



**East Portland Parks Coalition**

# Coalition update and future options for organizing

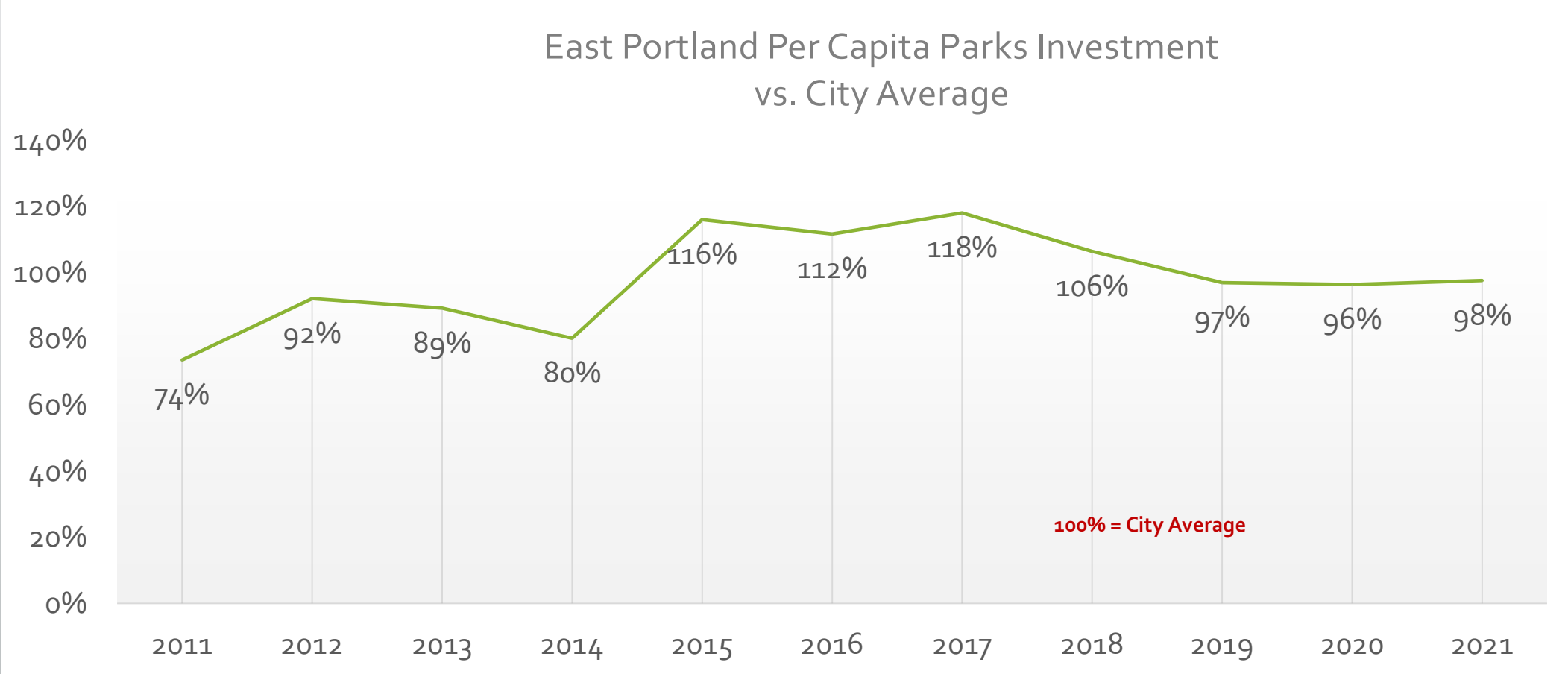
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# Current Status

- The EPPC is an independent operating coalition of neighbors, organizations, professionals, and open to all who care about our parks.
- Run by community volunteers in the form of a Chair or Co-Chairs
- The EPPC receives support from:
  - Portland Parks & Recreation Bureau- Staff Liaison for two-way communication
  - East Portland Community Office (Civic Life)- communication, meeting space, printing, and some logistical support
  - East Portland Action Plan- Staff Support (Advocate), Meeting Support (Zoom and Food), and Partnership
- No official charter, by-laws, or guiding document

# Park Investments



# Future Opportunities

- Long time Co-Chair Linda Robinson is going to be stepping down in her current role at the end of 2021
- Continuing meeting online during a global pandemic and unsure when we will be able to meet in person
- Continued conversation on organizing the coalition (No need to make a decision today)

# Main Options for moving forward

- Continue as an Independent Coalition
- Fold into a program of EPCO, EPN, or PPF
- Become an EPAP Subcommittee
  - As we are not currently one since the coalition existed before EPAP

# Continue as an Independent Coalition

- Work on creating some structure which includes by-laws or guiding documents that outline selection or reaffirmation of leadership at regular intervals, rules of order, membership, mission, goals, etc.
  - membership very loosely defined as "anyone interested in future of our East Portland parks."
- Create understanding with Partner Organizations (both formal and informal)

# Fold into a program of EPCO, EPN, or PPF

- Adopting the structure of another organization
  - Their rules and support
- Having support like liability insurance
- Possible might need to raise funds for organization cost (fiscal sponsor fees)

# Become an EPAP Subcommittee

- Request to the EPAP Membership to become a Subcommittee
- Adopt EPAP Subcommittee Rules & Regulations
  - Co-Chair Model
  - Written Report to plus Oral Report at General Meeting
  - Take notes that will be subject to public records request
- Has full support of the Advocate Position and City Staff
  - Including wherever EPAP is housing in the City
- Becomes part of the EPAP Family which ties other priorities in the work
- EPAP is already a member of this East Portland Parks Coalition and has Action Items for Parks



# EPAP Parks & Open Spaces Action Items

- P.1 Increase schools/parks joint use facilities in East Portland
- P.2 Improve existing parks in East Portland
- P.3 Improve existing trails in East Portland
- P.4 Develop new parks and community facilities in facility-deficient areas throughout East Portland
- P.5 Develop new multi-use trails and green corridors
- P.6 Create access to and develop facilities for water bodies

- **P.1 Increase schools/parks joint use facilities in East Portland**
  - P.1. 1 Expand partnerships between school districts and Portland Parks to increase joint use and expand recreation opportunities.
  - P.1. 2 Develop and implement a school/parks master plan for key opportunity locations.
  - P.1. 3 Explore partnership opportunities to create and sustain "community-center" activities at key schools.
- **P.2 Improve existing parks in East Portland**
  - P.2. 1 Seek private funding partnerships for parks improvements, including foundation grants, donations, etc.
  - P.2. 2 Develop and improve facilities at East Portland parks that are currently undeveloped.
  - P.2. 3 Improve Lents Park sports fields to optimize play time and children safety.
  - P.2. 4 Expand community gardens throughout East Portland parks; continue partnerships with farmers markets and Oregon Food Bank.
  - P.2. 5 Improve facilities that support multi-modal access to parks: bike storage, ADA-compliant and convenient paths, transit orientation.
  - P.2. 6 Increase number of skate parks and other teen-oriented facilities at East Portland parks.
  - P.2. 7 Prioritize funding for development of unimproved park spaces: Beech, Clatsop, Parklane, Eastridge, East Holladay.
- **P.3 Improve existing trails in East Portland**
  - P.3. 1 Plan and develop Springwater Trailhead facilities at key locations.
  - P.3. 2 Fill gaps and extend the Columbia Slough Trail.
  - P.3. 3 Fill gaps and extend the Marine Drive Trail.
  - P.3. 4 Explore feasibility of a mountain bike area on Powell Butte to reduce conflict with hikers/walkers.
- **P.4 Develop new parks and community facilities in facility-deficient areas throughout East Portland**
  - P.4. 1 Identify and fund a "community-built park" as per VisionPDX: pilot program in East Portland.
  - P.4. 2 Study the need for an additional community center in East Portland.
  - P.4. 3 Develop a community facility and/or outdoor pool in East Portland.
  - P.4. 4 Continue planning and promotion of "Gateway Green" open area.
  - P.4. 5 Purchase land for park development; prioritize neighborhoods with parks deficiency.
  - P.4. 6 Consider and develop 'small-site' park standards and plan for East Portland.
  - P.4. 7 Continue and expand installing park improvements on Water Bureau properties.
  - P.4. 8 Prioritize acquiring and developing access to/frontage for existing parks: Bundy Park, Raymond Park, West Powellhurst Park.
  - P.4. 9 Prioritize acquisition and development of parks in existing underserved areas or where significant residential development is anticipated: Gateway, Powellhurst/Gilbert, MAX station areas.
- **P.5 Develop new multi-use trails and green corridors**
  - P.5. 1 Identify streets that can provide north-south connections for linear parkways that combine bike trails and walkways (such as 139th Avenue).
  - P.5. 2 Develop the Sullivan's Gulch trail.
- **P.6 Create access to and develop facilities for water bodies**
  - P.6. 1 Develop a low-cost paddling facility near the I-205 bridge to access Government Island.
  - P.6. 2 Consider, plan, and develop launch points along Johnson Creek.
  - P.6. 3 Create access to Fairview Lake/Mud Lake for light watercraft.
  - P.6. 4 Develop access/easement plan to maintain access to Columbia slough and river as area develops.