

# S.T.E.P. IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



## SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS: Green Connections

The Cascades play a pivotal role in extending Seattle's Green Street Network and connecting people to sustainable living. Renovations to James Street and Yesler Way contribute to pedestrian circulation and fostering a vibrant environment for walking and biking. The Cascades also predominately features storm-water system to move water away, throughout public spaces and prevent flooding while creating a new pedestrian-based green street. Furthermore, the Cascades is dedicated to sustainability of food access on the site by integrating affordable housing with accessible food sources that cater to different income levels.

The Cascades **STEPS** up Seattle, envisioning a **greener**, **accessible** and **active** downtown with **unique experiences**.

## TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION: Equitable Mobility

A new stop along the existing light rail route operated by Sound Transit, connecting riders to the Cascades. Accessibility, is paramount for all riders, so pedestrian path-ways are available through out the multi-level design of the site. The walkways stretch between the residential and retail buildings, connecting to elevators that go to the station. The terraced structure allows people to easily navigate the harsh topography of the site.

## ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT: Raise the Base

The Cascades supports economic growth by generating jobs through fostering local business development, and implementing innovative training programs. Local businesses in Downtown Seattle will have an opportunity to rent retail and restaurant space to establish permanency. Relocating to these spaces will increase their visibility and connection to the community.

## PLACEMAKING PERSPECTIVES: Visit, Live, Stay

In allocating 591 units to affordable housing, this development goes beyond creating residences and instead fosters community through connectivity, diversity, and opportunities for personal and professional growth. Iconic views of Mount Rainier, the Puget Sound, and across Seattle's historic downtown and international districts anchor the project as a central place for visitors and locals alike to come to. Unique public spaces like the Terrace, the Cascade steps, and the Portal, engage the public's interest.

