



TOUR 2 Linnton and CEI Hub

A Walking Tour

 From Route 30, turn on NW 107th, heading toward the river, pass Linnton Community Center, and cross the railroad tracks. Park. Note the earthen mound on your right.

1 LINNTON MILL RESTORATION PROJECT

As part of a Superfund restoration and mitigation project, the original mill was removed and most of the soil from grading the river's edge has been mounded onsite; low level hazardous substances remain in the soil. The for-profit Linnton Mill Restoration Project restored 27 acres of industrial area. The area is designated as exclusive habitat for fish and wildlife and so is not accessible to people.

 Walk north on NW Front Ave (unpaved road).

2 INDUSTRIAL DISPLACEMENT

In the 1960s, most of Linnton's downtown was demolished and much of the area between St. Helens Road and the Willamette River was zoned Heavy Industrial. Many of the remaining family homes that lined NW Front Avenue were removed. Non-river-dependent businesses own much of the land bordering the river now, preventing public access to the water, and creating industrial noise and pollution. Linnton residents are working with businesses and officials to provide river access for the public.

3 KINDER MORGAN

1400 NW St. Helens Road, where NW Front ends at NW 112th Ave

This is one of more than 140 petrochemical terminals. Kinder Morgan owns 84,000 miles of pipeline nationwide.

4 OLYMPIC PIPELINE

Notice the safety warnings.

The underground pipeline is currently owned by BP Pipelines and ArLight Capital. It runs underground three and one-half feet below St. Helens Road, just beneath vehicles, bikers, and Linnton residents, and is buried very near the Portland Fault Line. The 400-mile interstate pipeline system connects Washington refineries to Oregon and can deliver 325,000 barrels of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel a day.

AIR POLLUTION

Odors have concerned Linnton residents for years. Airborne diesel particulate comes primarily from unfiltered highway trucks. Linnton has asked DEQ to require tank farms to more accurately report their air emissions; they currently use an estimating formula developed by the oil industry.