

Breaking Ground News

Recent developments at the North Portland Tool Library

Spring 2015



The North Portland Tool Library Expansion Project

We're proud and happy to announce that the North Portland Tool Library has received two very generous capacity-building grants—a \$49,390 North Portland Enhancement Grant from Metro and a \$32,000 Community Livability Grant from the Portland Development Commission.

The grants will be used in part for upgrades to the existing tool library, but mostly for construction of an above-ground tool library annex building, which will house seasonal tools and function as a workspace for volunteers. The annex will be situated in the northwest corner of the backyard of the Historic Kenton Firehouse. The ultimate goal is to create a structure that serves as a showcase for environmentally conscientious design—with plans to include reclaimed materials in the structure and closely integrate it with the existing native landscape (with rainwater catchment and diversion into existing bio-swales) while providing a photo-backdrop worthy façade to complement the community gatherings and special events held year-round in the garden area. We are very excited to break ground this spring.

We want your input and involvement. As members of the community and patrons of the tool library, you are part of what we do. We value your ideas, and we'd like to share this project with you.

Please join us for an open forum to weigh in on possible designs from local contractors, or just take a look at what we're doing and get involved as a volunteer on the project.

Community Forum



Date: **Saturday, April 11, 2015**

Location: **Historic Kenton Firehouse
2209 N. Schofield Street
Portland, OR 97217**

Time: **10am - 12noon**

