

The Stitch is a design set to repair and unify the unfortunate shortcomings of King County. After an unexpected global event that led to the shut down of human contact, the site was abandoned. Even years after lifted restriction, it has struggled to recover. On a road to recovery, there lies a potential to restructure and maximize the output back to the residents of the Puget Sound in the long-term. In order to achieve this, it is the goal of The Stitch's to integrate a diligent design and program that stands on 3 key components for the future of King county: Connectivity, Resiliency, and Equity

Improving a Diverse Connection of Transport

The Stitch wants to prioritize and maximize the transportation potential that flows within the King County neighborhood. Allowing residents and tourists alike to achieve a seamless connection within the interconnected roads, rails, lanes, and walkways to gain access to the neighborhood at hand.

Sound Transit is the moving force for the people of Puget Sound and is in constant swing of furthering the advancements of its rail network. The Stitch incorporates a new Sounder Transit Rail station within the King County neighborhood and serves as a vital underground artery connection to an array of available transport locations and public amenities.

Infrastructural improvements aimed towards a cross-highway connection over I-5 by a pedestrian/bike bridge that connects the ends of Yesler Terrace and The Stitch, bringing a blend of two communities together through a simple connection.

The ultimate goal of the stitch is to bring together a variety of neighborhoods into one place that allows its residents to be unified. People waiting for their train or bus can indulge themselves in The Stitch or the surrounding areas like Downtown and the Chinatown-International District. On top of that, it looks to improve long-range connections to First Hill and Yesler Terrace neighborhoods as well as gathering places like Pike Place Market and the Seattle Center.

Resilient Response to Deficiency

Set on a goal to provide a diverse ecological return to the neighborhood, The Stitch aims to improve park spaces like City Hall Park and rooftop amenities which are all backed by the care of sustainable designs. Curated with the sense of a system that can make use of its climate and terrain.

Utilizing these ecological factors, they mitigate the concerns of noise and air pollution as well. With the I-5 freeway effectively disturbing the site edge, buffers are set in place to reduce any issues that the freeway may bring to the residents.

With the support of a sustainable design, community programs take on the initiative to involve themselves within the city-wide P-Patch organization, which not only teaches residents valuable life skills in cultivation but provides the local community and food banks with fresh produce.

For the Sitch, it establishes a refurbished environment for the residents to be a part of. Assimilating itself with the community, there are opportunities to become diverse in offering farmers markets, festivals, and leisure. All of which can be appreciated in a safe space.

A Mission That Strives for Equity

One of the biggest concerns that comes with the project is to establish an equal way of living for everybody. The Stitch works to issue developments aimed towards uplifting undermined communities that are in need of financial support or a home. Establishing a community center, working with local non-profit groups, and cooperating with the city of Seattle are all initiatives The Stitch partakes in.

The Stitch not only looks to serve the unfortunate but also serves as a connector for the arts. Hosting events and establishing a precedent within the site to help promote the works of local artists. Getting a crowd familiar with this space can soon transform the neighborhood into a diverse hub and be a cultural and economic attractor.

In establishing relationships with surrounding institutions, The Stitch offers a secondary home to Seattle University with ample Class-A office space to spare for corporations and independent companies alike.

Within the schemes of equity, The Stitch is an activator in that aspect. Opening up a front for new jobs, housing, and financial opportunities. With a base set for the community, it looks to move forward the remains of King County and create something new.