



member organizations

African American Health Coalition
AARP Oregon
American Institute of Architects, Portland Chapter
American Society of Landscape Architects
Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates
Audubon Society of Portland
Better People
Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Bike Gallery
Cascadia Behavioral HealthCare
Clackamas Community Land Trust
Collaboration, Inc.
Columbia Group Sierra Club
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Community Action Organization
Community Alliance of Tenants
Community Development Network
Community Development Student Group at Portland State University
The Community Housing Fund
Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Inc.
Dana L. Brown Consulting
David Evans & Associates
Ecotrust
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Elders in Action
Enterprise Community Partners
Environmental Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon
Fair Housing Council of Oregon
Fans of Fanno Creek
FMYI, Inc
Fregonese Associates, Inc
Friends of Arnold Creek
Friends of Clark County
Friends of Forest Park
Friends of Goal Five
Friends of Portland Community Gardens
Friends of Rock, Bronson and Willow Creeks
Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes
Friends of Tryon Creek State Park
Gales Creek Insurance
Gerding Edlen
Growing Gardens
Healthy Eating Active Living Partnership
Hillsdale Neighborhood Association
Hot Lips Pizza
Humanists of Greater Portland
Jobs With Justice

coalition for a livable future fact sheet

who we are

The [coalition for a livable future](#) unites over 90 diverse non-profits and businesses and hundreds of individuals to promote healthy and sustainable communities. By connecting issues, people and organizations, CLF empowers communities to take action together to shape the big decisions affecting the Portland-Vancouver region's future. The Coalition was created in 1994 by a diverse group of nonprofit organizations, including land use and transportation groups, affordable housing providers, social justice groups and conservationists.

what we do

- coordinate** coordinate the work of our member organizations across disciplines to be more efficient and effective
- research** develop cutting-edge research to empower our partners with the information they need to act
- educate** educate the public about current issues and solutions to community challenges, and engage residents in shaping our region
- advocate** provide leadership and informed recommendations to impact public policy decisions

current projects

The [regional equity atlas project](#) is an effort to advance equity - the right of every person to have access to opportunities necessary for satisfying essential needs and advancing their well-being - as a key component of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region's approach to development. The project's centerpiece—the [regional equity atlas](#)—maps equity conditions in the greater metropolitan region. Using the Atlas, CLF is developing a blueprint for addressing inequities through public policy change to ensure that future development is fair for all communities.

[shift the balance](#) is our campaign aimed at creating a more sustainable and equitable transportation system that will give people more choices and better access to the places they want and need to go. It consists of shaping two key transportation initiatives:

The [regional transportation plan update](#), which will guide how we spend at least \$4.2 billion on transportation in the Portland metropolitan area through 2035; and

The [I-5 columbia river crossing project](#), which is a multi-billion dollar effort to address future transportation needs for people and goods crossing the Columbia River on I-5.

[shift the balance](#) results we are working for include: climate smart transportation that reduces our carbon footprint, more and better quality transit, bike and pedestrian options, better air quality in our neighborhoods, fewer commuters clogging the roads and hindering the movement of goods, energy efficiency, natural resource protection, and a fair distribution of benefits and burdens associated with our transportation investments.

[affordable housing NOW!](#) is our campaign to increase the supply of affordable housing in the Portland area, and ensure none of our citizens are forced to choose between paying rent and buying groceries, medicine, or other basic necessities.



member organizations

Johnson Creek Watershed Council
The Justice and Peace
Commission of St. Ignatius
Catholic Church
Kaiser Permanente
League of Women Voters of the
Columbia River Region
Livable Place
Mercy Corps Northwest
National Association of Social
Workers, Oregon Chapter
The National Charrette Institute
Norm Thompson
Northwest Housing Alternatives
1000 Friends of Oregon
Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Sustainable Agriculture
Land Trust
Otak
People's Food Co-op
People for Parks Oregon
Portland Community Land Trust
Portland Community Reinvestment
Initiatives
Portland Garden Club Foundation
Portland General Electric
Portland Housing Center
Portland Impact
Portfolio 21
Rachel's Friends Breast Cancer
Coalition
REACH Community Development
Corporation
ROSE Community Development
Corporation
SEIU Local 49
Sisters of the Road Cafe
Social Services of Clackamas
County, Inc.
Sorin Garber Consulting
Southeast Uplift Neighborhood
Program
Sunnyside United Methodist
Church
Tryon Life Farm
Tualatin Riverkeepers
Tualatin Valley Housing Partners
Turtle Island Development, LLC
Urban Greenspaces Institute
The Urban League of Portland
Urban Water Works
WaterWatch of Oregon
Wells Fargo
The Wetlands Conservancy
Willamette Pedestrian Coalition
Willamette Riverkeeper
Williams & Dame Development
Woodlawn Neighborhood
Association
Zipcar

2007 accomplishments

[ensuring equitable access to opportunities - regional equity atlas project phases 1 & 2 completed](#)

This year we published the long-awaited *Regional Equity Atlas*. The Atlas synthesizes research developed during a four-year process which maps the geographic distribution of people and assets in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area, along with the relationship between the two. We also launched phase two - a broad community outreach campaign - to share the Regional Equity Atlas findings with leaders and citizens in and beyond the region. We presented Atlas results to over 2,000 residents and engaged thousands more through the project website (www.equityatlas.org) and online forums as well as at national conferences. In 2008 we will begin phase three--putting the research into action.

[from cars to people - shifting the balance in regional transportation](#)

CLF advanced a new approach to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that aims to dramatically refocus the direction of investments and choices by prioritizing people, not cars and trucks. We successfully influenced the RTP policy framework in the following specific ways:

- > The creation of a goal in the framework focused on enhancing human health;
- > The inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions targets and performance measures consistent with state-adopted carbon reduction goals;
- > The addition of new language that focuses on investments that link transportation and affordable housing; and
- > Changing the way environmental justice is measured, and ensuring that the people who rely on public transportation most have access to it.

Results of our advocacy on the I-5 Columbia River Crossing Project include successfully winning support for inclusion of a lower-cost, less infrastructure intensive transportation alternative in the draft environmental impact study; successfully bringing attention and project resources to focus on environmental justice issues; and successfully getting staff to conduct a series of bike and pedestrian workshops focused on the design of these facilities for the Crossing.

[improving access to parks & nature](#)

During the past year, we worked with community groups, affordable housing developers, and Metro to ensure that grants made through the new program created by the 2006 regional greenspaces bond measure get invested in places where access for low income individuals is protected in perpetuity. Potential projects are being explored in low-income and park deficient neighborhoods in East Portland, West Gresham, Northern Clackamas County, and Cornelius.

The bond measure secured \$227.4 million for the purposes of purchasing natural areas and protecting water quality and wildlife habitat. It includes over \$212 million to purchase lands for habitat and water quality protection, and creates a \$15 million capital grants program to re-nature communities where access to nature is most limited. Using results of our Equity Atlas research, CLF was successful in convincing the Council to adopt a measure that gives priority to re-naturing projects in low-income neighborhoods funded by the capital grants program.

[creating affordable housing - METRO allocates \\$1 million to create regional housing fund](#)

In fall of 2007 the Metro Council unanimously approved the allocation of \$1 million to establish a regional affordable housing fund. CLF organized and coordinated its members to shape and support the Fund. The Regional Housing Choice Revolving Fund will help implement the 2040 Growth Concept by catalyzing mixed-use, mixed-income patterns of development in regional centers and town centers, in light rail station communities, and along main streets and corridors. Since its creation, CLF has been working with partners to leverage Metro's \$1 million seed contribution with \$9-\$19 million in matching contributions from public, private, and charitable partners.