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2013 ANNUAL REPORT

A Note from our Executive Director

People and places matter. With each year we continue to be excited about and thankful for our connections, collaborations and relationships with people and organizations that allow us to help build stronger communities. This past year is no exception.

In our Housing Studio, we are honored to work with partners providing affordable and low-income housing to people across Washington State. Designing new as well as renovating and preserving existing housing, we are working to help close the gap of need for affordable housing for all—people with disabilities or mental illness, veterans, native tribal members, farmworkers, seniors, families and the homeless. Housing for all strengthens the backbone of our society, and gives people a solid place from which to lead a successful life.

In our Community Facilities Studio, work is underway building a new kitchen classroom for a garden-to-table nutrition education program for Seattle middle-school children, helping to connect kids to healthy food and reduce childhood obesity. We are sharing our expertise in childcare design, providing plan review for Seattle Public Schools' BEX IV schools. And through projects like a cultural community center and a resource center for at-risk families, our Community Facilities Fund helps our local nonprofit partners to nurture inspiring seeds of ideas for new community facilities to grow into viable projects, funding feasibility studies that leverage future funds for capital improvements.

In our Special Projects Studio, we are helping to make life seamless for people with disabilities, designing homes and community gathering spaces specifically for their needs. Working with homeless shelter providers, we work to create places that provide stability for people in vulnerable situations. We are also helping nonprofit organizations save money and valuable natural resources with energy efficiency retrofits and envelope improvements that extend the lifespan of existing buildings.

We are ever thankful for the cultivation of partnerships, new and continuing, grateful to our Board for their inspiration and guidance, and honored and humbled to be continuing the work started by UW architecture professors and students 44 years ago – known then and now as Environmental Works.

As we move into our 45th year, we invite you to stop by, so we can continue to learn from each other and work together to create places that matter.



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What's New in Fire Station Seven

Studio Specialization

This year we formalized Studios in the work to which we've long been committed:

Bill Singer, Director of Architecture, leads the **Housing Studio**

Sally Knodell, Senior Architect, leads the **Community Facilities Studio**

Dan Baldner, Senior Architect, leads the **Special Projects Studio**

Welcome aboard

Aaron Allan joined the office in October as a Designer. Aaron brings to the office detail-oriented creative support and a great sense of humor.

David Barlow, a labor attorney, joined the Board of Directors in March.

Holly Golden, a land use attorney, joined the Board in November.

Welcome, all!

Onward

We bade farewell to Charla Lemoine, Rachel Minnery and Christopher Palms, who take with them our gratitude for their inspiring and hard work at Environmental Works. Christopher and Charla moved on to other firms in Seattle, while Rachel joined Architecture for Humanity's Hurricane Sandy rebuilding efforts in New York.

Thank you, Autodesk Foundation!

Through a new nonprofit software donation initiative, the Autodesk Foundation's Technology Impact Program granted Environmental Works Autodesk Building Design Suite licenses for Revit and AutoCAD. Along with new computers and the latest version of VectorWorks, we are fully equipped to meet all of our projects' technology needs.



Partnerships Pay Off

Working with our Tacoma-based client the **Asia Pacific Cultural Center**, we drew our highest level of donations to-date in The Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG fund-stretching program -- exceeding 2012's results in dollars and donors. GiveBIG stretches contributions from this one day giving event and helps put Environmental Works out there BIG time. We thank The Seattle Foundation and its outgoing President/CEO Norm Rice for this community-serving program -- and for including Environmental Works among beneficiaries.

To inspire donations to Environmental Works, a generous anonymous donor matched GiveBIG 2013 contributions, resulting in a total of \$10,000 to provide feasibility support for Asia Pacific's mixed-use cultural center (grocery, housing, cultural center, gardens and food court). Results of this feasibility project appeared in our February 2014 newsletter – [click here](#) to read more.

Celebrations

We had the great honor of presenting the **Place of Hidden Waters Puyallup Longhouse**, winner of a 2013 SEED Award for Excellence in Public Interest Design at the 13th annual Structures for Inclusion/inaugural Public Interest Design Week in Minneapolis in March. The project also won the SFI People's Choice Award. We had a fantastic experience, enjoying the company of like-minded professionals from around the world.

The Jefferson was named an Affordable Housing Finance Magazine Readers' Choice Finalist. Kudos to Capitol Hill Housing and all our partners on the 40-unit workforce housing project, among the nation's best developments of 2012-2013!

Youth Haven, a 17-bed transitional shelter and Friends of Youth's latest addition to their network of housing for homeless Eastside youth, opened on their new Kirkland campus in June. Development consultant: Centerra.

Terry Home's new 12-bed residential facility for traumatic brain injury survivors opened in Auburn in September. Development Consultant: Navarre + Pollowitz and Associates.

All Pilgrims Church completed installation of a new roof and voluntary seismic improvements at their historic Broadway home on Capitol Hill. With Ally Community Development



On the Boards: Projects in the Pipeline

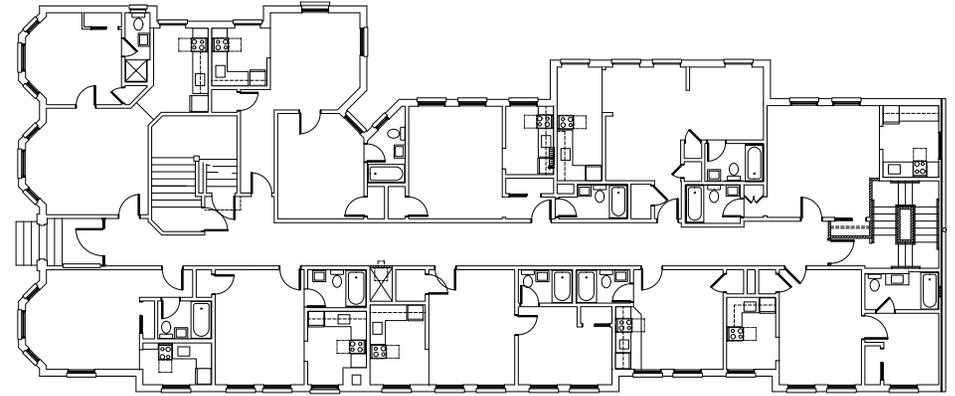
We've partnered with new and previous clients for new projects, and go forward with projects in design and permitting stages:

Hazel Plaza: Home to 16 low-income households, two existing buildings owned by Capitol Hill Housing will be given a facelift while at the same time reducing energy costs for residents. Exterior work includes a new roof, new siding, new wall insulation and new energy-efficient windows and sliding glass doors. Improvements to the interior of the units will include new cabinets and new flooring among other upgrades. The residents will remain in their homes during construction.

Two projects for **PROVAIL:** a 14-bed supportive residential facility in Shoreline with Navarre + Pollowitz, and a Brainworks Clubhouse day center in Seattle, both for people living with Traumatic Brain Injury.

Green Plate Special: a new kitchen classroom for this garden-to-table nutrition education program for middle-school students in Seattle's Central District.

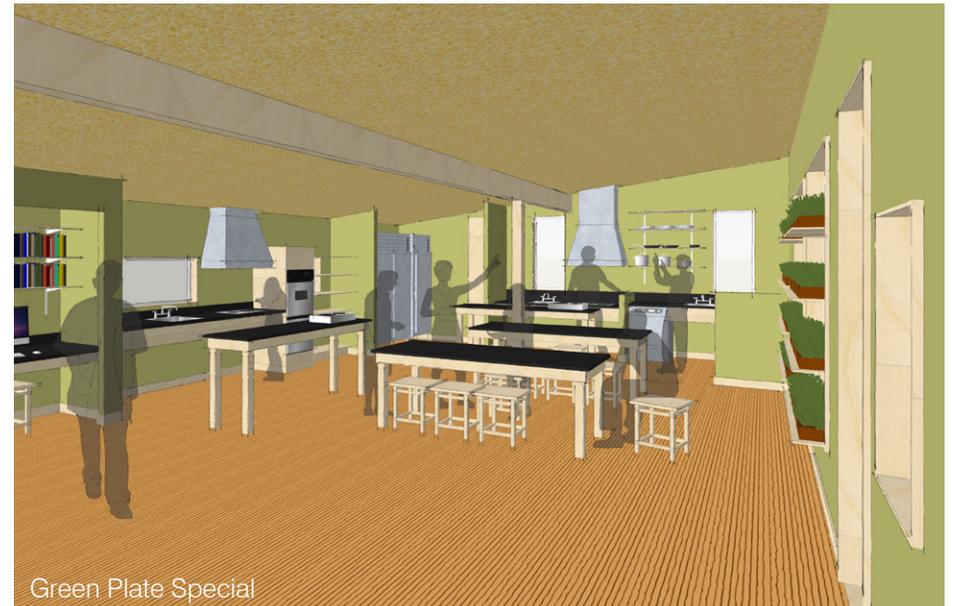
Haines Apartments: The low-income seniors living in this building were saved from displacement when Capitol Hill Housing purchased the building in 2012. This 30-unit building will be upgraded with much need life-safety improvements including a new fire stair and fire sprinkler system, phased seismic improvements, as well as various electrical and heating improvements.



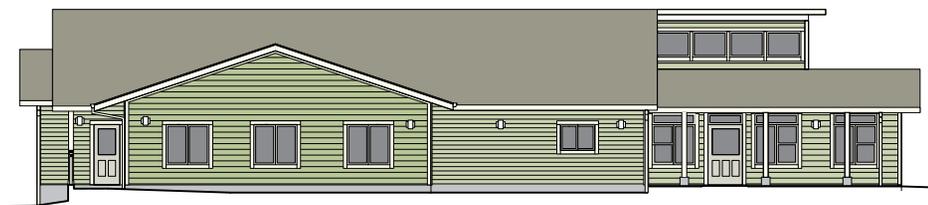
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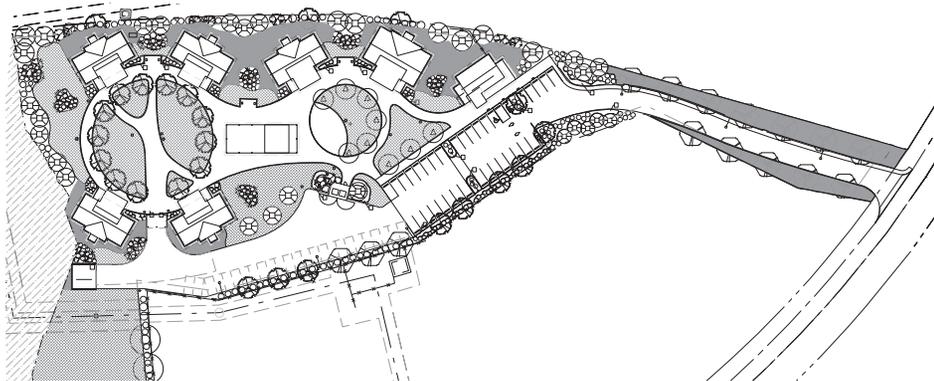
PROVAIL Supportive Home

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Sunnyside Family Housing: 40 units of new affordable farmworker and workforce family housing, with the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing and the Sunnyside Housing Authority. This project will focus on creating homes and a neighborhood that promote healthy, active lifestyles, and will incorporate a community design process with future residents.

Kenmore Family Shelter: This existing 9-unit apartment building is owned by the King County Housing Authority and run as a family shelter by Hopelink, development consulting by Milestone Management. Renovation work will increase the number of available shelter beds by adding two new units. Exterior improvements will include new insulation, siding, windows and doors, improving energy efficiency and giving the building a new, updated appearance. The entry to the building will be more inviting, the units more accessible and family friendly.

Columbia Confluence: Near the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers, this new seasonal farmworker housing will provide much-needed, dignified housing for migrant farmworkers in Chelan County. Seven buildings will house over 200 individuals, including families with children. The focus of the site design is to create a comfortable social environment with opportunities for community gathering including semi-private porches, shared sitting areas between buildings, a covered outdoor commons structure, and large outdoor spaces to accommodate barbeques, a children's play area and a soccer field. with the Washington Growers League and the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing.



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In the Works: Projects under Construction

We have the pleasure of watching our designs become real in projects located throughout Western Washington, serving a range of clients.

Sail River Longhouse: 21 units of supportive housing at the Sail River Heights Subdivision in Neah Bay, with the Makah Tribal Housing Authority and Ally Community Development. The Longhouse will be the first permanent supportive housing project for homeless Native Americans on tribal lands in the Pacific Northwest.

Bay Vista Senior Apartments: 81 units of low-income senior housing in Bremerton, with ABHOW, Beacon Development Group, and Bremerton Housing Authority.

The Caroline W: 44 apartments for formerly homeless people living with chronic mental illness on Capitol Hill, with Community Housing Mental Health Agency and Bellwether Housing (formerly Common Ground).

Mason County Shelter and Shelton Creek Apartments: a 7-unit homeless family shelter, and an 8-unit apartment building for low-income families in Shelton, with Bellwether Housing

Santos Place: Energy efficiency, seismic, & cosmetic improvements for a 42-unit transitional housing project at the historic Sand Point Naval Base, originally built in 1944 as Navy barracks, with Solid Ground and Ally Community Development.



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Measuring Our Impact

In summer 2013, we undertook a study to learn more about the impact of our projects on constituents and communities. As part of the process, Environmental Works Designer Jess Blanch created a short film featuring our work with the West Seattle Food Bank including interviews with clients and staff – the film premiered at the Northwest Film Forum in August. Many thanks go to ChangeStream Media for their great Digital Storytelling Workshop experience. Watch for the film to be posted soon to our website along with more information on how we're measuring our impact.

Community Service

In December, Environmental Works staff and board members prepared a dinner for 25 women at Noel House, a women's emergency shelter at Bakhita Gardens in Belltown. We really enjoy staying connected to past clients and giving back to our community.

Community Engagement

We celebrated Environmental Works' 43rd Earth Day Anniversary with our annual Parklet on April 22 – a great sunny success! Many thanks to our friends and neighbors who helped blow out the candles, especially Barker Landscape Architects, Swanson's Nursery, BUNS Burgers and Parfait Ice Cream.

Environmental Works, a nonprofit Community Design Center, empowers Washington's most vulnerable people and communities to create the spaces they need to succeed. People and Places Matter!

