

NoPo Greenway group bulks up



Bikers and hikers might one day take the North Portland Greenway Trail from inner-east Portland's waterfront all the way to Cathedral Park, shown here at the base of the St. Johns Bridge, and on to the Columbia River at Kelley Point Park.

The nonprofit group that's spearheading a campaign to build a riverfront greenway in North Portland has hired a veteran community organizer to lead the effort.

St. Johns resident Shamus Lynsky is the new coordinator for npGreenway, a planned bicycle and pedestrian route that would connect the Eastbank Esplanade to Kelley Point. Such a route would lead through the Rose Quarter, Swan Island, Cathedral Park, St. Johns, Smith and Bybee Lakes, all the way to the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

Lynsky is a former political director of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association and was executive director of the Oregon Consumers League.

The ambitious greenway project will require many millions of dollars of fundraising before work can begin. Metro awarded npGreenway a \$50,000 grant last year to build its capacity. The nonprofit hired consultant Bill Weismann of Grassroots NW to assess current conditions and craft an action plan.

For past Sustainable Life coverage of the project, see: portlandtribune.com/sl/197844-trail-will-link-east-side-to-columbia.