

Portland Loos

*Public restroom facilities focused on access,
safety, and durability*



Thank You!

Cleveland City Council

- Councilman Kerry McCormack
- Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones

Funding and Implementation Partners

- Cuyahoga County
- The Cleveland Foundation
- Campus District, Inc.
- Downtown Cleveland, Inc
- Ohio City, Inc.



Why Public Toilets?

Human Dignity

Our ability to respond to a universal biological need is a basic human right. Everyone deserves to have access to a toilet without question or purchase.

Full Participation in Public Life

Some of us need to use the restroom more than others. Public restroom access ensures that those of us who have medical challenges, are older, younger, menstruating, or pregnant can spend time in public spaces stress-free.

Livable, Walkable Communities

Public toilets help us get out of cars and onto our feet, our bicycles, and mass transit. We feel comfortable and welcome in places where it's easy to find public facilities.

***Source:** Public Hygiene Lets Us Stay Human (PHLUSH), www.phlush.org/why-public-toilets*



What is a Portland Loo?

The Portland Loo is a nationally and internationally celebrated public restroom that focuses on access, safety, and durability.

- Freestanding, gender-neutral, handicap accessible public restroom facility.
- Designed in Portland, OR in response to increased homelessness in the wake of the 2008 recession.
- Designed to seamlessly integrate into its surrounding environment.



Project History

COVID-19 Pandemic

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shutters all public and
most private
business restrooms.

Waste Problems

Campus District and Ohio
City begin to experience
human waste problems due
to closed restrooms.

Temporary Solutions

OCI receives funding for 10
port-a-potty trailers to close
the public restroom gap in
Ohio City and Campus
District during the duration
of the pandemic. The
restrooms are successful
and have no significant
maintenance or safety
issues.

Purchase of Loos

CARES Act funds,
disbursed by the Cleveland
Foundation to Campus
District, Inc., are used to
purchase 4 Portland Loos
following successful
temporary restroom pilot.



What does this legislation do?

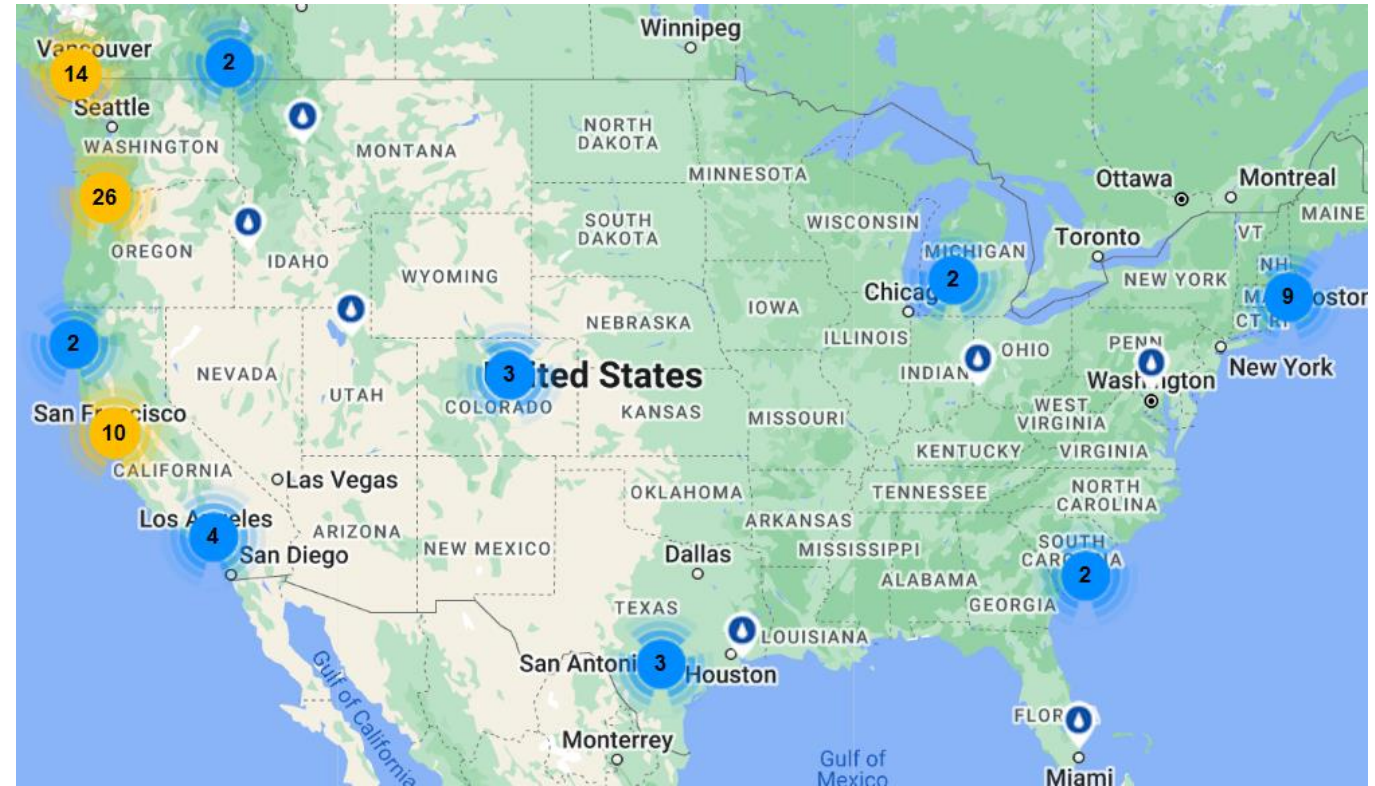
- ★ This legislation transfers the ownership of three Portland Loo structures from Campus District, Inc to the City of Cleveland.
- ★ Confirmation of ownership allows the City to enter a new phase of planning for the installation and maintenance of the Loos.



Why Portland Loo?

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- Is easy to maintain, energy efficient, and adaptable to cold weather.
- Costs less than a port-a-potty to maintain.
- Can sustain a daily volume of usage comparable to airport restrooms.
- Currently operates in more than 90 locations in 20 cities across the US.



Structure and Functionality

- **Stainless steel structure with anti-graffiti finish**
- **Open bottom and top allow sight lines and sounds to carry outside the restrooms while maintaining privacy**
- **Exterior handwashing station**
- **Baby changing station**
- **Built-in hose and cleaning cabinet**
- **Able to function year-round**
- **Elegant design that fits aesthetics of Downtown**



How were locations determined?

The City of Cleveland evaluated and scored potential locations for the Loos based on the below criteria.

- ★ **Diverse Public Need** – The Loo is placed in an area that will serve many residents with diverse needs.
- ★ **Safety** – The Loo is placed in a highly visible, well-lit, and populated area.
- ★ **Utilities** – The Loo is placed near to water and sewer lines so as not to drive up installation costs.
- ★ **Long-Term Maintenance** – There is a partner in the area willing to take on the long-term maintenance of the Loo.



Planned Locations

City of Cleveland installed and owned:

- **Canal Basin Park (2)**
- **Perk Plaza**

Cuyahoga County installed and owned:

- **Virgil E. Brown Neighborhood Family Services Center**



Operation and Maintenance

The City is working with partners to maintain City-owned Loos on the following schedule:

Hours of Operation	Mon – Sat Cleaning Schedule	Sunday Cleaning Schedule
Summer Hours 8am-10pm <i>(April 15th-October 15th)</i>	Morning – 8:00am Afternoon – 2:00pm Evening – 7:00pm	Morning – 8:00am Evening – 5:30pm
Winter Hours 8am-7pm <i>(October 15th-April 15th)</i>	Morning – 8:00am Afternoon – 1:00pm Evening – 6:00pm	Morning – 8:00am Evening – 3:30pm



Next Steps

Once the City has ownership of the Loos and confirmation the project will continue, we can begin to take further action to move towards installation and planning for the structures to be opened to the public. These further actions include:

- Finalizing siting of the structure and coordinating installations with the Operations cluster
- Finalizing a maintenance contract with partners
- Continued coordination with Public Safety on issues related to lighting, cameras, and other safety precautions
- Communications to potential users



Questions?

