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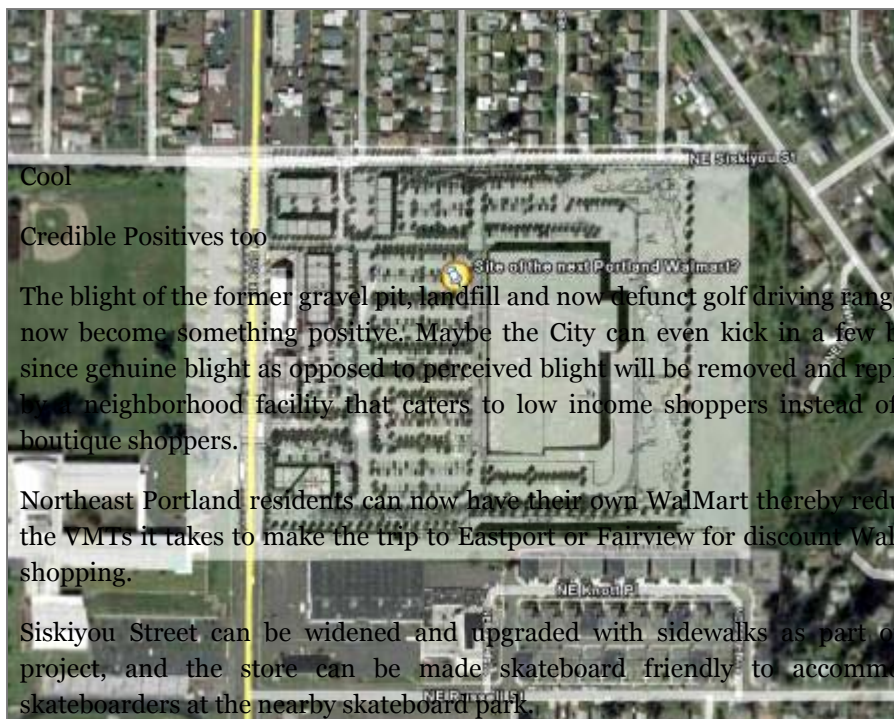
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Credible Positives too

The blight of the former gravel pit, landfill and now defunct golf driving range can now become something positive. Maybe the City can even kick in a few bucks since genuine blight as opposed to perceived blight will be removed and replaced by a neighborhood facility that caters to low income shoppers instead of just boutique shoppers.

Northeast Portland residents can now have their own WalMart thereby reducing the VMTs it takes to make the trip to Eastport or Fairview for discount WalMart shopping.

Siskiyou Street can be widened and upgraded with sidewalks as part of the project, and the store can be made skateboard friendly to accommodate skateboarders at the nearby skateboard park.

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Submitted by Eric on Tue, 08/18/2006 - 11:00am.

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Cool - Creditable Positives, Removes Blight
Submitted by Terry Parker on Fri, 08/18/2006 - 8:32am

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And it's not that you or anyone else has to shop WalMart, if you don't like them or the way they run the company then don't shop there, but why take away the freedom of choice or where to shop for others? Let's go over it Times including management and executive employees, so they don't have the same medical, dental and vision plan." "One of the few large developable parcels of land in East Portland..."

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add when rail and streetcars; tram, did I hear tram) - yeah, let's pour Hey, I don't like Nordstroms because of their prices, so I don't LOTS of city money into the area so it won't fall prey to a private company, then don't shop there, if you don't like something about a particular place performance. Recent contributions have averaged 18% allowed to build because I don't like something about it. Your "...and you support it becoming home to low-paying, near benefitless jobs... WinCo stores have self-organized committees that have direct input workers are directly responsible for building their future.

Versus what they have now - NO JOBS!!!! Nothing worth mentioning, yes, I'd rather have a low paying job than no job. And by the way, what is low paying? Most mom-and-pop places pay minimum wage, and no benefits. Walmart starts employees (in Oregon) at over \$9.00 per hour - Not surprisingly, WinCo employees stay with the company much

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In addition, 82nd cannot properly handle the increased traffic that store would generate, and neither can the #72 bus unless Tri-Met increases service in that area. (That bus is already "Frequent", so it's debatable how much service Tri-Met can increase on that line, especially during peak travel hours) 82nd is the only major arterial in that area, and there are no suitable arteries leading east from that point - the traffic leading to and from that store will drastically impact the intersections at 82nd and I-84 and at 82nd & Sandy.

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Nordstrom is a poor example - it is a specialized store, and they would not have the grocery or pharmacy departments that a shop where you don't like something about a particular place. Also, the long-term viability of Wal-Mart's model is in doubt with rising fuel costs. If Wal-Mart is unable to adapt, "All employees, including management and executive employees, have the same medical, dental and vision plan."

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Tim,

Just who would build condos, upscale or even low income housing on this site, and what bank would even lend money to do so? Who would buy them? I doubt even Homer & Co. would be interested without a 100% risk subsidy from the City. The site was a gravel pit in the 50's & 60's (Rose City Sand & Gravel), it later became a garbage landfill and was then covered over and used as a driving range for golf which is now closed and boarded up. Gas from the landfill is still being burned off and will be for sometime to come. 82nd Avenue is a state highway that also has a high level of transit service. The location is within walking distances to a large number of residences. All around, this site is a great fit for a WalMart.

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Anyways, how about working with WalMart to make the society better instead of just saying they are a problem and not proposing a solution? I would love it if we could give everyone a \$100K salary and gold-plated benefits like you receive, but Portland Audubon is proud to sponsor this is the private sector after all. the Think Local First event:

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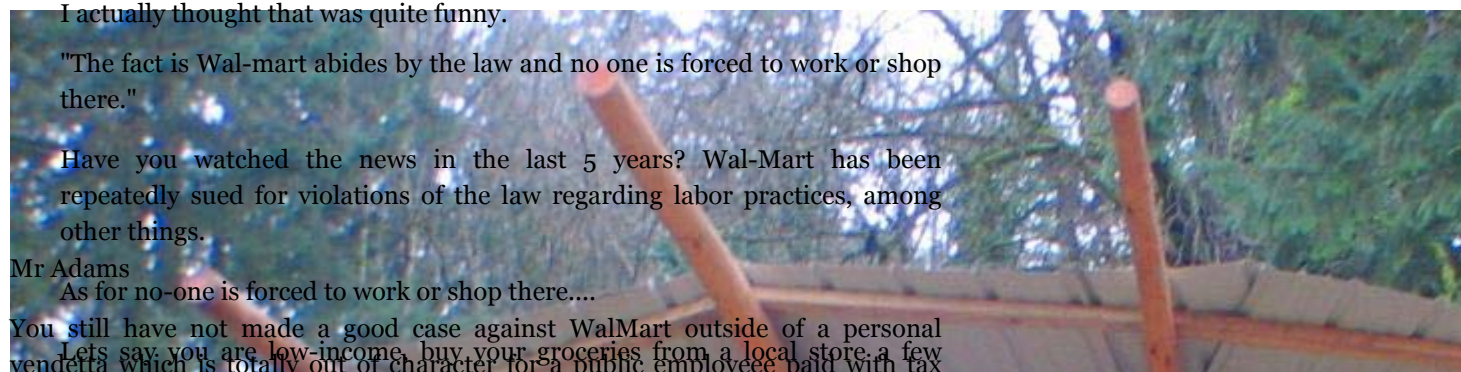
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As for your scenario under which a person is forced to work and shop at Wal-Mart, they sure do, as does any citizen. This is a democracy - if you don't like what the city employee is doing, you have the right to vote for a different Sam Fred Meyer for Wal-Mart's largest format out of state corporation is politically to have that effect on the local market place. It's called the business voter. Under 's support and support based business (the smaller the better) retailers. It is clearly using one of those lower income people. Do you really think that the largest retailer in the nation gets away with breaking labor laws?

So back to my original point why do we not hold all of these corporations to the same standard? Why is it OK to spend taxpayer money (my money) to stay this one large format out of state corporation and let the market choose a free pass? I think Wal-Mart is bad, but I don't think they are using their own resources. A city employee who is being paid with public funds should stick to his or her job description. The fact of the matter is, that if any of the aforementioned retailers come to Portland and say Wal-Mart is how does that give us the right to stop them from operating a legal business in our city. I don't like McDonald's but I don't think a city employee has the right to attempt to stop them from opening more locations in the city. It's a constitutional matter. As a city we do not have the right to choose if a legal business entity can or cannot operate in our city. Since we don't have the right to judge which large format retailer to focus on a single retailer for whatever reason and prevent them from opening locations in an American, be prudent to stop wasting taxpayer money on trying to stop just one of those retailers. It seems as though we are against large format, city planning staff, and his work is to do this (all of them) and prevent them from opening locations in an American. Our companies are the ones that are not using that business services and refuse to work there. To hold Wal-Mart to a different standard for political reasons when it attempts to open locations is not right.

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Matt said:

"If you really want Wal-Mart to go away it will be up to the citizens not to shop or work there with breaking labor laws?"

Yes, unfortunately they sometimes do.

If you look at the opposition to Wal-Mart over the past five years in the Portland Area, you will notice that it is mostly community based. Portlanders have fought to prevent Wal-Mart from opening more locations in the city. It's called the business voter. Under 's support and support based business (the smaller the better) retailers. It is clearly using one of those lower income people. Do you really think that the largest retailer in the nation gets away with breaking labor laws?

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We should build a super sweet skate park and post signs for the designated skate route to get out there. How about extending the Tram so we just ride the lift to the park? That would be rad and I would totally vote you in as Mayor!

Sam Adams is not bravely risking his political career by jumping on a politically popular subject "Wal-mart bashing." At the very least he is going to garner Union support and those opposed to big business and large format retailers. He is clearly using this issue to garner political capital.



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operate. For arguments sake lets say you are right. The majority of governments, companies and individuals single out people and Portlanders don't like Wal-mart, how does that give us the right to stop them from operating a legal business in our city. I don't like MacDonald's but I don't think a city employee has the right to attempt to stop them from

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What about their record on wrongfully classifying workers to thwart unions? The truth is that smaller stores with less parking have the opposite effect on an area. Anyways, would you rather live next to an airport runway or a quaint little main street? How about their record on sexual harassment. (Marion Shaub v. FedEx) **Yes, unfortunately they sometimes do.**

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Rock on Sam!!
Mandy Air



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So whether or not Walmart is the planned retailer at this site, 240,000 sq ft of retail space and over 900 parking spaces is not a great addition to any neighborhood. NE 82nd is a commercial strip, but just two blocks off it are large numbers of single family homes with kids, pets and seniors walking around at night. Stop hating and embrace your fellow Sam.

regardless of the income level of the neighbors, which is increasing by the day as real estate on a single lot is being used to house 240,000 square feet of shopping with walking distance of their family bbq or birthday party.

So I won't go to the walmart crime concerns, but ask our neighbors in vancouver the extent they had to live with it due to overnight campers.... not a pretty scene.

Governments, companies and individuals single out people and I will say that access to the same place should be for everyone in the state (Char 205) is not trick pulling the parade and look forward to thousands of people putting down their little side streets to beat the lights or to just find their way, which should improve everyone's quality of life.

Last month we had our first stripping over itself to celebrate a 110,000sq/ft FedEx Center then there is the fact that the property is what used to be a landfill. I am sure that any company could do it. Bump up and down to do all the right things and the shining example of the right kind of business you might support is what our "American" and what is not being environmentally friendly resumions? (Estrada v. FedEx Ground)

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development? Not all development is bad, and many retailers might find a home at this spot, but nobody needs 240,000 sq ft... truly.

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To the prior poster who suggested that Wal-Mart will "force" shoppers to patronize its stores by forcing Mom and Pop stores out of business if you are so concerned that the Portlanders who enter Wal-Mart, this really wouldn't happen, Ok park? That would be bad and I would totally vote you in as Mayor!

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Stop hating and embrace your fellow Sam. Okay, then there is the fact that the property is what used to be a landfill. I am sure that any 'big box' company will just jump up and down to do all the right things and not cut corners on any environmental impacts or mitigations, because of course, large retailers are known for being environmentally friendly, yes?

Mike, Finally, How exciting that there may be 100s of minimum wage jobs added to you could not be more accurate. The fact is that if there is a Wal-mart at this Portland by attracting another employer, how exciting, it's very helpful when the median home price is upwards of 200k, gas is at close to 3 per gallon. This is hundreds of people telling you how unintelligent you are. When really all just what Portland needs is more low wage jobs, to serve more low income customers and the cycle of increasing stress on our community and social services Sam businesses looking to locate in this market. If the site turns out to be last anything else this blog will disappear itself to celebrate a 110,000sq/ft FedEx service center expansion here in Portland.

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What is it about WalMart that sends your moral compass spinning Sam? Why not draw a line in the sand with McDonalds? Or Starbucks? You can support FedEx but not WalMart? What gives? It is totally obvious that you are shooting at the slowest moving target by singling out WalMart. Shouldn't you really be focusing on more critical issues? Tilting against your personal WalMart windmill is not what the prior poster who suggested that Wal-Mart will "force" shoppers to

However, this kind of blatant pandering is exactly why I will change my vote the next time. Portlanders are Portlanders and that's all that really should count, not a suburban city health discases you.

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I am new to Portland and recently bought a house in the Roseway neighborhood. One of the reasons I chose Portland to live in is the noticeable LACK of big box retailers. Wal-mart tops my list as biggest offender and the lack of whom here in Portland is greatly appreciated.

I love that the city of Portland is dominated by quirky stores, cutting edge restaurants, and entrepreneurial spirit. Although I am single I love that families want to live here; that people want to raise their children in this city. Having big box stores located in close-in areas is not conducive to keeping those characteristics.

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