# Downtown Portland Urban Design Studio

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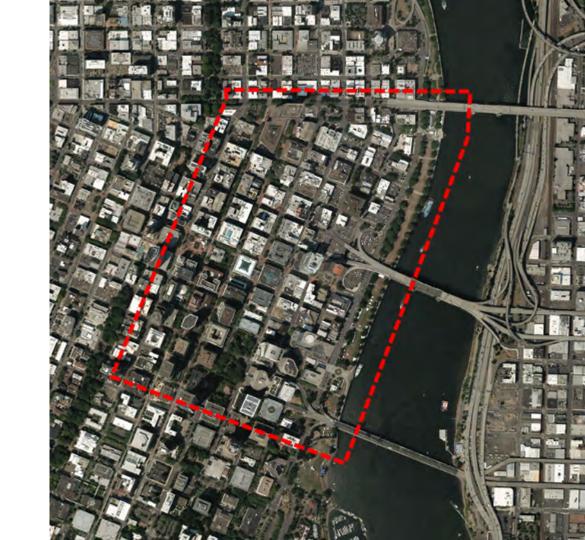


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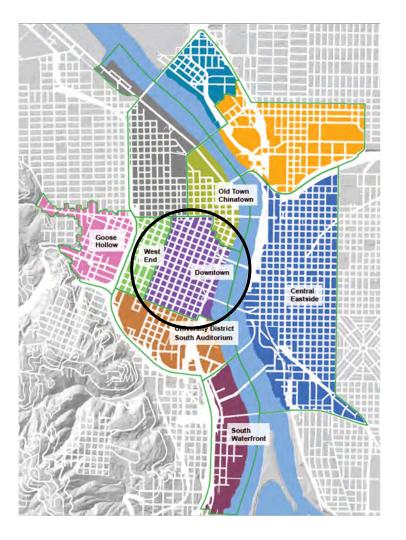
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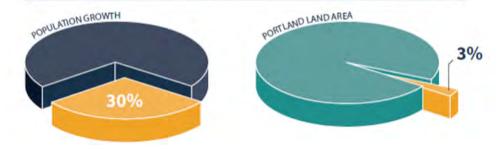






## **CENTRAL CITY CONTEXT**

#### 30 PERCENT OF THE GROWTH $\rightarrow$ in $\rightarrow$ 3 PERCENT OF THE LAND AREA



CC2035 Plan: Between 2010 and 2035,

Downtown is expected to grow:

by 3,000 households and 7,000 jobs, for a total of 4,600 households and 55,200 jobs

## How/Where will the Central City Grow?

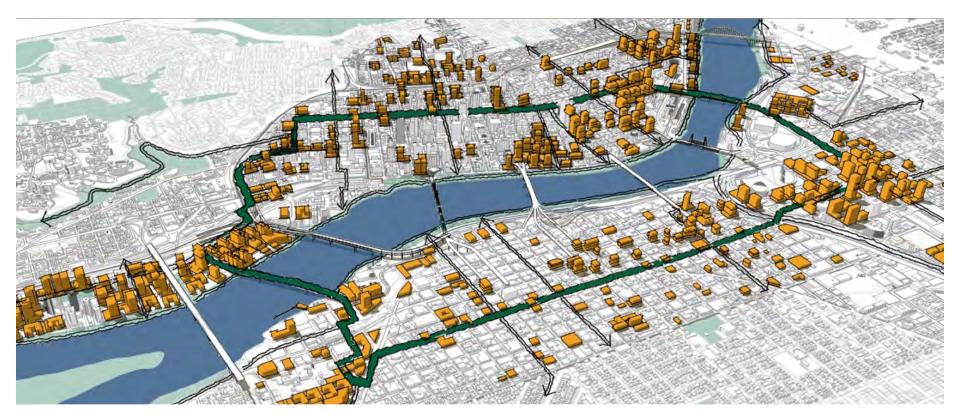
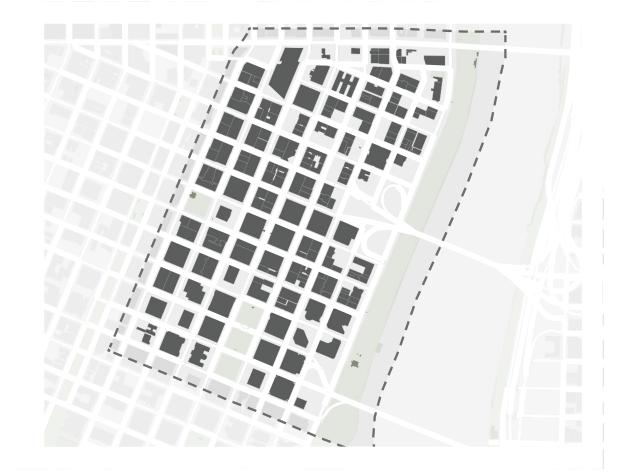




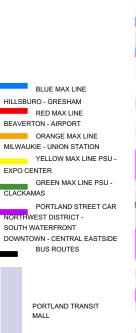
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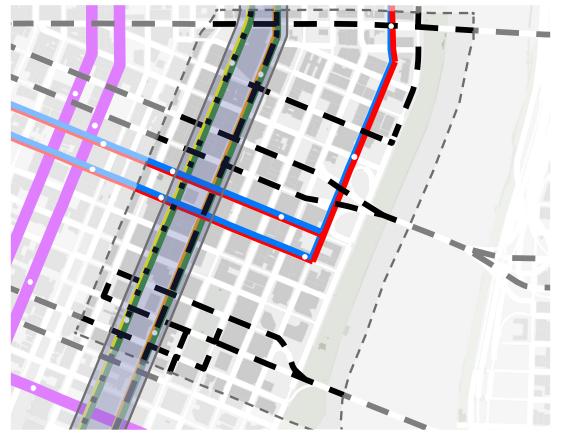
Our site contains 184 buildings



#### **PUBLIC TRANSIT CONNECTIONS**

Public Transportation brings people into the city from far beyond Portland's city lines. The Portland Transit Mall is a central point where all these different lines meet





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#### PARKING AREAS AND

There is a high density of surface parking and no parking garages in the NW corner of our site. Getting past that, parking garages are scattered throughout the rest of our site



Parking Garages

Surface Parking

**EXISTING USES** 



#### **AMENITIES**



#### **DESTINATIONS**

#### HISTORIC LANDMARKS

- 1. Pioneer Courthouse
- 2. Meyer and Frank Building
- 3. Chinatown Gateway
- 4. White Stag Sign
- 5. Japanese American Historical Plaza
- 6. Skidmore Fountain
- 7. Liberty Bell

#### **PLACES**

- 08. Portland Art Museum
- 09. Directors Park
- 10. South Park Blocks
- 11. Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
- 12. Pioneer Square
- 13. Food Carts
- 14. Voodoo Donuts
- 15. Ankery Plaza
- 16. Japanese American Historical Plaza Fountain
- 17. Bill Natio Legacy Fountain
- 18. Battleship Oregon Memorial Marine Park
- 19. Oregon Martime Museum
- 20. Salmon Street Springs
- 21. Lownsdale Square
- 22. Chapman Square
- 23. Terry Schrunk Plaza
- 24. Keller Fountain Park
- 25. Keller Auditorium
- 26. Big Pink



#### **BLOCK SIZES**

A typical Portland Downtown block consists of 200' by 200' dimensions. The majority of the downtown site is made up of these blocks



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200'x200'

smaller than 200'x200'

bigger than 200'x200'

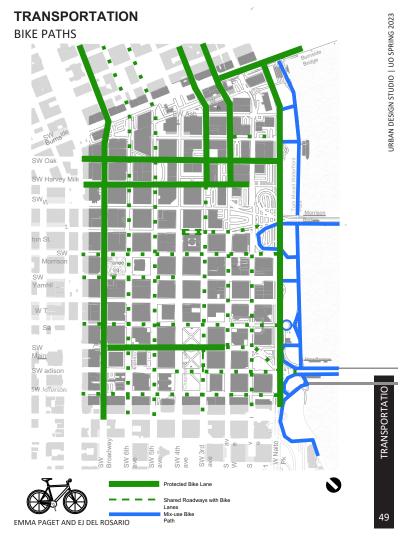
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TRANSPORTATIO

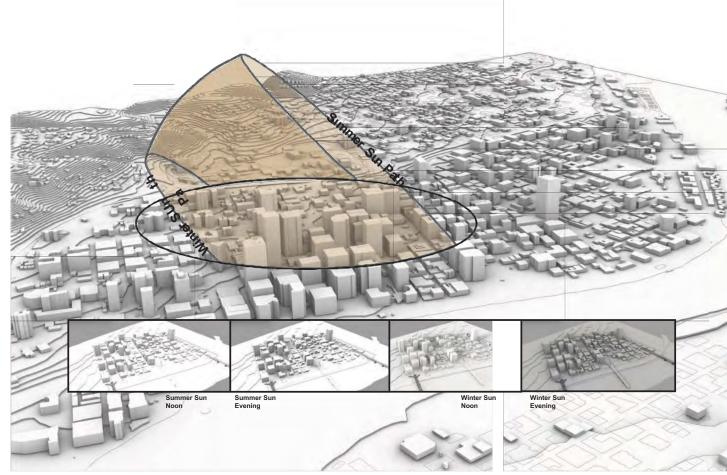
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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFO**

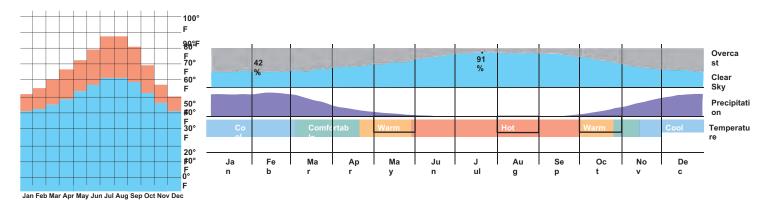
SOLAR STUDY



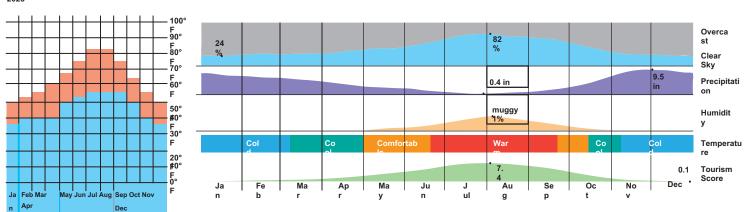
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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMFORT**

#### **Projected Change**

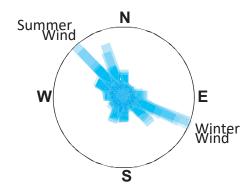


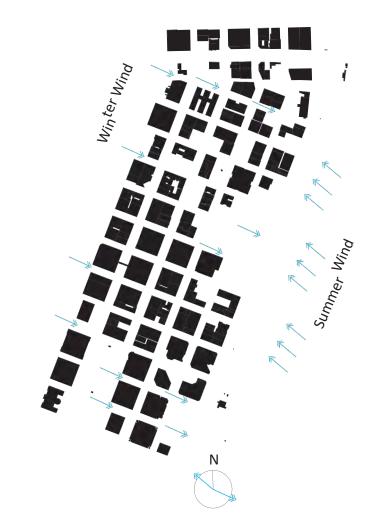
### Conditions as of 2023

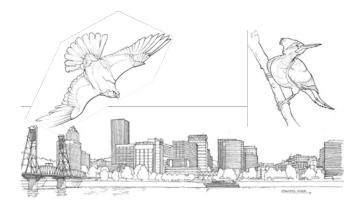


#### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFO**

WIND STUDY







#### Fish & Wildlife

The Willamette River is critical habitat for salmon, steelhead, lamprey, and other fish listed on the Endangered Species Act. Raptors rely on Willamette fish for food, while other birds subsist on riparian plants. Below is a life of some fish and wildlife that are found in and around the Willamette.

#### Fish:

chinook and coho salmon, largescale sucker, cutthroat and rainbow/steelhead trout, smallmouth bass, common carp

#### Birds that fish and nest on the river:

raptors: osprey, bald eagles, peregrine falcons other: gulls, double-crested cormorants, Canada geese, cackling geese

#### Birds in the tree canopy:

robins, spotted towhees, juncos, Swainson's and varied thrushes, brown creepers, Pacific-slope flycatchers, Wilson's warblers, black-throated gray warblers, ravens, woodpeckers

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#### How to Create a Healthy Habitat for Salmon

In its current condition, the Willamette River in downtown Portland is too deep for young salmon to comfortably swim downstream. Places where salmon can rest are shallow and rocky, such as on naturally gradient riverbanks, by fallen logs or beaver dams.

The above image shows Portland's South Waterfront redevelopment. Aspects of this design that are beneficial to salmon and other native species include the gradual slope of gravel and rocks at the river's edge and the vegetation of varied heights growing along the riverbank, which filter pollutants before runoff enters the river and provide food and habitat to wildlife. The wooden remnants of an old dock are also beneficial to salmon, as they provide shelter from fast currents. Below are images of an object designed to have a similar effect.





**ENVIRONMENTAL INFO** 

#### TOWNHOUS ES

Attached units, each on a separate lot, and each with its own entry from a public or shared street or common area. Density: 20- 45 per acre Lot size: 1,800 - 3,500 sq ft

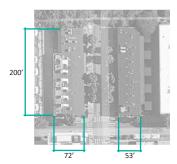
Pearl Townhomes (NW 11th and Hoyt)

- -1990s renovation
- -20 (2-3bed) units
- -2 bed, 2 bath (2000 sq ft)
- -3 bed, 2.5 bath (2420 sq ft)

Common variations -Rowhouse over a flat

- -terrace rowhouse
- -above retail block
- -over structured parking -on the roof of a building
- -with a walled-in, private backyard -with private garage on the ground
- floor (front or back) -live-work rowhouse





TYPOLOGIES

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#### **APARTMENTS**

Low-rise (1-6 stories, 15'- 70')

North Hollow (1551 SW Taylor St)

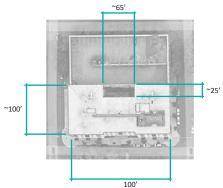
-Built 2017

-121 units

-6 stories (70')

-One 900 sq ft retail space





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#### TYPOLOGIES/DIMENSIONS

#### RESIDENTIAL

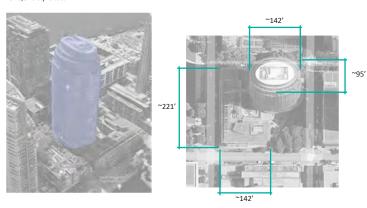
#### **APARTMENTS**

High-rise (13 stories and above, 140' - ...)

Max Building Height in Portland is 460'

John Ross Tower (3601 S River Pkwy)

- -Built 2007
- -31 floors (325')
- -303 units (243 condominiums in tower, 39 flats in podium)
- -Point tower combined with 3 story mixed-use base
- -3 levels of below grade parking and a 9,700 sq ft public plaza
- -576,816 sq ft total



**TYPOLOGIES** 

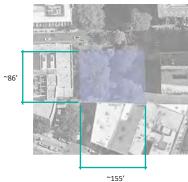
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#### FOOD CART PODS



Hawthorne Asylum (SE 10th Ave &, 1080 SE Madison St)

- -21 food carts
  -Occupies half of a city block



Cart Blocks (770 W Burnside St)

- -10 Vendors
- -Sited on pre-existing park

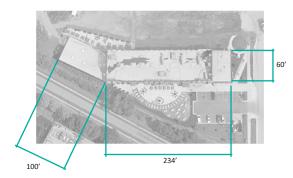
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TYPOLOGIES



The Market at Malcolm Yards (Minneapolis, MN)

- -Housed in historic Harris Machinery Building -First development in soon to be expanded district
- -9 vendors (9 Food, 1 Bar)
- -16,000 sq ft
- -Total seating 510 (310 interior, 200 exterior)



TYPOLOGIES

#### **TYPOLOGIES / DIMENSIONS**

#### PUBLIC MARKETS- OUTDOOR













8:00AM- 1:00PM (APR-OCT)

10' x 10', 10' x 15', 10' x 20'

50+

~36.000 SF

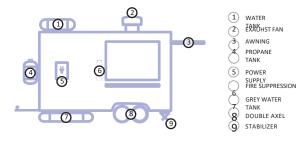
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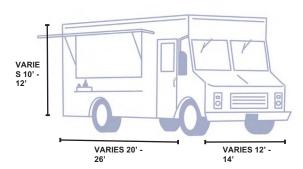
ADDRESS

# OF VENDORS

BOOTH SIZES SITE SF

HOURS





TYPOLOGIES/DIMENSIONS

