DESIGN GOAL 1

Site the buildings in a contextually sensitive way

• Achieve relevant goals as described within the UW Campus Master Plan
• Retain the Exceptional Grove areas of the site to maintain this existing green buffer
• Develop an appropriate buffered edge condition at the existing single family zone to the east.

DESIGN GOAL 2

Site the buildings to maximize the impact of the Landscape Design

• This project isn’t just about buildings. It is equally about the spaces between the buildings.
• Incorporate water into the project narrative.

DESIGN GOAL 3

Serve each building with a considered approach to pedestrian and vehicle access

• The design will allow for the safe flow of pedestrians and vehicles through the site
DESIGN GOAL

DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE BUFFERED EDGE CONDITION AT THE EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY ZONE TO THE EAST.

Incorporating smaller buildings that do not exceed 30’ in height on the eastern portion of the site will be a transition to the larger buildings in the 65’ zone to the west.

The buildings in the eastern portion of the site will be larger than most of the single family homes in Laurelhurst, but will be an appropriate step-up in scale.
Bringing the Greenway from NE Clark St. through the site will:

- Strengthen the connection of UW to the surrounding context and smaller scale retail along 45th.
- Invite residents and neighbors through the site.
- From points North and East, Laurel Village acts as a gateway to the broader UW campus.

Providing opportunities to flow through the site as a pedestrian or a resident will strengthen the site’s connection to the Union Bay Natural Area.
Design Goal

Retain Exceptional Trees on Site

The site has numerous Exceptional Trees within the site boundaries.

Along NE 45th St., a mix of large evergreen and deciduous trees create a very large buffer from the busy roadway.

Along the eastern edge of the property, there are groves of existing trees that have high value to residents of both Laurelhurst, and Laurel Village.

The proposed design will retain as many of these trees as possible to maintain natural buffer areas.
While not necessarily an expressed goal within the master plan, the proposed design will benefit from various ‘vista’ opportunities to natural areas near and far.

The proposed design will take advantage of topography and building layout to provide view opportunities.
LANDSCAPE VISION

• USE THE FORESTED EDGE AND LANDFORM BUFFER TO GROUND LAUREL VILLAGE

• CONNECT LAUREL VILLAGE TO SURROUNDING CAMPUS, ACTIVE OPEN SPACE, NATURAL OPEN SPACE, AND COMMUNITY

• BRING NATURE TO LAUREL VILLAGE (CONTINUOUS SHORELINE, WETLAND, MEADOW, CUH)

• MAKE THE STORY OF WATER A VISIBLE ORGANIZING ELEMENT CONNECTING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROCESSES

• CONNECTED SERIES OF GATHERING SPACES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
DESIGN VISION

NATURE
• BRING NATURE TO LAUREL VILLAGE (CONTINUOUS SHORELINE, WETLAND, MEADOW, CUH)
CONNECTION

• CONNECT LAUREL VILLAGE TO SURROUNDING CAMPUS, ACTIVE OPEN SPACE, NATURAL OPEN SPACE, AND COMMUNITY
WATER

- MAKE THE STORY OF WATER A VISIBLE ORGANIZING ELEMENT CONNECTING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROCESSES
CONNECTED SPACES
• CONNECTED SERIES OF GATHERING SPACES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
ALIGNMENT WITH UW GOALS

The proposed buildings provide an appropriately scaled buffer to the East, retains exceptional trees throughout the site, incorporates a Greenway that connects NE Clark Road with NE 45th Street, and incorporates a shared pedestrian and vehicular space through the site.

The Childcare space is located in the ‘south’ building. Located near Mary Gate Memorial Drive NE, the childcare can be served from the interior lane, and has direct access to the large southwest-facing outdoor space.
The Greenway acts as a gateway from the surrounding neighborhoods into the UW campus. Primary lobbies for the larger buildings will be located at these corners.
The proposed buildings are served by a low-volume, low-speed interior lane. This central circulation branch connects the diversity of outdoor spaces within the site.
GREENWAY

Working with topography, the proposed design incorporates a pedestrian greenway from 45th Street in alignment with NE Clark Road. Lined with stormwater planters, pedestrians will flow through the site with the water captured from the building roof.
OPEN SPACES

The proposed design incorporates a diverse range of outdoor spaces.

Along Mary Gate Memorial Drive, the deep building setbacks create a vast southwest facing outdoor space. This space will be shared between residents and the Childcare space located in the southern part of the site.

This is an opportunity to extend the nearby natural areas into the site in a meaningful way.
A VILLAGE FEEL

The collection of buildings within Laurel Village will indeed, have a village feel. There will be smaller pathway elements that connect the buildings to the shared circulation area. The design will incorporate opportunities to create memorable places within the spaces (large and small) between buildings.