

Lakeview Office Building, Kirkland, WA

Completed: 2021

Client: Mount Baker Holdings

HEWITT Landscape Architecture

The Lakeview project is a sustainable, welcoming, and flexible office building conceived to respond directly to its context --Kirkland's waterfront, commercial district, and the adjacent residential neighborhood. The project which features the first large scale mass timber office building on the Eastside, integrates a well-curated series of intimate outdoor experiences on a tight and sloping site. The overarching goal was to sew the building into the larger environment and be part of a welcoming southern gateway to Kirkland. The immersive roof deck with terraced seating and undulating topography help nestle the building into the broader hillside context and provide the tenant with varied ways to get outside and connect to nature. A floating dock-like terrace with custom benches and graceful ramp and a separate stair system complete with a fern gully and granite water feature serve as entry points into the building. The high performing landscape system helps slow and cool the stormwater released from the site with the green roof and bioretention cells. A tapestry of plants provides great opportunity for habitat, and features select plant species that support pollinators. The project's design sets a new precedent on the Eastside in sustainable design and innovative construction methods, and demonstrates how designing down to the small details can create intimate moments between people and place.