



member organizations

African American Health Coalition
Amallagory Productions
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
Caldera
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
Student Group at Portland State
University
Community Health Partnership
The Community Housing Fund
Community Partners for
Affordable Housing, Inc.
Dana L. Brown Consulting
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
Food Front Cooperative Grocery
Fregonese Associates, Inc
Friends of Clark County
Friends of Goal Five
Friends of Marquam Nature
Park
Friends of Portland
Community Gardens
Friends of Rock, Bronson and
Willow Creeks
Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes
Friends of Tryon Creek State Park
Forest Park Conservancy
Gales Creek Insurance
Gerding Edlen
Growing Gardens
Hillsdale Neighborhood
Association
Hot Lips Pizza
Humanists of Greater Portland
Jobs With Justice
Johnson Creek Watershed Council
The Justice and Peace
Commission of St. Ignatius
Catholic Church
Kaiser Permanente

coalition for a livable future fact sheet

who we are

The [coalition for a livable future](#) unites over 100 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 developed its Regional Equity Action Agenda - a blueprint for action that responds to the research and direction from the community. Put simply, the Agenda's overall goal is to ensure opportunity for all. It establishes policy priorities that aim to address systemic causes of inequities in access to essential community resources and opportunities for prosperity and good health.

[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, including jobs in the transportation sector for historically disadvantaged communities.



member organizations

League of Women Voters of the
Columbia River Region
Livable North Portland
Mercy Corps Northwest
Multnomah County Health
Department
National Association of Social
Workers, Oregon Chapter
National Charrette Institute
Norm Thompson
Northwest Housing Alternatives
1000 Friends of Oregon
Oregon Action
Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Opportunity Network
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Sustainable Agriculture
Land Trust
Otak
People's Food Co-op
People for Parks Oregon
Portfolio 21
Portland Community Land Trust
Portland Community Reinvestment
Initiatives
Portland Garden Club Foundation
Portland General Electric
Portland Housing Center
Portland Impact
PSU Community Development
Student Group
Rachel's Friends Breast Cancer
Coalition
REACH Community Development
Corporation
Ride Connection
ROSE Community Development
Corporation
Russell Development Company
SEIU Local 49
Sidney Lezak Project
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
We Are All Traffic
Wells Fargo
The Wetlands Conservancy
Willamette Pedestrian Coalition
Willamette Riverkeeper
Williams & Dame Development
Woodlawn Neighborhood
Association
Upstream Public Health
Zimbabwe Artists Project
Zipcar

2008 accomplishments

[ensuring equitable access to opportunities](#)

We shared the results of the *Regional Equity Atlas* with thousands of grassroots leaders and elected officials. We launched the website, equityatlas.org, and completed the Regional Equity Action Agenda, which serves as our collective platform for improving equity conditions in the region. Through this work, we have also become a key advisor for elected officials, academics, business and non-profit leaders on equity planning research and implementation tools. Two on-the-ground equity accomplishments include:

[colwood golf course – a victory for open-space preservation & equity](#)

Advocacy efforts by a coalition of neighborhood, housing and conservation groups, including CLF, resulted in a unanimous vote by the Portland City Council to preserve 140-acres of open space. The preservation of this rare and vital open-space and upland habitat offers a rare opportunity to restore nature to one of the City's most park deficient areas, as well as protect the Columbia Slough and surrounding areas.

[renaturing low-income communities](#)

Metro's Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grant program - created by the 2006 Greenspaces Bond Measure as a result of CLF's advocacy - awarded its first three grants. All three projects that were awarded funding serve low-income communities. The Hawthorne Grove Project in Clackamas County's Southgate neighborhood, unites affordable housing with the creation of a new pocket park, and was initiated as a direct result of outreach by CLF and Portland Audubon.

[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. This year, in determining how to measure the performance of possible transportation projects, Metro had begun moving away from adopted goals for equity and sustainability. Instead they were emphasizing traditional auto-centric measures. CLF successfully reversed this trend, ensuring that the focus on health, equity, environmental protection, and global warming when determining transportation investments was maintained.

[climate smart columbia river crossing](#)

CLF crafted a "Climate Smart" vision for the CRC, using it to galvanize community support and dramatically shift the debate around the project. The Climate Smart CRC vision proposes that the CRC must reduce global warming pollution to conform with Oregon's and Washington's climate change goals rather than including a 12 lane bridge that encourages people to drive more. We had several significant successes related to the project, including :

- Through media and outreach, we successfully changed the public discourse about the project from discussing the project as unequivocally good, to discussing what kind of project would serve our regional goals, including those for climate change, public health, and equity.
- The public controversy has caused state and federal elected officials to publicly question the political will to fund the project.
- Multnomah County Health Department undertook the region's first Health Impact Assessment for a transportation project, bringing public agency criticism to the project and increasing the focus on the project's impacts on community health.
- The Portland City Council and Metro Council decisions on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement did not agree to a mega-bridge design, and included extensive conditions consistent with CLF's Climate Smart CRC proposal that must be in place before supporting a final project.
- The project undertook one of the nation's first analyses of greenhouse gas in a federal environmental review.