Rainier Beach Station Area

Creating Jobs and Pathways for Economic Mobility

Partners
- Rainier Beach Moving Forward
- Seattle Tilth
- Friends of Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands
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Rainier Beach Innovation Zone

Where community connects to the new economy

The Rainier Beach Innovation Zone (RBIZ) builds upon the community’s aspirations for a Great Place where “Made in RB” connects the community to the new economy emerging in Seattle:

- Major business/institution partners with City and community to help transform the station area into a 21st century innovation district.

- Other businesses attracted to district by major business/institution: Co-working, light manufacturing, artist/craft space, R&D labs, digital media, community workshop, family businesses, etc.

- Sound Transit: City of Seattle, King County METRO, property owners, cultural and non-profit organizations work together to develop area.

- School to workplace pipeline: community college programs prepare youth to work in industries located around light rail station. Industries support and advise educational programs in neighborhood.

- Innovation district draws upon the diverse cultural, business and community life of Rainier Beach.

- Non-profit, community-oriented services, cultural organizations and entrepreneurial businesses located together.

- Dense, human-scaled neighborhood encourages networking, collaboration and access between industries and community.

- Flexible zoning and code enables entrepreneurial businesses to become part of neighborhood.

- District built around Link light rail transit station, enabling quick access to downtown Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, Sea-Tac Airport and University of Washington.

- Close to regional markets, manufacturing and industrial centers, transportation infrastructure and city life.

- Wide range of work spaces to accommodate start-up and expanding businesses.
Rainier Beach Station Area - Existing Conditions

Martin Luther King Jr. Way S - Looking South

S Henderson Street - Looking West
Rainier Beach Food Innovation District

A new model for TOD
• A place where the community can access education, employment and entrepreneurship
• Strengthening the local economy through production rather than consumption
• A higher standard of living from the ground up
• Economic development based on RB’s unique cultural and social connections

Rainier Beach Food Innovation District
1. Food Opportunity Center
2. Food Bank/Aggregator
3. Farmers Market Pavilion
4. FareStart Facilities
5. Town Square
6. Community Garden
7. Bus Hub
8. Light Rail Station

Community Institutions
A. Oromo Cultural Center
B. Paradise Baptist Church
C. Cornerstone Baptist Church
D. Elks Cascade Lodge

Interim parking to be provided on Sound Transit sites to the south
RB Innovation District - Potential Use Categories

1. Businesses that require access to light manufacturing or warehouse space or proximity to the airport

2. Maker spaces geared toward sharing technical and intellectual resources

3. Educational/training institutions

4. Food oriented businesses
RB Food Innovation District - Uses

**Education**
- Community College
- Vocational training
- Financial Opportunity Center

**Business**
- Incubator
- Food research & development
- Value-added food processing
- Food truck commissary
- Retail spaces

**Community**
- Gathering hall
- Community kitchen
- Maker space
- Food bank retail
- Daycare
Inspirational Programs & Spaces

Crop Circle Kitchen  
Boston’s Culinary Incubator

La Cocina  
Cultivating Food Entrepreneurs

Hot Bread Kitchens  
Authentic Multi-Ethnic Breads

Oregon Food Bank  
Because no one should be hungry

Redwood Empire Food Bank  
Building partnerships to end hunger

Greyston Bakery  
Bakers on a Mission

The Stop  
Community Food Centre

Intervale Food Hub  
Eat local. Change your world.
Kitchens
Marketplace/Cafe
Concept Sketch
Healthy Neighborhood