



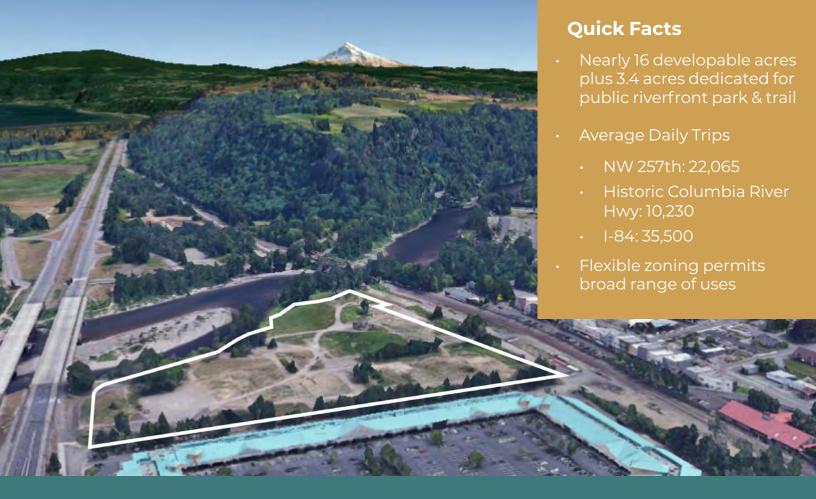
Request for Qualifications

# THE CONFLUENCE AT TROUTDALE

UNIQUE RIVERFRONT
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY



Deadline for submittal: November 9, 2022, 5:00PM PST



#### **Unique Riverfront Development Opportunity in** Troutdale - near Downtown with high visibility from I-84

- Close proximity to Sandy River, · Utilities on site include public Columbia River Gorge, I-84, Downtown Troutdale, and Portland
- Strong partnership opportunities with City
- water and sewer and high speed optic connections

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# O1 OVERVIEW

# AT THE CONFLUENCE OF NATURE AND HISTORY

### **Unique Riverfront Site Near Downtown Troutdale**

The Confluence at Troutdale (The Confluence) represents a unique opportunity to build an entirely new riverfront district from the ground up at the gateway to the Columbia River Gorge.

Owned by the City of Troutdale's Urban Renewal Agency, The Confluence site is a 15.89-acre parcel strategically situated next to historic Downtown Troutdale (Downtown). The site is uniquely positioned at the nexus of natural and urban perched on the banks of the Sandy River looking out toward the Columbia Gorge and Broughton Bluff within easy walking distance of Downtown.

The site is highly visible from I-84, and its iconic 125-foot water tower rises above Downtown, set against the backdrop of the Cascade foothills. The Confluence is a prime opportunity to link urban and rural amenities.

At the gateway to the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area, the site offers quick and easy access to hiking and bike trails, Mount Hood, and state and regional parks including the Sandy River Delta Natural Area, Lewis and Clark State Park, Dabney State Park, and Oxbow Regional Park. It is within walking distance to destinations such as the Sugarpine Drive-In and McMenamins Edgefield.

The entire eastern side of the site fronts the Sandy River, and a high-quality pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the I-84 bridge links the site to the most popular points of access at Lewis and Clark State Park. On a hot summer day, hundreds of people swim, float, and paddle right below the site. The City is in the process of finalizing the



design of a riverfront park and trail to connect to Downtown south of the railroad tracks and the larger regional trail network, including the 40-Mile Loop - a network of regional trails around the Portland metro area (See Section 03: The Site & The City for more details).

### The Vision for The Confluence at Troutdale

The City of Troutdale (the City) is seeking a master developer to create a vibrant riverfront project with housing, hospitality, food, drink, community gathering places, and lodging - all with direct access to a new riverfront park and trail system. A dynamic development program and exceptional design will define the region's next new waterfront district and Troutdale's newest neighborhood.

With a street grid aligned to Downtown and future pedestrian connections over the railroad and under I-84, The Confluence will be a new center of activity that also bolsters Downtown. There is currently access to Downtown under the

railroad bridge on the east end of The Confluence. It is the City's priority to identify a development partner with a shared vision that strengthens the sense of place and responds to the river. The Sandy River is an integral part of the site. Development teams are encouraged to explore ways to reflect the riverfront location including connections to the planned park and trail system. The design of the development and street layout should respond to the river as focal point.

Through previous planning and feasibility analyses, the City has identified several possible priority uses including a boutique hotel, light commercial (namely food and beverage), and

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residential. The City's Housing Needs Analysis and market analysis supports these use types, and proposals are encouraged to consider these in their development program.

Access to the site is critical to the success of the project. Currently, the site is accessible from NW 257th Way to the west through the Columbia Gorge Outlets on an existing public right of way. The City recognizes the importance of enhancing access and encourages creative partnerships with the adjacent landowner that maximize the potential of both properties.

The City is finalizing the details of a multimodal path from Downtown under the railroad bridge, connecting the riverfront trail to Downtown. In addition, the City is in the process of exploring a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks to Downtown and a possible parking structure that would supply district parking as well as support regional tourism (Gorge transit and park-and-ride). The City seeks a partner who will continue to advance these initiatives and seek creative ways to better connect this site to Downtown and beyond.

Check out a promotional video about The Confluence *here*.

# PROJECT GOALS

ACTIVE + VIBRANT + CONNECTED + LOCAL + SUSTAINABLE





#### **ACTIVE + VIBRANT**

- A mixed-use district with active uses, gathering places, and housing opportunities
- Food, beverage, and "experiences" with strong, active relationships to the river and to Downtown
- Unique hospitality concepts that capitalize on strong tourism and recreation demand
- Flexible, market spaces for small business experimentation and growth
- Additive and complementary uses that strengthen existing Downtown businesses
- High valued uses that generate robust property tax increment for the TIF District to support continued infrastructure and placemaking investments (See Section 02: Deal Structure for more details)

#### **ACCESSIBLE + CONNECTED**

- Strong connections to the Sandy River, riverfront park, regional trail systems (40-Mile Loop and Columbia River Gorge Trail), regional tourist destinations, Dabney State Park, Lewis and Clark State Recreation Site, Sandy River Delta natural area, and nearby employment districts.
- Additional convenient connections and clear wayfinding linking site to Downtown and other regional amenities
- Improved and more direct access from Graham Road to the west
- Supportive public parking structure serving Gorge transit providers parkand-ride facility, other transit uses, and Confluence uses (district parking)

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### STRONG SENSE OF PLACE + HISTORY

- Preserve, restore, and integrate the landmark water tower
- Activate the edge of the new riverfront park with vibrant uses and programming
- Consider placement of roads and buildings to capitalize on iconic views of the river, water tower, Oregon and Washington Cascade foothills, Broughton Bluff, and Columbia River Gorge
- Consider the local and regional history in material choices and placemaking elements

#### **HOMEOWNERSHIP**

- Broaden attainable housing options in Troutdale
- Specifically prioritize homeownership opportunities such as townhomes and stacked flats

#### SUSTAINABLE + GREEN DESIGN

- Take a holistic approach to site and building design (district- and systemslevel approach)
- Minimize resource usage, waste, and other environmental impacts
- Maximize on-site energy production and stormwater treatment, taking advantage of the site's strategic location

### **Development Offering Overview**

The City's vision for the site is a mixed-use riverfront district that includes retail, commercial, hospitality/tourism, light industrial, a mix of housing types, and live/work spaces. The role and design of open spaces should be responsive to the surrounding natural areas and capitalize on the picturesque river setting. Any street-grid system should promote future connections to Downtown.

The City recognizes that the site can't accommodate every possible need/desire of the community, and that some uses, or amenities will likely require supplemental funding, but the City seeks a development partner who is open to examining the possibilities.

The City is a proactive partner and is seeking a private developer who has a vision for the site and the experience and financial capacity to capitalize on the site's unique assets and address its challenges.

This offering is intended to be flexible. The City is not seeking detailed proposals or architectural plans for the site, although it would like to see any specific proposals that developers or others may put forward. The City seeks responses from qualified developer teams who have a compelling vision which supports the City's intentions for the site; who can articulate that vision; and who can demonstrate the capacity and experience to deliver on that vision.

The complete criteria on which the City will base its developer selection is found in *Section 05*: *Selection Process and Schedule*. Simply put, the City seeks a team that can demonstrate the vision and the capacity to deliver a project that best fulfills the goals as expressed in the Evaluation Criteria.

#### VISION

A mixed-use riverfront district with open spaces that are responsive to and capitalize on the natural setting that is connected to Downtown Troutdale

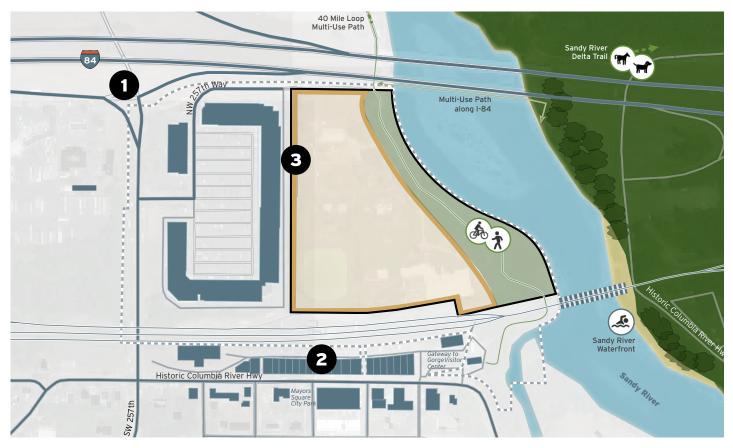


Hood River Waterfront, Hood River, OR

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Sandy River at Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, OR adjacent to The Confluence



- Key
- City Owned Property
- Urban Renewal Boundary
- Existing

- Direct Highway Access The site is located off an I-84 exit, westbound to the Portland Metro Region and eastbound to the Columbia River Gorge
- **Downtown Troutdale** The site is in close proximity to downtown Troutdale, well known for its charming small town aesthetic, shops, and restaurants
- Owned by the City The site is owned by the City of Troutdale and falls within an Urban Renewal Area, which also includes the adjacent Columbia Gorge Outlets

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### **DEAL STRUCTURE**

# THE CITY IS LOOKING FOR A COMMITTED PARTNER

### Potential Deal Structure and Financial Partnerships

While an outright purchase is the preferred deal structure, the City is willing to consider other scenarios including land sale contract, ground lease, or lease with an option to purchase. To advance its goals for the site, the City has identified a variety of measures that it will consider to support the financial feasibility of the project, depending on the responsiveness of the proposal. These measures are addressed on page 11 of this section.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) sets forth the City's intentions for this project, including the selection criteria, selection process, and other information and requirements. Once it has selected a preferred team, the City intends to enter into exclusive negotiations with that team, with further discussions on a binding agreement and development timeline at a future date. See Section O5: Selection Process and Schedule for additional information on the schedule and selection process.



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The Troutdale Urban Renewal Agency (the Agency) was established in 2006. Following a lengthy public planning and community engagement process, the Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan was adopted (see Section 07: Additional Resources). The key elements of this plan include commercial development, a park and trail along the Sandy River, and a pedestrian underpass of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to connect historic Downtown and the 40-Mile Loop.

#### FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Since 2006, the City has invested more than \$8 million acquiring, performing demolition and site clearing, and extensive environmental remediation of this former brownfields site. The City received a \$1.5 million loan from the Business Oregon Brownfields Redevelopment fund to cover a portion of the costs. The City loaned the Agency \$6.5 million to cover the remainder. The Agency's outstanding debt of \$6.5 million, not

including interest, must be paid twice-annually beginning on June 01, 2024. The City expects to repay its debt from the private development of The Confluence.

The City is open to a variety of possible deal structures for the project, including those listed below.

#### STANDARD PURCHASE AND SALE

A standard purchase and sale is the City's preferred deal structure. Under this scenario, the City would sell the property to the development team for cash. Note that, under state law, the City may use its discretion to dispose of land for what it determines to be its fair re-use value. This value may be set to assure that the property is developed or otherwise used to best carry out the purposes and goals specified in the Agency's Urban Renewal Plan. If the full 15.89-acres are sold to a private party, proceeds from the sale must be immediately applied in one lump sum to pay off the City's financial obligations.

#### **INCENTIVES AND ASSISTANCE**

The City is committed to a successful development project. As such, the City has determined a defined set of incentives and subsidies that developers could utilize, including whatever public incentives and/or subsidies deemed reasonable from the list, to make the project a success. The selected development team is expected to work with the City to identify and flesh out in detail the exact incentives and/or subsidies desired, their amounts, and other terms of agreement. Note that projects that use more than \$750,000 of "funds of a public agency" are subject to prevailing wage rates.

The current menu of public incentives and subsidies available for this project include:

- · TIF funding for infrastructure
- SDC credit for bike/pedestrian bridge crossing over train
- SDC credit for structured parking with state involvement
- SDC waiver for restaurant until June 30, 2023, and could be extended
- Potential SDC credits for needed infrastructure



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# 03

### THE CITY & THE SITE

The Confluence site is a great example of the partnership between the State of Oregon and the City. I, and the State, have continually worked to improve transportation around the site, preparation of the site and marketing of the site. The State and the region are excited about this amazing opportunity!

- Sen. Chris Gorsek

#### **TROUTDALE**

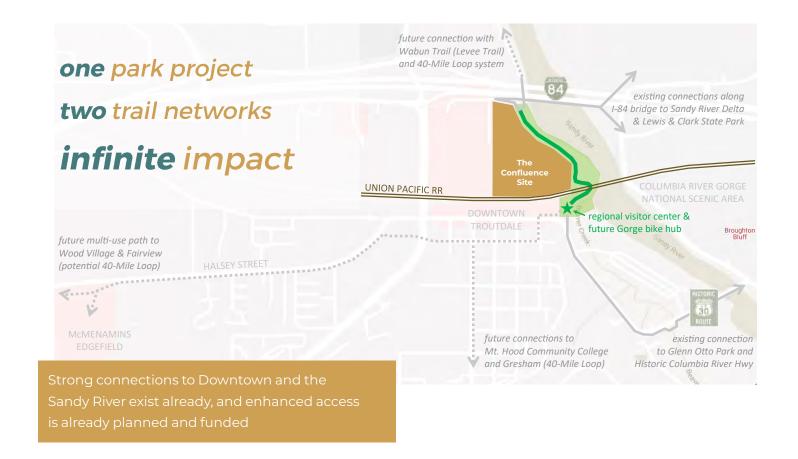
The City is located on the eastern edge of the Portland metropolitan area near the confluence of the Sandy and Columbia rivers. It is positioned between thriving and emerging cities of the Portland metro region and the world-class outdoor recreation areas of the Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood. There is significant recent development near the site with roughly 350 additional dwelling unit developments currently in construction in the Town Center Overlay.

According to the City's recent Housing Needs Analysis, there is a substantial need for higher-amenity housing types (including detached and attached housing types) for households earning more than \$100,000. An increase in incomes in Troutdale supports this need for higher amenity

housing. A higher-end boutique hotel has also been identified as a potential use.

The City is making substantial investments in economic development and placemaking. A joint effort by the Cities of Fairview, Wood Village, and Troutdale has sought to improve NE Halsey Street from Fairview Parkway on the west to the Sandy River on the east. In 2021 The Main Streets on Halsey project completed changes to zoning codes and design standards in all three cities to build a unified vision for a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly Halsey. The new zoning and design standards are reflected in the zoning at The Confluence.

The City is finishing up design and engineering work on a future 3.4 acre riverfront park and trail along the Sandy River running adjacent to the



site. Once complete, the trail will close a gap and connect Downtown with the regional 40-Mile Loop (a regional trail system) and the existing trail along the I-84 bridge. This missing link will connect the City to the Sandy River Delta natural area, and future and existing trails into the Columbia River Gorge.

A feasibility analysis of The Confluence was conducted in 2021 to understand the market potential of the properties within the current Urban Renewal Area (URA) boundary. The study engaged with a key property owner, tested the financial feasibility of different site development program options, and established a clear set of actions the City should take in order to realize a catalytic project at this site. Two concepts were evaluated to visualize the goals of the City and

understand investments and incentives needed for a potential developer. An overview of the two concepts is featured in The Confluence Action Plan on page 18 (see Section 07: Additional Resources).

The Confluence has a proactive, relationship-driven partner in City leadership and staff. It is a large, shovel-ready unique riverfront site. There have been significant surrounding investments in housing, economic development, and community investment. This includes new, updated zoning on the site for a flexible set of uses including mixed-use, light industrial, and commercial. The City is currently pursuing public funding opportunities from other agencies, and anticipates receiving funds for trail construction from multiple of those agencies.

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#### THE SITE

The Confluence consists of three tax lots composing an aggregate area of 19.3 acres. The primary development parcel is 15.89 acres. The two adjacent parcels slated for park and trail development are a total of 3.4-acres. The Agency, who owns the entire site, has taken active steps to prime the site for development.

In late 2018, the City contracted to clear all previous development from The Confluence to prepare it for commercial and residential redevelopment. The work was completed in 2020 with DEQ certification and a No Further Action letter following in 2021 (See Section 07: Additional Resources for document). Approval was given for

full residential uses. See the Contaminated Media Management Plan in *Section 07: Additional Resources*.

Urban services available to the site include public water and sewer, electricity, and high speed fiber optic connections. There are no floodplain or wetland constraints on the site.

The City is in the process of completing an infrastructure analysis to assess what utilities are currently available and identify opportunities to serve development in combination with capacity assessment. This should be completed by September 1st, 2022.



#### **SANDY RIVER**

The Sandy River is a rich and vital natural resource and recreation amenity; it is a major asset for the City and the larger region. Particularly in the summer, people access the Sandy River daily for various activities including fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and floating. The ability to capture this activity and channel it to The Confluence would be catalytic. The Confluence at Troutdale has approximately 1,400 feet of riverfrontage.

Currently the two closest access points are Lewis and Clark State Recreation Site, directly across the Sandy River to the east, and Glenn Otto Community Park, half-a-mile south of the site. The City expects to have a 90% design for a half-mile linear multi-use trail by October 2022 that

will run along the eastern edge of the site. The park will be funded by the City through grants and other funds.

The twelve-foot wide trail will be punctuated by larger areas that invite users to stop and linger along the river. These will include large and small gathering places, picnic tables, play structures, natural play features, interpretive signage, water play installations, and overlooks. Opportunities exist to widen the trail and provide amenity areas along the western edge adjacent to the site. At the southern edge of the site, on a City-owned parcel near Depot Park, an open meadow area is planned that can be used for picnics, pop-up concerts, and events. Riverfront access will be by designated trails only.



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Current access to the site under I-84 to the north, connecting to the 40-Mile Loop regional bike/pedestrian trail

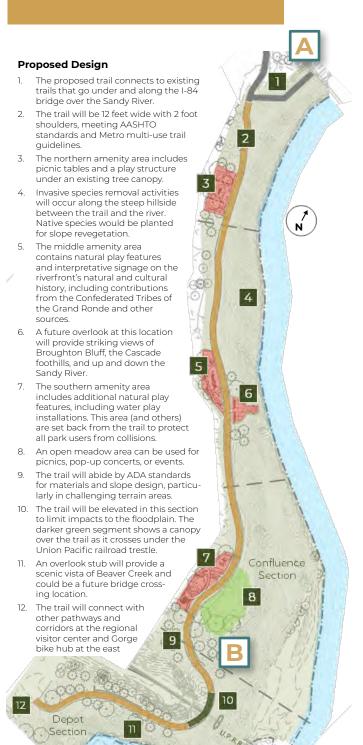


Current access to the site over I-84 via a bike/pedestrian bridge to the north, connecting to the Sandy River Delta natural area and Lewis and Clark State Park (*Image credit: BikePortland*)



Current access to the site under the railroad trestle to the site, connecting to the future bike hub, visitor's center and Downtown

90% park design connecting site to regional trail network and to Downtown Troutdale under railroad

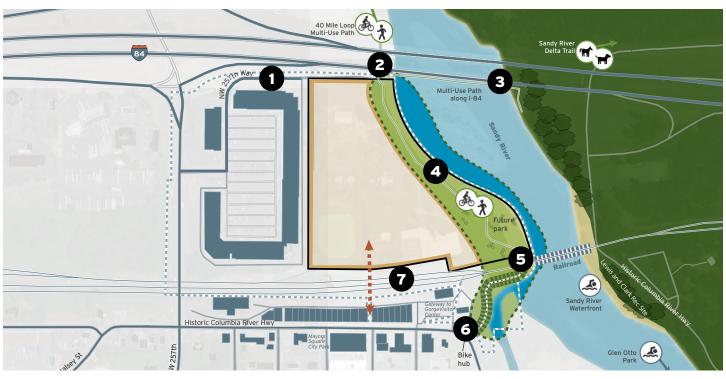


#### CONNECTIVITY

A public right of way (257th Way) provides vehicle access to the site from the intersection at 257th Avenue/Graham Road and runs through and around the north side of the outlet mall. If more direct site access is desired from 257th Avenue/Graham Road, it will require participation from Time Equities, who are the owners of the Columbia Gorge Outlet. Time Equities has expressed a desire to discuss development and access issues with the selected developer for the mutual benefit of the development and the outlet mall. The City has regular communication and an established relationship with Time Equities, but no alternative access plan has been agreed upon at this time.

The City, having identified improved connectivity as a key goal, has taken steps to plan for additional linkages to the site. The City's design for the riverfront park has a bike/pedestrian trail connection under the rail bridge to Downtown. The 40-Mile Loop, which currently ends on the north side of the I-84 bridges, would be extended by ODOT under the I-84 bridges where it would meet the bicycle/pedestrian path on the project's north side.

The City has also identified the location for a bike/pedestrian bridge over the railroad. This bridge project is included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, thus would be eligible for SDC credits if funded. In addition, the City has initiated



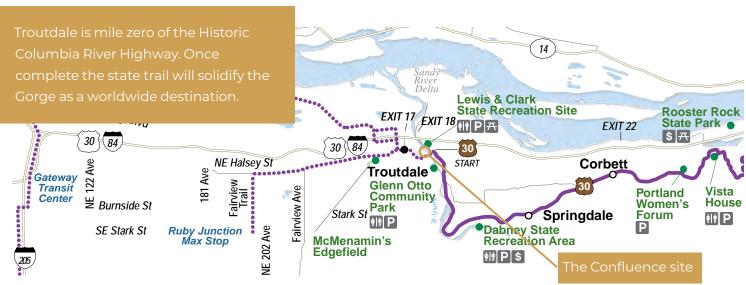
- Key
- Site
  City Owned Property
  Urban Renewal Boundary
- Existing

  Future
- Vehicular access to site Existing access is on a public street through the outlet mall and along access road that runs along the western edge of site
- 2 Connection under I-84 Paved bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting site to 40-mile loop
- 3 Connection from site to waterfront access Paved path over bridge with access to Sandy River ~0.25 miles easy walk
- **4** Future pedestrian/bike trail The City has almost finished design work on a 4-acre park with a trail along the site's riverfront
- **9** Pedestrian connection to Downtown Future park to include trail crossing under railroad trestle connecting the site to downtown
- 6 Bike hub Future launch point for recreational cyclists
- **7** Potential future pedestrian access The Town Center Plan identified a future bridge crossing to improve connection to downtown

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Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail map

conversations with ODOT on the potential for a Gorge shuttle/transit parking structure at the north end of the pedestrian bridge - on The Confluence site. This parking structure would also provide public parking for Downtown and The Confluence uses.

#### **BIKE HUB**

The City has worked with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and other communities in the Gorge to design a network of bike hubs, with one just south of the property. The centerpiece of the hub is the Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center, which is located in a historic, and fully

remodeled, train depot. Given its key location in the region, the site is a natural launch point for recreational distance cyclists as they head out on expeditions along the 40-Mile Loop trail network or into the Columbia River Gorge. The bike hub will be located adjacent to The Confluence to the southeast and would include parking areas, facilities, and locker storage. Bicyclists would provide a ready market for any food and beverage development on the site. The City has completed the 90% Engineering Design for the hub.

ODOT is in the final stages of completing the Historic Columbia River Highway Trail that would connect the City to The Dalles as part of making it a major pedestrian and cycling destination.

#### HOUSING

The City has a steady growth forecast with a population increase of 9% from 2020 to 2045. Since 2015, the City has approved approximately 500 multi-unit developments. The housing market has remained strong. According to RMLS, the median home sales price in 2022 was \$465,000.

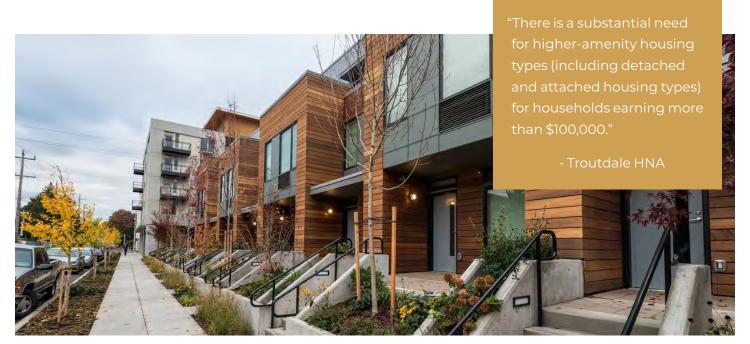
Given the current growth forecast, the Troutdale Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) anticipated a need for 720 new units of housing and 360 units of various forms of middle housing and multiunit apartment buildings. Roughly 280 multiunit developments are currently in construction, with ~ 100 of these being income-restricted units. All these new developments will be located in the Town Center Overlay. Both the Town Center Plan and the HNA identified the need for more housing products offering medium density options and mid- to higher-end level of amenities.



Discovery Block Townhomes in Downtown Troutdale (2019)



Lancaster Park is a townhouse development with ADUs (2021) (Image credit: Arbor Homes)

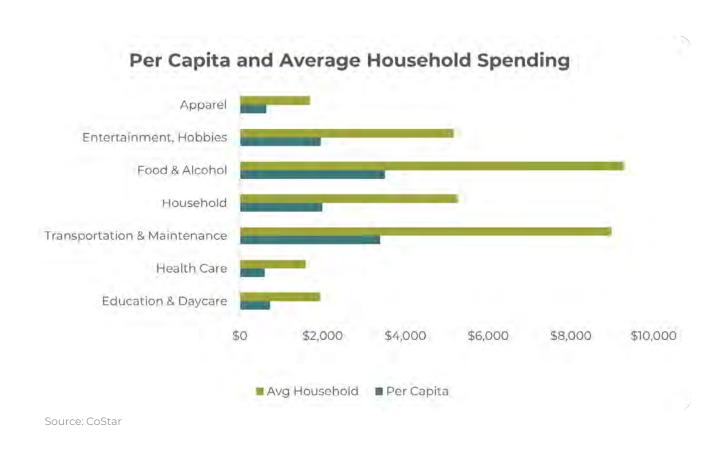


Peloton Apartments and Townhomes, Portland, OR

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#### **GENERAL DEMAND FOR FOOD/BEVERAGE**

Within a one-mile radius of the site, food and alcohol spending is the single largest consumer spending category in 2022, with an estimated \$19 million dollars spent (source: Costar). This equates to over \$9,000 per household spent on food and alcohol purchases in 2022.



#### **MAJOR EMPLOYERS**

The City is a dense employment area in the region with Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) located less than a five-minute drive to the north of The Confluence. TRIP created over 5,000 jobs, which equates to 49% of the total city employment. Major employers, such as Amazon and FedEx, are located here. Other employers near the site include Columbia Gorge Outlets, Swift Transportation, McMenamins Edgefield, Gresham Business Park, and two additional major industrial areas with businesses and distribution centers such as Boeing, Honda, Frito-Lay, and Grocery Outlet.

#### Zoning

The site is zoned Urban Mixed-Use (MU-3) and also subject to the Town Center Overlay. The intent of the MU-3 zone is to encourage a compatible mix of medium and high-density residential and commercial uses. Commercial development must be integrated either on the ground floor of residential projects or immediately adjacent to promote a compact and walkable environment.

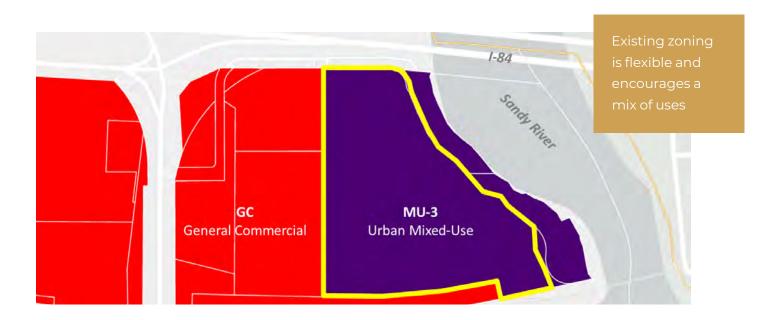
Uses permitted outright include townhouses, vertical mixed-use, retail up to 15,000 square feet, restaurants and bars, mobile food vendors, lodging, and minor entertainment facilities. Other uses, including residential uses, live-work units, and retail and office uses, are permitted if they meet specific standards. For example, general retail uses, office uses, and personal service uses above 15,000 square feet are subject to a Type III site development review. Conditional uses include food cart pod, micro-retail pod, outdoor market, commercial/industrial flex units, bed and breakfasts, and major entertainment facilities.

A Type II site and design review is required for all commercial uses. General retail uses above 15,000

square feet of gross floor area are subject to a Type III site development review. The CBD Design standards will be applied through the review process. (See Section 07: Additional Resources).

Additional requirements include:

- The drive or street through the outlet mall to the site must remain a public street.
- Sidewalks of at least 5 feet in width must be provided on both sides of the street.
- Local residential streets must have a pavement width of twenty-eight feet with a planting strip buffering the sidewalk and on-street parking on both sides of the street.
- The perimeter of blocks is not to exceed 1,500 feet.
- Unless impractical, new street sections must not be longer than 1,200 feet without providing a jog, a deflected view, traffic island, or point of termination such as a "T" intersection.



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#### Zoning

Development Standard	MU-3/Town Center Overlay
MINIMUM LOT SIZE	None for non-residential and mixed-use
MINIMUM LOT WIDTH/DEPTH (FEET)	Residential uses:
	Minimum lot width - 16
	Minimum lot depth - 70 with a driveway from public street or access from an alley within a separate tract from the lot; 90 for residential units with access from an alley within an easement that is part of the lot
MINIMUM STREET FRONTAGE (FEET)	20, except 16 for lots specifically created for duplex, triplex, or attached dwelling units
	0 for buildings up to 35 tall
SETBACKS (FEET)	15 for buildings > 35 tall
MAXIMUM HEIGHT (FEET)	< 55 allowed through Type II review (staff level)
	> 55 up to 75 require Type IV review (City Council-level)
MAX. BUILDING FOOTPRINT	60,000 square foot ground footprint
MINIMUM/MAXIMUM DENSITY	Residential development must be 80% or > of the maximum number of dwelling units per acre. The maximum density in the MU-3 zone is 1 dwelling unit per 1,500 square feet of net land area
	Residential developments in a vertically mixed-use project are not subject to maximum and minimum density standards
	2/residential unit
RESIDENTIAL PARKING MINIMUM (SPACES/UNIT)	1/residential unit that is part of a mixed-use project
	O for non-residential uses
RESIDENTIAL PARKING MAXIMUM	No use, except residential uses, may exceed the minimum # of spaces by more than 10%, however each use must be allowed at least 1 space in excess of minimum required
MINIMUM % LANDSCAPING	5%

The City is open to consider variances or flexibilities, including Director's authorization to adjust standards.

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### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

"Metro serves more than 1.5 million people, working with communities to chart a wise course for the future, while protecting the things we love. Our parks and nature programs connect people with nature close to home. The Confluence at Troutdale is an amazing opportunity to directly connect the regional trail system with the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail and the Columbia River Gorge. Metro is excited to support the City of Troutdale's project. It will not only create new recreation opportunities but enhance tourism in east Multnomah County and the Columbia Gorge."

- Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick

#### Please limit your submission to 15 pages

Submissions must include the following information, submitted to the City no later than 5:00 pm (PST) on November 9, 2022, in an 8.5" by 11" PDF format, electronic submission to theconfluence@troutdaleoregon.gov.

#### **COVER LETTER**

Describe the development team and interest in the project. Identify the primary point of contact for the team. Include a statement indicating that the proposal is valid for six months after submission.

### TEAM MAKEUP AND DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

The City has several goals it would like to achieve as part of this project and in collaboration with a development partner. However, this process is designed to be flexible enough to allow for the experience and creativity of a development partner to shape the approach and the outcomes. The City is open to new ideas, innovative approaches, and does not presume to have all the answers!

- Describe your relevant experience working on projects that share similar goals to those described in this RFQ (pages 5 - 6). Include project summaries and images to demonstrate your qualifications. Highlight multiple uses within the project and different phases and how you sequenced development.
- Provide examples where you have achieved a vibrant and thoughtful use mix in your past projects and/or examples of solutions from projects that you think are most relevant. Highlight any unique site features, like waterfronts or views, and how you incorporated and capitalized on these features.
- Describe previous experience in working with multiple public agencies on capital projects or other infrastructural needs through public/private partnerships.
- Describe a past project that required creative problem solving and your approach to overcoming site challenge(s). How would you approach engaging with the outlet owner to achieve more direct site access? What tactics do you think would be most effective at reaching a winwin outcome?
- What experience do you have developing hotel/hospitality uses?
- The City is seeking a development partner willing and able to lean in together to maximize homeownership and other innovative housing opportunities on this site. What is your experience developing

- ownership housing types? What types of housing have you developed? Provide examples.
- Identify development team members and roles and describe qualifications. Provide resumes for key team members.

#### THE VISION AND PLAN FOR THE SITE

The Confluence provides a once-in-a-lifetime chance to transform roughly 20 acres (15.89 developable acres) adjacent to Downtown and along the banks of the Sandy River. The site has iconic features, like the Water Tower and views of Broughton Bluff, and presents a unique riverfront development opportunity. The redevelopment of the site presents many opportunities for creative design and placemaking to create a vibrant, active, and feasible riverfront district. (See Project Goals on pages 5 and 6).

- Provide a preliminary development concept, including an approximate mix and composition of uses. How does your development program further the project goals? What kinds of uses or tenants do you believe are best suited for this site? What is your approach to determine the right mix and scale of uses when contemplating mixed-use sites?
- What additional opportunities do you see at this location that may not be captured in the Town Center Plan or Confluence Action Plan? New ideas welcomed!
- What are the most appealing features of this site, and how would you capitalize on them in your site design and programming? What are the most

- important placemaking ingredients to achieve a vibrant district? Which are the most critical to get right?
- Describe your approach to maximizing the sustainable and green features of this project at the site and building levels.
- What types of housing do you think are most feasible at this location? If possible, provide a sense for the number of ownership housing units you think could be feasible considering the other uses desired?
- Describe how you might incorporate
  mobility solutions or other transportation
  ideas into a design proposal that might
  lessen car dependency within the site and
  its immediate surroundings. If more direct
  site access is not possible in the near term,
  what enhancements to the existing right
  of way do you think are most important
  in order to maximize the site's potential?
  What alternative connections would you
  prioritize?

#### FINANCIAL CAPACITY

Please explain your financial capacity to deliver this project including preliminary thoughts on financing approaches for your project ideas.

- Please discuss your likely or possible equity and debt sources.
- Provide as much information as you wish, such as certified financial statements, credit availability letters, or bank references, to demonstrate that you have the financial capacity to carry out

- your proposed project, but please do not submit information you do not wish to be made public; see also the statement about "Proprietary Information" in *Section 06: General Conditions*.
- Detailed financial information is not required for the RFQ; however, the submittal should include information that demonstrates the developer's capacity to bring the capital resources necessary to successfully develop the site as well as the approach to financing the project. A thorough financial and background review will take place after developer selection.

#### **DEAL TERMS**

- What are your preliminary thoughts about deal terms? Is there a preference for a deal structure?
- Discuss your preliminary project development approach, including preliminary timelines, milestones, and collaboration with public entities. Please provide a preliminary estimated time frame to carry out the project.
- What are your preliminary expectations regarding the City and/or other public partners? Are there specific incentives and/or subsidies that are expected to be utilized? The response should include general statements relating to financial participation, assistance with permits, and other potential public funding sources.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Does the Development Entity currently have or plan to have as an officer, member, employee, shareholder, investor or financing partner of the Entity any person who is currently an officer, agent, or employee of the City, its departments, boards or commissions (including the Agency)? If Yes, identify and explain.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

Teams are encouraged to submit letters of reference and samples of other relevant projects above and beyond the specified page limit.

The City does not expect architectural drawings as part of team submittals but would welcome such drawings. If drawings are submitted, they should be incorporated into the 8 ½ by 11" format. No more than 4 drawings (site plans, floor plans, elevations) will be accepted as part of the submittal, above the specified page limit.

This RFQ is not a solicitation of competitive bids. The City, by this RFQ, specifically reserves the right in its sole discretion to determine which responses are in the best interests of the City. This may include:

 Investigation and verification of any of the information provided in the response.

- Acceptance of irregularities in the statement received in response to this solicitation.
- Revisions to the solicitation, evaluation, or selection process including extending the deadline or canceling the solicitation without selecting a developer.
- Disqualification without recourse or appeal of any or all responses.
- Rejection of any or all responses with or without cause.
- The right to terminate negotiations with the selected developer team.
- The City may then opt to work with another developer team or decide to not pursue the project further.

Responders will be notified if any of these actions occur.

#### **PROTESTS**

A developer may not protest the selection of a development entity.

All inquiries, questions, requests for tours, and your submission shall be sent via email at the confluence @troutdaleoregon.gov.

# 05 SELECTION

# EVALUATION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

The criteria the City will use to review responses and determine which developer team is best suited for this project are listed below. The criteria are further described in *Section 04: Submission Requirements*.

capabilities and established business practices to deliver the vision outlined in the Confluence Framework Plan and Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan.

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Team Makeup + Development Experience	25
The Vision and Plan for the Site	45
Financial Capacity	15
Deal Terms	15

Submittals will be reviewed to determine if they are responsive to the requirements of the solicitation. Responders may be asked to provide clarifying or additional information during the review period. The City seeks the development team with the most verifiable and relevant development experience with the financial

#### **Selection Process**

The City will make the decision regarding which team to select for the project using the scoring outlined above. All responses to this RFQ are public records and may be reviewed by any member of the public (see further information about confidentiality in *Section 06: General Conditions*).

Following the preliminary review of the proposals, the City will discuss the proposals at a public meeting. Agency meetings are open to the public and public comment may be accepted at these meetings.

After its review, the City may interview one or more of the developers. The City in its sole discretion may:

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- Invite a list of developers deemed most qualified to participate in a Request for Proposals (RFP) process; or
- Choose to enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) period with one selected developer; or
- Terminate the ENA with one developer and begin an ENA period with another developer; or
- · Terminate the selection process.

Following the review process, it is the intent of the City to enter into an agreement with a firm to develop the project, however, the City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals received; waive any informality in proposals; and to accept, reject, and/or add any items when such actions are in the best interest of the City.

The ENA period would serve as the basis for the negotiation and execution of a subsequent binding Disposition and Development Agreement, which would govern the final disposition of the Property, setting forth the terms of the transaction including the project development requirements.

The City may further invite a firm or firms to meet with City staff prior to making a final determination to address additional inquiries and to discuss and/or negotiate terms and conditions for a final contract.

#### **Post Selection Process**

Upon selection of a team, the City intends to enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the team, providing for a defined time period during which the parties will attempt to negotiate the deal terms for the transaction. During this period, the City will work with the selected developer team to refine its approach, including development program, phasing, site planning, and building design. The City anticipates that during this period the program, deal structure, financing, composition of the team, or other components may be modified as a more solid proposal is developed.

Anticipated Schedule		
August 18, 2022	Issuance of RFQ	
September 19, 2022	Deadline to Submit Questions and Schedule a Site Visit	
November 9, 2022	Deadline for Submissions	
November 14, 2022 - December 16, 2022	Interviews with Finalists	
January 17, 2023	Developer Selection	

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# **06 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### **City Terms**

The City retains the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any irregularities in the proposal process in the received submissions where such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the City as determined by the City. The City will be the sole judge of the suitability of the proposal offered.

#### **NO CONFIDENTIALITY**

This RFQ is a public process. The information that is received by the City will become the property of the City and shall not be returned. All responses to this RFQ are public records and may be reviewed by any member of the public and will be posted on the City's website. Development teams shall not copyright or cause to be copyrighted, any portion of their submission.

ALL proposal submission information provided shall immediately upon submission to the City be deemed to be public information, NO materials will be maintained as confidential. ALL materials will be available to any member of the public, posted on the City's website and included in public meeting packets. DO NOT provide any information you do not wish to be public.

#### **COSTS**

Responses to this RFQ do not commit the City to pay any costs incurred by any proposer in the submission of a proposal. The proposer assumes the sole risk and responsibility for all expenses connected with the preparation of its proposal, any subsequent request for information for participation throughout the evaluation and selection process.

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

All questions about any of the information or requirements contained in this solicitation should be directed in writing to:

#### **RAY YOUNG**

office: 503-674-7233

#### **CITY OF TROUTDALE**

219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway Troutdale, OR 97060

All questions and answers will be posted to The Confluence website and an email sent to all potential proposers registered as an RFQ recipient. A similar process will be followed for any formal addenda to this solicitation.

### CAUTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES

The City recognizes that developer's time is valuable and that there are many project opportunities to choose from. Prior to investing your valuable time and resources in pursuing

this project opportunity, please be aware of the following considerations:

- Due to Oregon constitutional limitations prohibiting the lending of the City's credit, seller financing of the real property acquisition will not be an option.
- The special warranty deed conveying the real property contains a "right-of-reverter" triggered at 36 months for failure to complete the terms of the disposition and development agreement (DDA).
- The project construction may be subject to statutory prevailing wage rates
- In exchange for liability protection provided by the State of Oregon DEQ (which runs with the land) there are a few very minor restrictions on the property. Please review Section 07 Additional Resources which contains the Contaminated Media Management Plan (CMMP), the No Further Action letter, and the Consent Decree
- Development on the site is subject to the adopted Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan. See Section 07 Additional Resources for list of documents for details.

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### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

The City encourages you to review the below listed documents in the preparation of your proposal. All additional resources can be found in the "Resources" section of the City's project website at <a href="https://www.theconfluence.info">www.theconfluence.info</a>

- ALTA Survey
- DEQ Easement and Equitable Servitudes Agreement
- · DEQ No Further Action Letter
- Contaminated Media Management Plan (CMMP)
- Final Plat and Lot Line Adjustment (updated survey)
- Sandy River Greenway Project Description / 60% design
- Stantec Utility Serviceability Assessment Report

- · The Confluence Action Plan
- · The Confluence Framework Plan
- · The Confluence Market at a Glance
- · Title Report
- Troutdale Housing Needs Analysis (HNA)
- · Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Plan
- · Town Center Urban Renewal Plan
- · Zoning and Design Standards
- Costar Market Reports for East Columbia Corridor, August 2022 - Retail, Multifamily, Office, Industrial, Hotel



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