

The Regional Equity Atlas

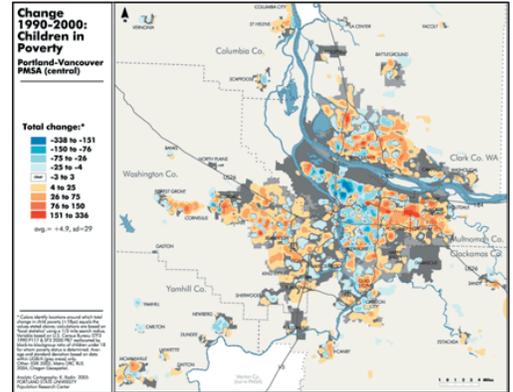
Introductory Session

In the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region:

- Which communities are affordable, who lives there and who can't?
- Which communities have ample access to parks and natural areas and which ones don't?
- What neighborhoods in our region lack access to grocery stores?
- Which cities have sufficient resources to provide public services to residents and which ones don't?

Come to a presentation hosted by **The Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Land Use Committee** to explore these questions and learn more about the Coalition for a Livable Future's *Regional Equity Atlas*. The Atlas Introductory Session is designed to help groups in Clark County consider how *The Regional Equity Atlas* can support their work for healthy and sustainable communities.

The presentation includes a brief overview of the *Atlas* and group activities to explore the data in more detail. Groups that participate in Introductory Sessions will be invited to attend a "Solutions Workshop" in September, which will bring together organizations and activists from across the region to formulate public policy strategies to advance regional equity in the Portland-Vancouver metro area.



Change in number of children living in poverty, 1990 to 2000. From the Atlas.

Wednesday, October 24

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Main Street Ale House 333 N Main Ave, Gresham 97030

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Metropolitan Portland's Geography of Opportunity

The much-anticipated, first-ever collection of maps, data, and intelligence on the concept of equity planning in the six-county Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region was published in summer 2007. Based on the input of hundreds of community leaders and published by the Coalition for a Livable Future, *The Regional Equity Atlas* is a groundbreaking work, destined to become an important reference in regional planning discussions.

The *Atlas* uses over fifty maps and a unique analytical approach to explore equity in the Portland metropolitan region. It focuses on access to resources among some of our region's most vulnerable populations — poor people and people of color. By visually representing the geographic distribution of people and community assets, it helps us better understand the relationships between the two. Intended to inspire community discussion and action, the *Atlas* can help make equity a concrete component of our metropolitan region's approach to managing growth and development. To learn more about *The Regional Equity Atlas*, including sample maps, visit <http://www.equityatlas.org>

