



ASUW SHELL HOUSE RENOVATION

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About the Project

The ASUW Shell House is undergoing a historic renovation to create a modern community space while restoring the vibrant history of the structure.

This 100+ year old building will undergo structural and aesthetic upgrades, window replacement and refurbishment, new feature stairs and elevator, landscaping improvements, and upgraded electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems.



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KEY UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Site fence, storage facilities, site offices, and temporary power are being erected in early November to commence construction. Construction will last from November 2025 through October 2026.
2. November and December will see selective interior demolition and salvaging of historic aspects of the existing building.
3. November and December will also see structural upgrades inside the Shell House with the existing truss system.
4. The site fence will extend to block the ship canal trail, and a detour route will be posted for pedestrian use. The blockage of the ship canal trail and detour will last from November 2025 through July of 2026.
5. Trucked deliveries will use the ship canal trail route behind the Waterfront Activities Center (WAC).
6. January will see the first round of noisy activities with demolition of the interior concrete slab and micropile driving into the earth.
7. Tree protection is being added for the health and safety of all UW arbor throughout construction. Environmental protection efforts are always in effect to prevent water runoff into Mountlake and surrounding stormwater drains.



Re-imagined Interior Space



Shell House Circa 1940

