GEORGETOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Using a co-creative approach, the City's Duwamish Valley Program staff and the consultant team worked in partnership with members of the Neighborhood Center Visioning Group (NCVG), a collection of residents who live and/or work in Georgetown. Together they developed a vision and building program for a **community-owned and operated neighborhood center**. The final plan outlines the community's vision for a "living room", a welcoming space to gather, celebrate, learn, and connect. The document also includes both a near-term strategy for implementation and a long-term vision, supported by spatial needs, cost estimates, and tools to support next steps. The planning process culminated in a lively pop-up event that brought the community together and showcased different activities and potential uses for the future Georgetown Neighborhood Center.

From the outset, the NCVG recognized the importance of starting small and building momentum over time. The near-term goal is to launch the Neighborhood Center in a leased space, providing an immediate opportunity to serve the community while continuing to plan for a permanent home. After the conclusion of the 2024 building program planning process, the Georgetown Community Council (GCC), agreed to take on the Neighborhood Center project as a subcommittee. GCC leaders have since begun advancing the next phase by collecting donations and exploring additional funding strategies. This marks the beginning of a journey with more work ahead to bring the vision fully to life.

If you are interested in learning how you can get involved or would like more information, check out the project website <u>bit.ly/GTNeighborhoodCenter</u>.



