

Orenco Station

Neighborhood Greens, +/- 0.25 acres

Portland, Oregon

Walk Score – 62, Somewhat Walkable

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Numerous pockets of open space exist within Orenco Station. Some of these pockets, or transitional spaces, may be called neighborhood greens as they serve to promote visual stimulation and enhance the pedestrian shed within a neighborhood setting. Orenco Station is a mixed-use development just outside the City of Portland and connected via light-rail system. There are a variety of retail, restaurant and civic uses within the development which also includes a strong single-family and multi-family residential component.

Since Orenco Station has a heavy residential component, these neighborhood greens are important spaces within the community. These areas are flexible in that they allow for active or passive pursuits and may serve as a social gathering point or place for quiet contemplation. In addition to the social value, neighborhood greens are also environmentally valuable as they provide a pervious surface area for rainwater and offer a natural setting to filter air and water toxins. Neighborhood greens also hold economic value in tight-knit communities such as Orenco Station, where lots are small and valued at a premium. These areas provide natural buffers and connote a sense of natural security.