

Saint Mark's Cathedral's Vision of Affordable Housing on its St. Nicholas Site

Saint Mark's Cathedral is pursuing an affordable, multi-generational housing development on land neighboring the cathedral building, welcoming those previously excluded due to inequities and systemic housing and finance discriminatory practices.

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THE development parcel includes the St. Nicholas School building and adjacent green space. Encouraging land use code changes provide a path for religious institutions such as Saint Mark's to develop housing to mitigate the Seattle housing crisis.

With grant funding, Saint Mark's conducted a feasibility analysis of the parcel's redevelopment.

The results demonstrated that, with housing finance support and a well-established development partner, Saint Mark's vision to create an affordable housing community can become a reality. Adaptive reuse of the historic school building alongside new construction can yield over 100 apartments of varying sizes, along with cultivated community gathering spaces.



“ Dignity, respect and mutuality are the abiding values that will guide the expansion of our community to embrace future residents. ”

*—The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason,
Cathedral Dean*

Entering into a development partnership will require due diligence and time, with a keen eye on supportive financing options for the affordable housing market. Meanwhile, Saint Mark's will develop its vision through listening sessions with the community, stakeholders and civic leaders.

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