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## **Northgate's Thornton Place to Bring New Vitality to an To an Emerging Seattle Neighborhood**

(Seattle, WA) – The transformation of Seattle's Northgate neighborhood will reach a new level as Thornton Place, an innovative new mixed use project by developers Lorig and Stellar Holdings, takes shape. Thornton Place will transform an old, tired surface parking lot into a livable, vibrant, pedestrian friendly neighborhood where people can leave their cars behind. It will include entertainment, housing, public art, to transit, walking paths and nearly three acres of green space around a new exposed waterway.

Thornton Place is located on a five-acre site in the Northgate neighborhood of Seattle, just south of Northgate Mall, and is bordered by NE 103rd Street, NE 100th Street, the new 3rd Avenue NE (currently being constructed) and 5th Avenue NE. Construction on the project began in May 2007, and is estimated to be complete by spring 2009.

With over 530 total residences, 50,000 square feet of retail space and a 14 screen cinema with an IMAX screen, Thornton Place will bring a bustling all-day presence to the Northgate neighborhood.

### **Residences and Services**

Residents of Thornton Place will enjoy fewer visits to the gas station with numerous services and amenities within walking distance. The development will be home to 50,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurants and the new Thornton Place Stadium 14 & IMAX. This new Regal Cinemas will offer all of the latest theatre amenities including stadium seating, high-back rocking seats, and digital surround sound in all 14 auditoriums, as well as an IMAX screen with digital projection and the impressive IMAX sound system. Residents also will be able to walk to the remodeled Northgate Mall, the Northgate Library, and the Northgate Community Center. In addition, Thornton Place is directly adjacent to the Northgate Transit Center, with regular departures throughout the day and direct connections to downtown Seattle and the Eastside.

The residences at Thornton Place consist of 266 studio, one-bedroom, two bedroom and loft style apartments, situated above the ground level retail. An additional 121 studio, one- and two-bedroom condos and live/work spaces will be oriented towards the water channel with easy access to the newly revitalized green space. Both the condos and apartments include numerous amenities including a community room—equipped with a kitchen, TV and lounge area; a 24-hour fitness facility; and a business room/conference center. Thornton Place also will offer 143 private residences for seniors over age 65 developed by Era Living. When complete, as many as 600 people will call Thornton Place home.

"Thornton Place will be a true landmark for the Northgate neighborhood and will bring a vibrancy and walkability that the area has never seen," says Bruce Lorig, president of Lorig. "We're very excited to be a part of this project and to transform this community's vision into reality,"

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### **Sustainability**

Thornton Place is a LEED® for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) pilot project, targeting Silver certification. The LEED rating system requires that the developers meet specific requirements in various areas of design and construction, including storm water design, water efficient landscaping, daylighting, indoor chemical & pollutant source control, ventilation levels, recycled content levels, and use of regionally-produced materials. During construction, air quality will be consistently monitored and waste items will be recycled as part of the City of Seattle's Built Smart program.

Nearly three acres of green space will be created for residents and the general public to enjoy surrounding the new exposed Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel. There will be a network of walking and bicycle paths and a new park-and-ride with regularly scheduled transportation connections. Developers also hope to host hybrid Zipcars, and will install bike parking and shower areas for retail employees.

### **Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel**

As part of this redevelopment project, a section of Thornton Creek will be restored with the help of the City of Seattle and Seattle Public Utilities. The channel, which has been buried underneath the concrete of Northgate Mall's south parking lot for the last 50 years, will be restructured to flow through the green space as a manmade stream. It will naturally filter watershed drainage as it passes through the vegetation in the streambed, ultimately reducing pollution in Lake Washington.

Project partners include Lorig, Stellar Holdings, City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities, Era Living, Mithun and Walsh Construction. More information is available at [www.thornton-place.com](http://www.thornton-place.com).

### **About Lorig**

Lorig is a Seattle based real estate development and management company with more than 30 years of experience in creating complex urban projects that enhance communities. Lorig's diverse portfolio of mixed-use, renovation, collegiate and management projects includes Court 17, Salishan, Uwajimaya Village, University of Washington's Nordheim Court, Queen Anne High School Apartments and Wallingford Center. For more information, visit [www.lorig.com](http://www.lorig.com).

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