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Interview with Alisa Kane, Office of Sustainable Development,
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Alisa Kane

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Interviewer: Daniel

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Time Notes

Grew up in town on Long Island 60 miles outside of New York City.	Left New York at age of 18 and went to college in St. Lewis.
Moved to Portland in 1994	Started grad school in 2002 and obtained masters degree in regional planning at Portland State University.
Started work work at age of 15.	Worked for a library and then for a newspaper.
Worked at PSU in the facilities and planning department as	Interned at the city of Portland, which led to full-time job.

an intern.	
Recycling programs require a lot of customer service.	Customers want to know who their disposal services is and what can be recycled.
First green building project was remodeling a single-family home.	Remodeling project was done with salvaged materials from the rebuilding center.
Rebuilding Center accepts donations from general public and sells products at discounted rates.	Green Building department provides regarding environmentally safe building projects.
Advice is provided to architects as well s the general public.	Green Building Office holds multiple events for the public.
Events include “fix-it fairs,” which help people do energy-efficient and environmentally safe remodeling	Green building classes usually offered during spring.

projects.	
Home tours available to general public.	Leed Accredited Professional
Took Leed examination in October.	Energy-Efficiency will be mandatory for Leed certification.
Alisa addressed social issues she thought were important.	Examples included reducing homelessness and increasing education.
Wants to see more homes built next to transit stations and grocery stores.	Comments on the future of green building
Wants to see reduction in the use of vehicles.	Wants more homes close to shopping and work
Recommends that parking garages be used to accommodate homeless people.	

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