

WHAT IS STOP DEMOLISHING PORTLAND?

DEMOLITION DESTROYS AFFORDABILITY

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DEMOLITION ISN'T GREEN, IT'S THE OPPOSITE

Building reuse and renovation has immediate carbon savings as compared to new energy efficient construction.....it can take from 10 - 80 years for a new energy efficient building to overcome the climate change impacts that were created during construction.

The historic built environment represents a huge resource that can be conserved and made efficient for the 21 century challenge of fossil fuel exhaustion.

In Portland, all that embodied energy is usually either burned or ends up in a landfill.

DEMOLITION IS DESTROYING PORTLAND'S TREE CANOPY

New lot-maximizing jumbo homes typically require the removal of large old-growth trees from the lot. City policy allows this to happen as long as these mature trees are replaced with saplings. Developers build the same cookie-cutter houses and conform the lots to their plans rather than building houses that allow for survival of vintage trees.

MARKET RATE DEVELOPMENT ISN'T BENEFITING EVERYONE --

PORTLAND NEEDS INCLUSIONARY ZONING

Oregon is one of only two states that lack an Inclusionary Zoning law that would mandate affordable housing be built along with any approved developments over a certain size. So, prices rise, the poor are displaced and only people of above median income are able to find a place in the this new Portland. Speculative development that only serves the relatively well-to-do is a poor substitute for city planning.

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