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Dartmouth Overlook in the Tigard Triangle

On Wednesday August 12th, the City of Tigard took another step along the path toward a more walkable, interconnected and healthy community. The city invited residents and employees in the Tigard Triangle to its newest Lighter Quicker Cheaper project -- the newly created _Dartmouth Overlook_ at the corner of SW 68th and Dartmouth.

Tigard's Lighter, Quicker Cheaper projects are inexpensive and impactful actions that improve walkability, connectivity and health in Tigard. This hillside overlook, on city right-of-way, offers visitors an opportunity to appreciate the geography of the city with a view across Tigard.

"We are getting better at finding opportunities in small overlooked spaces," said Kenny Asher, Tigard's Community Development Director. "It's amazing how small improvements like this can bump up the walkability of a place."

The Dartmouth Overlook captures the view over the Tigard Triangle and west to the Chehalem Mountains. A short paved path leads to four seating stones where visitors take in the view.

"A lot of Tigard's paths, parks and trails are in residential neighborhoods," said Gary Pagenstecher, city planner and visionary behind the Dartmouth Overlook. "This project integrates an unused open space for people who spend their work day in the Tigard Triangle."

The centerpiece of the overlook is a short paved trail and four basalt blocks quarried from Camas Washington that create a seating area for visitors. The space was created by Tigard's Public Works Department with input from a team of city planners.

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Photo and map on following page.

Below: Dartmouth Overlook on the corner of SW 68th and Dartmouth.

Below: Dartmouth Overlook (outlined in red) actives unused space in the Tigard Triangle.