

**WOODSTOCK NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION, YOU CAN HELP REALIZE A
NEW AND COMPELLING IDEA
CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF YOUR
UNIMPROVED STREETS!**

The report entitled "*Roadway Not Improved: Unimproved Streets in Portland, An Exploration of Opportunities and Challenges*" (2010) by Larke Planning, was developed in close collaboration with the WNA. This document is a helpful summary of the current dilemma that the City of Portland faces in addressing its embarrassing unimproved streets. However, this report neglected one possible option:

**JUST DON'T HAVE THE UNIMPROVED
STREETS REMAIN STREETS!**

The Woodstock community does not need more streets; instead, it needs new residents, safe places to walk and bike, and other desirable shared amenities -- recreation and sports areas, parks, community gardens, and others to be brought to life.

PROPOSAL

A typical block currently occupied by a largely-unused unimproved street is 50' x 200' -- it's just sitting there, doing nothing good. There are *plenty* of existing streets in the Woodstock neighborhood for everyone to easily get by car where they need to go -- there's no demand or desire for more streets! To increase the number of "usable" streets by bringing these streets up to required Portland city standards, at great cost and increased liability to the adjacent property owners, is *not* a priority at all.

However, making good sensible forward-thinking use of this vacant land is a high priority. For example, a 20' easement could be created through each block to allow a walking and biking path, with some simple yet beautiful landscaping alongside the path. As a result, two 30' x 100' lots would then be created for two houses to be built. The City of Portland's "Skinny House" competition, and recent development inspired by that design challenge, has clearly demonstrated the potential for designing an affordable and attractive house on only a 25' wide lot, and here the "extra" 5' in width will significantly increase design options to make it attractive to builders and developers.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?
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INSTEAD OF THE STATUS QUO, THE
WOODSTOCK NEIGHBORHOOD CAN BEGIN
TO USE ITS COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY AND
VERY UNSIGHTLY UNIMPROVED STREETS TO
INCREASE DENSITY BY INTRODUCING

NEW HOUSING,

WHICH WILL

**INCREASE THE
TAX BASE,**

WHICH WILL BRING ADDITIONAL

**NEW
NEIGHBORS**

AND A VARIETY OF

**SHARED
AMENITIES**

TO THE WOODSTOCK
COMMUNITY

THIS PROPOSED IDEA WILL REQUIRE A LOT
OF WORK AND COORDINATION TO
BECOME A REALITY

**ARE YOU READY TO BEGIN?
IF NOT, THOSE UGLY STREETS WILL
CONTINUE TO BE A BLIGHT ON THE
WOODSTOCK NEIGHBORHOOD**