



## White Center Heights

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**Chipotle** | Chipotle Mexican Grill is a Denver based chain of restaurants specializing in San Francisco style burritos and tacos. Founded by Steve Eells in 1993, the restaurant is known for its chunky guacamole and large burritos. Chipotle is proud to serve “food with integrity;” this philosophy means that Chipotle can always do better in terms of the food bought and choose to do so. Chipotle has been feeding King County Parks’ volunteers for more than a year now. More than 1,400 burritos were consumed during the Starbucks Ultimate Parks Makeover week by lots of hungry and appreciative volunteer workers!

**Edge Concrete** | Edge Concrete is a Woodinville company specializing in decorative concrete and pervious pavement.

**Green Tools – powered by King County** | GreenTools is a program designed to help builders, residents, architects and designers, as well as suburban cities and King County government, create and sustain “green” buildings and developments. The goal of GreenTools is to create thriving spaces and communities as well as strong local economies while addressing critical issues, such as human health, global warming, critical habitat restoration, storm water runoff, elimination of toxins and solid waste reduction. GreenTools will help users find locally produced, high quality sustainable building materials and resources, while giving access to technical assistance, grants and hands-on training to help users create green projects efficiently and effectively.

**Harbortronics** | Harbortronics was established in 1998 to provide innovative solutions for digital camera owners. The first product, the "DigiSnap 1000," was a hit and the foundation for the DigiSnap 2000 series. A small family owned and operated business based in Gig Harbor. Harbortronics believes in providing quality products and excellent customer service.

**JB Instant Lawn & Nursery** | JB Instant Lawn is a leader in the green industry and has specialized in providing beautiful lawns since 1968. Headquartered in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley, JB farms nearly 2,500 acres of sod, seed and nursery stock in Oregon and Washington.

**King County** | The success of the Starbucks Ultimate Park Makeover on such a short timeline has largely been due to the community and cross-departmental support it has received. In addition to the outpouring of community support, many at King County have worked above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the project’s success. Special thanks to the support received from the staff of the Department of Development and Environmental Services, Facilities Management Division, Budget Office, Solid Waste Division, Green Tools program, Water and Land Resources Division, Office of King County Executive Ron Sims and the King County Council.

**Marenakos** | Marenakos is a third generation family owned business here in the northwest. Bill Marenakos, a logger, took note of the unique rock formations here in the Cascade Mountains. He founded the company after conversations with Seattle landscapers who told him of their need for

stone. He began hauling chips for Weyerhaeuser Company, then topsoil and firewood for homeowners. Bill's focus grew on the stone business until 52 years later Marenakos has become a nationwide supplier of stone. The company's commitment to quality, personalized service and professionally delivered stone have earned it a reputation that few have equaled.

**Martin-Fabert Foundation** | The Martin-Fabert Foundation seeks improve the quality of life on the planet through a structured program of charitable contributions and grant making. These contributions and grants will be for charitable purposes and will conform to a series of guidelines as set forward by the Trustees. The Foundation is specifically interested in programs that encourage the sustainable production of cotton, support the preservation of rivers, wetlands and marine ecosystems and enhance communities through art, historical preservation, and projects with an identifiable "green" component.

**Metal Solutions LLC** | Metal Solutions is a team of experienced artists, designers, and fabricators committed to producing high-quality metalwork. Founded in 1994, Metal Solutions has partnered with architects, contractors, designers and homeowners, providing the link between concept and reality.

**North Highline Fire Department** | North Highline Fire District (originally named King County Fire District #11) was founded in 1942 and currently serves approximately 40,000 citizens in a nine-square-mile area located south of the Seattle city limits. Their service area includes both a portion of unincorporated King County and the City of Burien. A total of 35 paid and 48 volunteer firefighters provide fire suppression and rescue services from two fire stations, which are staffed 24 hours a day.

**North Highline Unincorporated Area Council** | The NHUAC is 13 elected residents/business/property/non-profit representatives working hard to serve you. The North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (NHUAC) was formed to represent the 32,000 residents, business owners, and property owners of the North Highline unincorporated area in their dealings with the government of King County and other entities in issues affecting them and their property. The unincorporated area represented by the NHUAC is bounded by Seattle, Burien, SeaTac and Tukwila.

**Otak** | Since 1981, Otak has filled many roles for its clients. As a result, Otak defines itself not by its services, but by its clients' success. Otak's experts are trained in dozens of disciplines, from architecture and engineering to planning and urban design. Ultimately, however, Otak is what clients need them to be: Advocates. Listeners. Problem-solvers. Partners. Otak assembles teams of experts qualified and eager to deliver award-winning results. From engineering and design to planning and surveying, Otak's professionals are trained to exceed expectations.

**Parametrix** | High standards for quality, service and ethics. Eagerness for difficult challenges. Commitment to responsible environmental stewardship. A lasting contribution to communities. Dedication to improving the quality of life, and the health of the environment. Respect for the individual. An everyday demonstration of the personal stake we each have in our work. Parametrix is over 450 scientists, engineers and planners. Their offices are now in several cities in the Pacific Northwest, but clients span every corner of the globe.

**Rainier Industries** | Rainier Industries is an international manufacturer of innovative fabric and display products. Based in Seattle with over a century's experience selling fabric products for business and consumer use, Rainier has diversified into providing display products focusing on large format graphics, digital wall coverings, high-quality retail point-of-purchase displays and sewn appliqué banners.

**Schwartz Brothers Bakery** | Schwartz Brothers Bakery is a locally owned and operated, innovative bakery with strong community involvement, committed to providing our customers with consistent high-quality bakery products and responsive customer service.

**State of Washington** | In the 2007 budget cycle, the State of Washington appropriated \$500,000 to support Phase Two of the White Center Heights Park's redevelopment. State funds will help design and construct environmentally sensitive approaches to stormwater management and water quality improvement. Much of the park is encompassed by a Category II Wetland and restoration of this wetland will improve the water quality in Lake Hicks and ultimately Puget Sound through Salmon Creek. This will continue the vision developed by the community in working with the design team and also ensure that this park becomes an outdoor classroom to provide children an opportunity to understand the fragile ecosystem that coexists with their urban environment. Thank you to the legislators who worked closely with the White Center Community Development Association, King County Parks and their colleagues in Olympia on supporting this appropriation: Sen. Erik Poulsen, Sen. Karen Fraser, Rep. Eileen Cody, Rep. Joe McDermott and Rep. Bill Fromhold.

**Top Pot Doughnuts** | Top Pot Doughnuts began in February 2002 out of a small brick storefront on north Capitol Hill in Seattle. Top Pot paired a vintage aesthetic with a gourmet spin on the old "coffee and doughnuts" routine.

**University of Washington Department of Landscape Architecture** | The Department of Landscape Architecture Design/Build Program was founded in 1995 as a service learning program. To date they have worked on more than 15 projects in Seattle, New York, Mexico, Japan and Guatemala. Each year the graduating class works with a local Seattle community to design and build a community amenity with a focus on Urban Ecological Design.

In the winter through the spring of 2007, 12 graduating seniors and their professors, Jeff Hou and Daniel Winterbottom, took the White Center Heights Park makeover project from an idea through community input, interactive workshops with kids, design, permitting and construction. The end process was a great experience for the students as well as the community and county staff who worked alongside them.

The Department of Landscape Architecture was officially founded in 1969 by Professor Richard Haag, although a BLA curriculum had been offered in the College of Architecture and Urban Planning throughout the preceding decade. With a core full-time faculty of nine, the contributions from a changing pool of skilled lecturers selected from the professional community, and over 15 adjunct and affiliate faculty, the department is poised to build on its historic strengths in the coming decades and contribute to the landscapes and communities of the university, city, region, and world in innovative and engaging ways. For more information, visit [www.caup.washington.edu/larch](http://www.caup.washington.edu/larch)

**Youth Media Institute** | The Youth Media Institute was founded in 2004 as a summer youth program in the White Center/Boulevard Park communities just south of Seattle. YMI utilizes writing, digital story telling, photography, and media literacy to build self esteem and empower young people to become advocates for themselves, their communities and the larger society. <http://www.youthmediaseattle.org>.