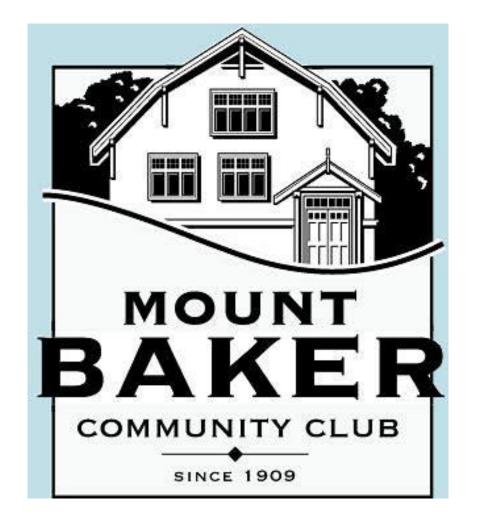
# Community Meeting April 4, 2022 Development in the Rainier Corridor

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Flora Temple, Executive Director Mount Baker Hub Alliance

Sue Cary, Vice President and Treasurer, Mount Baker Housing

Shirish Mulherkar, Consultant, Seattle JazzED Co-Founder





Flora Tempel, Executive Director

# **ABOUT US**

- → Leading placemaking and clean ups in Station Area
- → Partnerships, advocacy, and business services throughout Mt. Baker



# **Neighborhood Clean Ups**



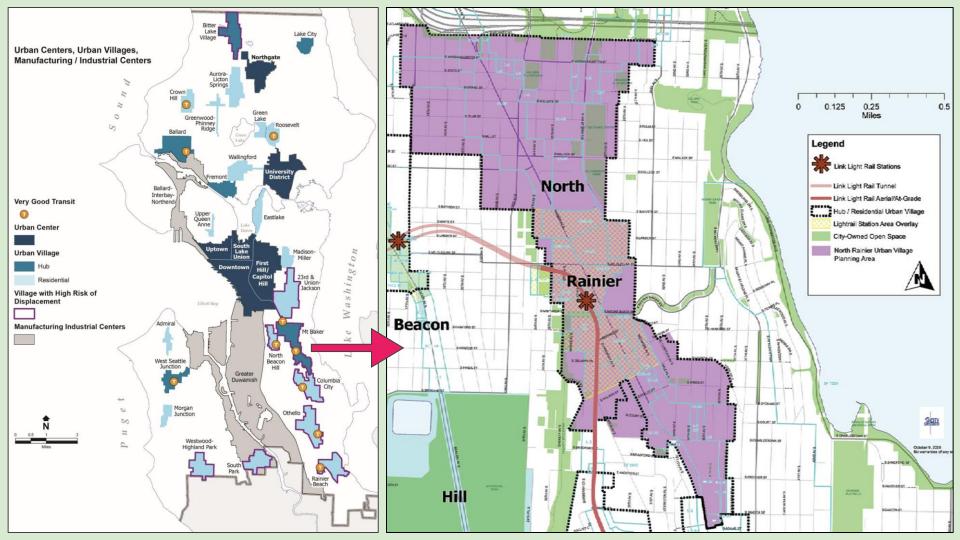






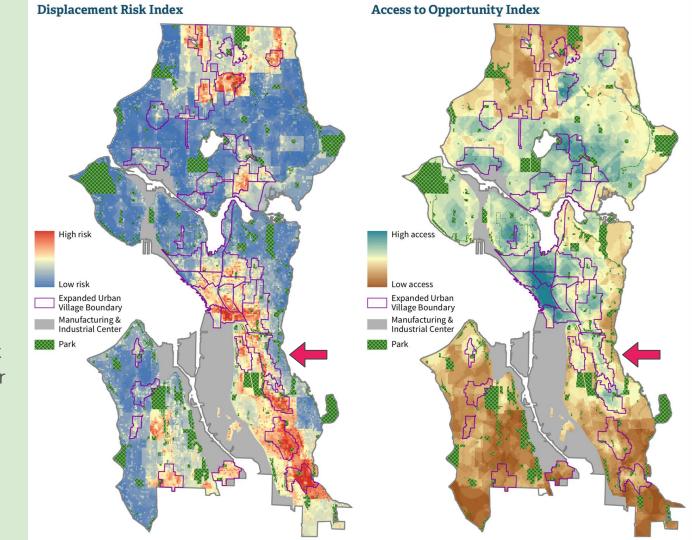


**Placemaking** 



- → **High**Displacement
  Risk
- → **High** Access to Opportunity

"New development could cause displacement if not coupled with public sector investment to stabilize existing communities."



# TOWN CENTER VISION & VALUES

mtbakerhub.org/values

## → Thriving

- Dense, safe, inclusive, & unique commercial district
- Opportunities for youth

#### → Diverse

- Universal accessibility
- Legacy businesses & history

### → Sustainable

Restoration & green jobs

### → Affordable

- Welcoming to all income levels
- Variety of housing types & sizes

#### → Mixed

 Residential, commercial, & light industrial w/ diverse jobs

# PLANNING HISTORY

## 1994

 Urban Village model established

## 2009

Light Rail opens

### 2016

 Accessible Mt. Baker project is published after a 2-year planning process

## 2019

 Near-term improvements to MLK Way and Rainier intersection proposed as alternative to AMB

## 1999

- North Rainier
   Neighborhood plan completed
- First proposal to create transit-oriented Town Center

## 2010

- Neighborhood plan updated
- Huge outreach process that continues to shape neighborhood goals

## 2019

 New MHA zoning takes effect

## 2020

- UW Laundry sites transferred
- COVID-19 stalls development

# ACCESSIBLE MT. BAKER

- → Unable to fund due to budget changes in 2017
- → Complete build out unlikely right now

#### **Accessible Mt. Baker**

#### Crashes

- Crashes in period 2010 2013\*:
  - 1. Rainier/MLK /Mt Baker Blvd 76
  - 2. Rainier/McClellan 65
  - 3. MLK/McClellan 42
  - 4. Rainier/Bayview 34
  - 5. MLK/Bayview 18
  - 6. Rainier/Forest 16
- City guideline for high crash locations is 10 or more per year at signalized intersections (40 or more in 4 year period)

<sup>\*</sup> Included crashes involving people walking or biking



# Accessible Mt. Baker



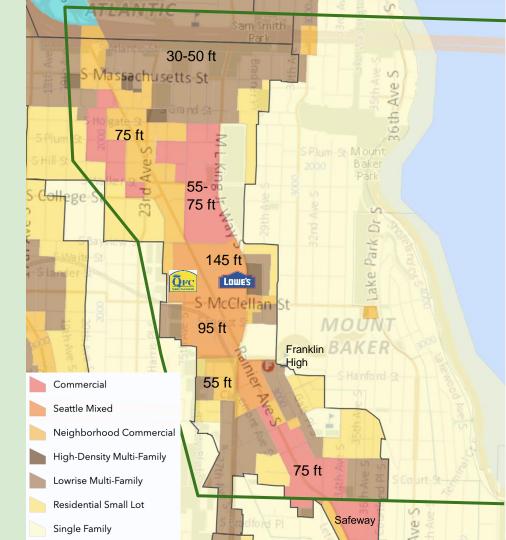
# 2022-2024 TRANSIT PROJECTS





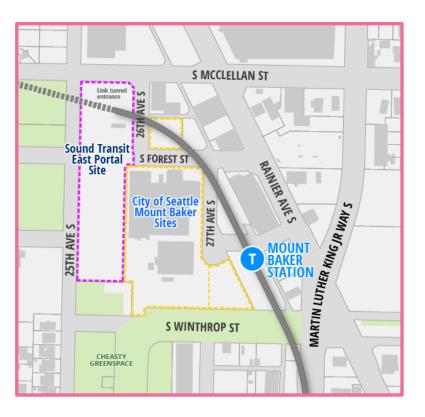
# **2019 ZONING**

- → One story is 10-12 ft, expect 5-9 stories throughout area
- → Lowe's site has most height increase, up to 12-14 stories
- → Second highest around Station
- → Tapers off north and south





# MT. BAKER STATION AREA DEVELOPMENT



- UW sites transferred to the City of Seattle
  - UW Laundry, Kings Hall, and parking area under guideway transferred in June 2020
- Affordable housing, childcare, and early learning confirmed for development
  - Required by terms of transfer
  - Office of Housing leading affordable development
  - ◆ UW College of Education pursuing opportunity for Rainier Valley Early Learning Center
- Adjacent Sound Transit site
  - ◆ Plans to redevelop as affordable housing
- Potential for new open space!
  - Close park gap, meeting longstanding neighborhood goal



# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In 2021, the Office of Housing and Sound Transit collected community input on how the site could look and feel to develop qualities and outcomes desired at the new development.

#### Outreach included:

- o Online survey and Q&A sessions
- o Presentations to community organizations
- In-language focus groups
- o Small business outreach in station area







# TOP QUALITIES AND OUTCOMES

**Family and community-centered design** in buildings, open space, and programming

Design, features, and uses that celebrate and support the **community's history and diversity** 

A development that is **inviting**, **welcoming**, **and integrated** with the community

Design and features that **enhance personal and community safety**, including
pedestrian safety and safety from crime

**Positive living experience** for building residents, including natural light in units and privacy from other buildings

Open space and programming that is wellused, promotes health and wellness, and serves all ages and abilities

# **TIMELINE**

## November 2020

Begin Site Planning and Urban Design study

## June 2021

- Community provides feedback on site plan ideas and features
- OH develops top qualities and outcomes desired at the new development

## Summer 2022

- Release Phase I redevelopment Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
- Multi-year, multi-phase redevelopment begins

## February 2021

 Community provides guidance on how new development could look and feel

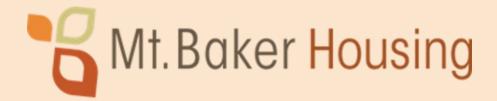
## December 2021

 Final report with engagement summary released

# Winter 2022 and beyond

- Development team is identified
- Community engagement continues





- Building affordable housing in Mt. Baker since 1990.
- In 2002, had 200 units
- By 2023, expect to offer over 500 units throughout SE Seattle
- Upcoming projects in Mt. Baker: Maddux at McClellan, Grand Street Commons



Mt. Baker Housing is dedicated to providing affordable housing in southeast Seattle. We revitalize and preserve existing structures as well as build new properties utilizing innovative funding partnerships along with efficient renovation and construction practices.

# **MADDUX**





- 206 units across two buildings
- 35% 2-bed and 3-bedroom apartments
- Affordable for 50-60% AMI, or \$66k/year for a family of 4
- Mixed use with retail at ground floor

# GRAND STREET COMMONS





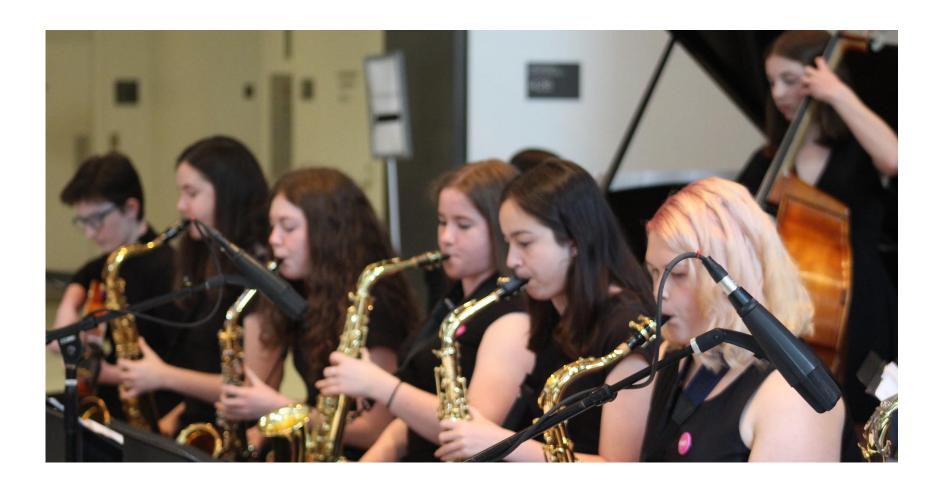
- 707 units total, 202 in MBHA building
- 25% 2-bed and 3-bedroom apartments
- ♦ Affordable for 50-60% AMI
- Art & retail

"I think any place where people can share ideas and have respect for each other's point of view and culture... it's a good place.

There's such a divide now, we need that now more than ever.

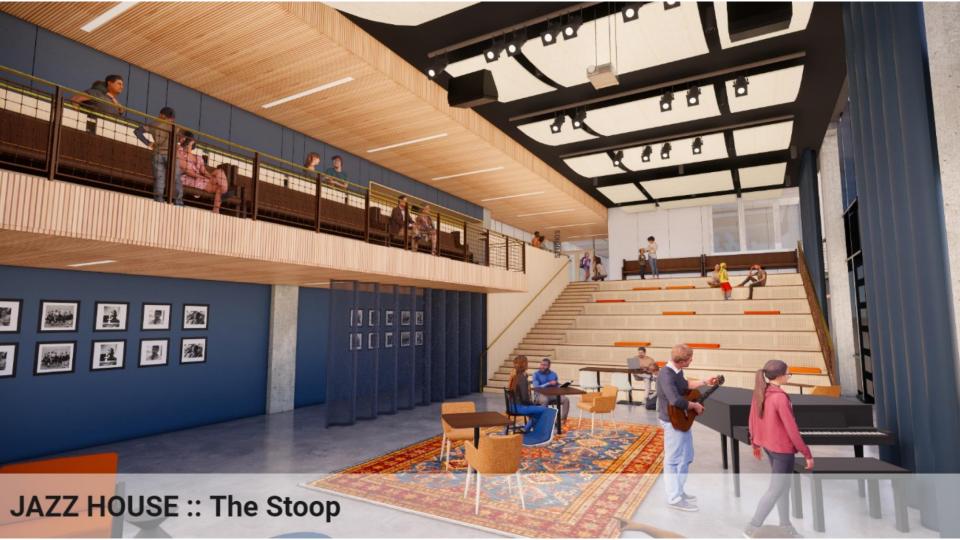




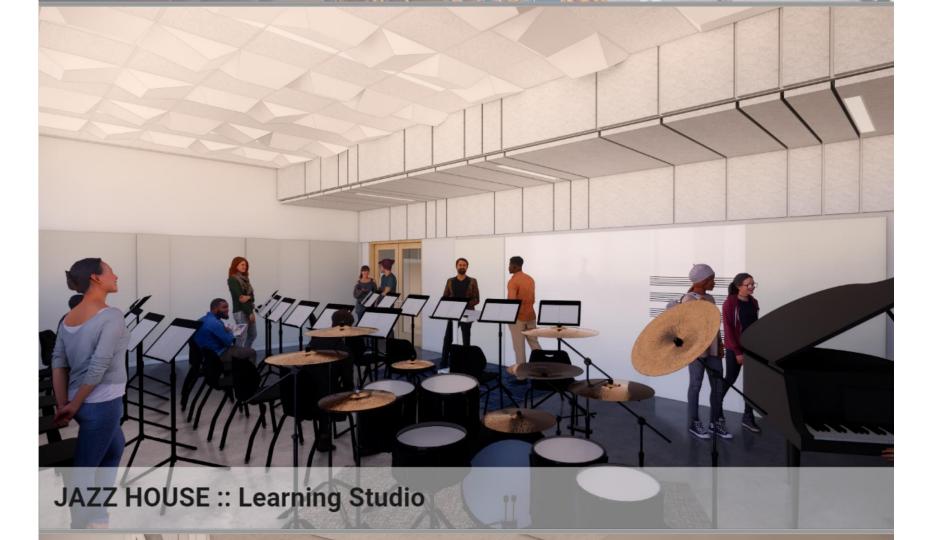












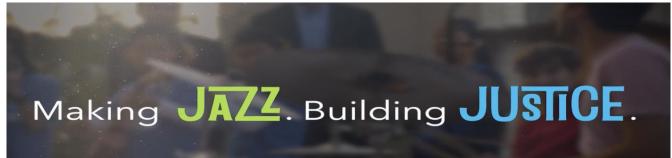


**JAZZ HOUSE :: Student Lounge** 



# The JazzED/Community Roots Housing Project





# GET INVOLVED & KEEP IN TOUCH!

- → Want to get involved with MBCC? Join the Land Use Committee! Email Emily at <a href="mailto:emily.shepodd@compass.com">emily.shepodd@compass.com</a>
- → Come to the Emergency Prep Community Meeting 5/2 at 7pm
- → Looking for volunteer opportunities? There are lots of community clean ups coming up!
  - ◆ Bradner Gardens 4/9 from 10am-noon
  - ◆ Genesee Park 4/16 from 10-12:30pm
  - Cheasty BLvd 4/16 from 10-1pm; 4/17 from 1-3pm
  - ◆ Mt. Baker Station 5/7 & 5/21 from 9am-noon

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