and it's reservoirs were listed on the historic register by the National Park Service. In the filing, the lamps are specifically called out as contributing features: "Adding distinctive charm and illumination is the period lighting system comprised of eighty-eight single concrete standard lampposts that follow the drives and some of the main interior pathways throughout the park. These lampposts give off a soft, friendly light, reminiscent of gashgts, especially in the interior forested areas where they serve as a reminder of the original design of accessibility. The lighting encourages pedestrian exploration of the hills and dells throughout the park even in the short days of the colder months. Originally topped with a single, white, glass globe, polygonal lantern-style shades have replaced the globes. In 1911, Superintendent Mische requested of the Park Board, lampposts with glass globes to be serviced by an alternating current feed. He also requested underground conduits. The lampposts are serviced via underground conduits. The lighting system dates from 1924 and 1925."

Is there not a way for Portland to stabilize these rather than take them out completely? If the lamp posts are deteriorating with age, they should be restored for safety. Portland Parks does not have the authority to remove these fixtures without public input concurrence from the Portland Landmarks Commission and the State Historic Preservation Office.

Thanks -Rachel Roberts, NE Portland