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Where the rubber leaves the road – Where Collins View’s main through arterial meets a major conduit to the neighborhood’s interior; where bus patrons at the unsheltered bus stop stand in the street to avoid the culvert and dodge traffic with no benefit of a crosswalk; where Terwilliger has its highest posted speed limit (at 35 mph) until its far south stretch through the Tryon Creek Park Area. SW Primrose at Terwilliger is infamous for accidents, incidents, rollovers and close calls. Collins View Neighborhood Association has worked for years to get some action on traffic calming, a sheltered bus stop and pedestrian safety measures. PBOT is recommending a West Portland Park project that includes adjusting Capitol Highway [in WPP] to slow down traffic, enhancing pedestrian crossings and reducing the vehicle speed limit from 35 to 30 MPH. It would be good to see the same standards and recommendations applied to the Terwilliger/SW Primrose Intersection. A crosswalk with pedestrian signal would go far to reduce the probability of serious injury. Or worse.

Submitted by Maryellen Read



Photo by Alex Skorohodov

Residents participated in Lewis and Clark Environmental Studies: James Proctor, Lewis and Clark Professor and Director of Environmental Studies, reached out to Collins View residents with the opportunity to participate in an environmental studies (ENVS 220, Environmental Analysis) fieldwork exercise and follow up panel. Student teams investigated the microclimates and canopy/ground cover of various Collins View properties, along with sites in River View Natural Area and on the Lewis & Clark Campus. They photodocumented the sites, took panoramic photos and a series of biometry and microclimate measurements using weather gauges and using [clinometers](#) to estimate the canopy height of nearby trees.

If you are interested in the motivation for this lab, you may wish to visit the [Future Earth](#) initiative site and the derivative [Global Land Programme](#), or the more popular [Welcome to the Anthropocene](#), which address the global phenomenon of land use/cover change. Though not a lot of change has happened in the Collins View area in recent years, there has been a great deal of change over the last century, as for instance evidenced via a 1939 air photo of the general Collins View neighborhood distributed to participating residents.

On Tuesday Oct. 2, the students interviewed a group of residents to get perspectives on these places, their history and some of their current challenges. At this point, students are preparing online ArcGIS Story Maps summarizing the results of their investigation, which will be available to Collins View residents and others once completed.

We are so pleased to be included in this study, and look forward to participating in many more Lewis and Clark projects.

Submitted by James Proctor and Maryellen Read



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