

Oregon Historic Site Form

Green Thumb Facility
6801 60th
Portland, Multnomah County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 6801 SE 60th apprx. addr

historic name: Green Thumb Facility

Portland vcnty Multnomah County

current/ other names: _____

Optional Information

assoc addresses: _____
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr: _____
(remote sites)

block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____

township: _____ range: _____ section: _____ 1/4: _____

zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1

total # eligible resources: 0 total # ineligible resources: 8

elig. evaluation: not eligible/non-contributing

NR status: _____

primary constr date: 1974 (c.) secondary date: _____ (c.)
(optional--use for major addns)

NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: School

orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: AGRICULTURAL: General

prim style comments: Agricultural buildings include instructional buildings and greenhouses and outbuildings

primary style: Other / Undefined

sec style comments: _____

secondary style: _____

siding comments: _____

primary siding: Cement Fiber Siding

architect: _____

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined

builder: _____

plan type: Other/Undefined

comments/notes: _____

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: PPS Historic Building Assessment 2009 Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: _____ external site #: 305
(ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____

ILS survey date: 6/22/2009

RLS survey date: 6/22/2009

Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



Greenhouses

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

Summary Description

The Green Thumb Facility is situated in the Brentwood Darlington neighborhood of southeast Portland at 6801 SE 60th Avenue. The 13.05 acre-campus consists of a residential style office/caretaker building, an L-shaped classroom building, a rectangular portable, three greenhouses, a rectangular workshop building, a vehicle storage structure, and several small sheds. The collection of buildings is surrounded by large fields, several smaller planting areas, and multiple clusters of trees.

Architectural Description

The Green Thumb Facility is situated in the Brentwood Darlington neighborhood of southeast Portland at 7200 SE 60th Avenue. Development in the neighborhood consists of primarily single family residences constructed between 1925 and 1950 (Sanborn Maps updated to 1950). The 13.05-acre campus retains a pastoral quality due to its location immediately to the west of Lane Middle School and Brentwood Park. Fields, planting areas, and fruit trees occupy the south and north portions of the campus. The primary entrance to the facility is from SE 60th Avenue.

The principal structures on the campus are three greenhouses. The largest, a 22,019 square foot rectangular complex, is comprised of five attached rectangular structures located in the center of the parcel. The double height space is covered by a gable roof supported by steel trusses. Cladding for the exterior consists of corrugated composition panels. The middle panels are operable in the manner of a hopper window. Two additional greenhouses are located in the northwest corner of the campus. Cladding for the wood frame structures consists of a corrugated acrylic material. An arched metal frame supports the roofs.

The primary conditioned spaces are located in the northeast corner of the campus. The largest building is an L-shaped classroom building. The wood frame structure is clad in plywood siding. Fenestration consists of grouped metal frame windows. Asphalt shingles clad the cross gable roof. A portable classroom building, covered by a gable roof, provides space for two classrooms. Cladding for the building consists of plywood panels sandwiched between the expressed steel frame. A two story residential style building serves as the office and caretaker's space. This building is clad in horizontal board siding. A broad roof overhang covers a 2nd story deck and a ground floor patio.

Other structures on the campus include a rectangular workshop, a vehicle storage building, and two sheds. Corrugated metal panels provide the cladding for the walls and roof of the Industrial style workshop. The gable roof is supported by metal arches. The vehicle storage building is covered by a shed roof. Cladding consists of metal panels on the north, west, and south elevations and operable chain link gates on the east elevation. The utilitarian sheds are covered with T-1-11 siding.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

Statement of Significance

In 1970, Portland Public Schools established a career development program in which students developed new skills in the area of construction and landscape maintenance. The program initially operated in rented space at the Jeibmann Greenhouses. In 1974 the district devoted a portion of the Lane High School site for the program. The initial structures on the site included a portable, a utility building, a storage shed, and the principal green house. In 1976 students from Marshall High School constructed the caretaker's house/office building. The three-room classroom building was added to the campus in 1986 (Portland Chronology Binder). The district currently leases a large portion of the greenhouse facility to Portland State University and the Chinese Gardens.

Although representative of an innovative program designed to assist students in developing job skills, the Green Thumb Facility does not appear to be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A for an association with the development of Portland Public Schools planning, curriculum, or other events. The Green Thumb facility is not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C as archival research does not indicate it is associated with the work of a significant builder or architect. Additionally, the eclectic range of buildings and structures do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | |

Local Library: Multnomah County Library

University Library: Portland State University Library

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Historical Society: Oregon Historical Society Other Repository: PPS Archives

Bibliography: Bibliography

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Office building



Classroom building



Portable



Workshop



Greenhouse

**Green Thumb Facility
Exterior Photos
ENTRIX, 2009**



Classroom interior



Office interior



Workshop interior



Greenhouse interior



Interior portable

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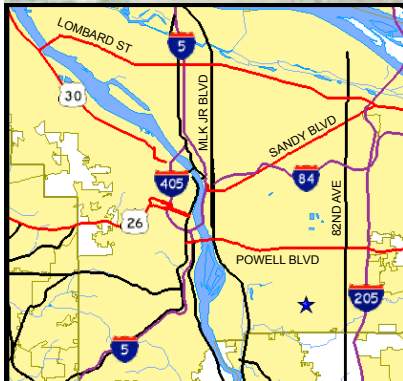
[View Site in Google Maps](#)






2009 photograph of the greenhouses at the Green Thumb Facility.



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Historical Significance and Building Integrity

-  Contrib: High Significance
-  Contrib: Moderate Signif.
-  Non-Contributing



Building Periods

1. Original Campus (305A), 1974
2. Classroom Addition (305B), 1976
3. Classroom Additions (305C), 1986