



GROW COMMUNITY: A Healthy Community from the Inside Out

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA. 9/30/2013 – Grow Community is launching the second phase of the newest One Planet development, using an innovative approach to create an urban housing project unlike any other in the United States.

Grow Community was conceived as a new kind of neighborhood, where interaction amongst residents fosters social durability and strengthens community. Designed to be an involved and connected community supporting the health and longevity of its residents, Grow provides a model for all ages to live meaningful and productive lives.

One Planet is a framework to guide design of Zero Carbon neighborhoods, places where people can reduce their overall carbon footprint while living healthier and reducing costs. The program focuses not just on environmental impacts, but also on economic and social sustainability, creating communities where neighbors connect and where ecological footprints are reduced.

The Grow neighborhood is located just a 3-5 minute walk or bike ride from urban amenities, enabling residents to walk or ride to the village center or to the Seattle ferry. The in-town location and the solar powered homes are just part of the One Planet concept that makes living a sustainable lifestyle easy, fun and affordable.

The homes are beautifully designed, light filled spaces located in small clusters. The neighborhood is made up of equal numbers of single-family homes for sale and multifamily homes for rent, providing residents with different financial options. Floorplans are designed for families, couples, and elders, a mix that has resulted in a truly intergenerational community.

The community is designed around numerous vegetable gardens, with native and edible plants throughout to create natural and inviting places for children and adults to enjoy. A central gathering space will bring neighbors together for yoga classes, cooking demonstrations, and movie nights.

Homes in the first phase of this project have been sold and plans for two additional phases are underway. The next phase will strengthen the intergenerational community concept, designing not only the site infrastructure and buildings, but also the community amenities and programs to create a model for intergenerational neighborhood care.

“Our hope is that Grow will be a place where an 8 year-old feels as comfortable as an 80-year old, where young and old work and play together in the gardens.” says Bill Carruthers, developer.

Grow Community’s One Planet neighborhood is a new approach to urban design, demonstrating that urban housing can have a net positive impact, not only on the environment, but on the way people live. The Grow Community neighborhood is not just good for the planet, it is a place for people to enjoy healthy and full lives, whatever their age.

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ABOUT PHC/ASANI: Bainbridge Island-based PHC/Asani is a collaboration of planners, builders and developers working to positively impact communities and the environment with profitable projects that are both socially responsible and ecologically sustainable. Past and current projects include Vineyard Lane, Island Gateway, the Kid's Discovery Museum, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art and Grow Community.