

**2013 Neighborhood Action Plan
Bridlemile**

Drafted by Bridlemile Acting Chair Steve Mullinax
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Issue #1: Outreach and communication activities.

Direction: Connect with residents and businesses in Bridlemile. Increase their awareness, interest and participation in Neighborhood Association projects and activities.

Activities: Organize a Neighborhood Night Out event in August. Organize regular BNA attendance at Tuesdays in Hamilton Park this summer. Present a movie night in Hamilton Park. Publish a monthly email newsletter summarizing neighborhood news and BNA meetings. Include upcoming BNA agenda in each newsletter. Continue to grow membership of NextDoor Bridlemile beyond 86 members. Simplify and update the BNA web site. Continue to connect with Bridlemile School activities. Publish the vacancies and duties for unfilled chair positions. Cultivate volunteers, including chairs for vacant committees. Cultivate partnership with interested residents, surrounding neighborhoods and agencies pursuing neighborhood activities, such as Parks Patrol and safety advocates.

Justification: Greater neighbor participation in our association will keep it alive and vital to our neighborhood.

Issue #2: Safety: Pedestrian, Bicycle and Park

Direction: Focus on key identified safety concerns and locations: Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, Bridlemile School and the Shattuck-Hamilton intersection. Discuss and propose improvements to City. Outreach to other concerned groups, such as Bridlemile School Principal and PTA, as potential partners. Identify chair person.

Activities: Continue coordination with PPS, Bridlemile PTA and Portland BOT to address traffic safety concerns near Bridlemile School. Facilitate and coordinate neighborhood participation in the Beaverton Hillsdale Highway High Crash Corridor Safety Project. Coordinate with Hayhurst and other interested neighborhoods to advocate for effective safety measures. Participate in March 18 Safety Vigil co-sponsored with Hayhurst. Publish information on the Park Patrol and refer potential volunteers to patrol organizers.

Justification: These safety issues ranked at the top of our 2011 and 2012 straw poll of residents attending Neighborhood Night Out. There are demonstrated pedestrian and bicycle safety problems along Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, with the death of a pedestrian in 2013. The Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway High Crash Corridor Safety Project will be planned and implemented in 2012 by Portland Bureau of Transportation, presenting an opportunity for participation.

Issue #3: Watershed and Habitat Enhancement

Direction: The Bridlemile Creek Stewards (BCS) received the 2005 Green Heron Award from the Tualatin Riverkeepers for their contribution to watershed and habitat enhancement.

Activities: The BCS educates home owners and schools on why and how to remove invasive plants and plant natives from the creeks in our neighborhood and in Hamilton and Albert Kelly Parks. Encourage Portland Parks and Recreation to continue and expand their enhancement activities. Propose a native planting in the boggy area just north of the Hamilton Park tennis courts, to be a collaboration between PPR and BNA. Coordinate and participate in enhancement activities. Support resident inquiries with referrals to appropriate habitat and water quality agencies.

Justification: We promote stewardship of this important ecological resource, as our neighborhood is an upland/headwaters reach of Fanno Creek and the Tualatin River Basin. Our goal is to enhance habitat and water quality.

Issue 4: Conduct activities to pursue the land use objectives of the Bridlemile community.

Direction: Collect and present land use issues to the BNA. Discuss and respond as emerging issues warrant.

Activities: The Land Use Committee shall review all land use notifications, present the information to the BNA, and respond or take action as appropriate.

Justification: Maintain neighborhood character and livability.

Issue 5: Parks

Direction: Coordinate with PPR to ensure our parks are well-maintained and well-used.

Activities: Monitor Hamilton Park and Albert Kelly Parks, report and track issues with Portland Parks and Rec.

Justification: Maintain neighborhood character and livability.

Issue 6: Emergency Preparedness

Direction: Increase neighborhood awareness and effective preparation for natural disasters, including earthquakes.

Activities: Increase NET team membership. Initiate “Map Your Neighborhood” project.

Justification: Geologists assess a 10-15% probability of a major subduction zone earthquake by about 2063. Improve survival rate in the event of natural disasters.

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