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## **Northgate's Thornton Place Shaping Up to be Seattle's Greenest Address**

(Seattle, WA)—The condominiums and apartments at Seattle's burgeoning Thornton Place are taking shape just south of Seattle's Northgate Mall, replacing what was once a giant concrete parking lot into a collection of eco-friendly residences. Conveniently located adjacent to a major transportation center, Thornton Place will be one of Seattle's most popular new addresses when residents move in starting in early 2009.

With the rising cost of gas, residents of Thornton Place will appreciate a reduced dependence on cars with numerous services and amenities within walking distance. Thornton Place will be home to 50,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurants and a 14-screen, all digital Regal Cinema with an IMAX screen. Residents will also be able to walk to the remodeled Northgate Mall, the Northgate Library, and the Northgate Community Center.

The development's residences consist of 121 condos and 266 apartments, both available in studio alcoves, one bedroom, one bedroom dens and two bedroom floor plans. The condos and apartments include numerous amenities such as 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 retirement living developed by Era Living.

Condos are market rate, priced from the low \$300s to low \$600s (pricing to be set in late September 2008). Apartment rents will range from approximately \$900 – \$1,800, with a portion of the units dedicated to workforce housing. These units are available to residents making 80% of King County's median income, which is currently \$56,980 for a single person. Information is available at [www.thornton-place.com](http://www.thornton-place.com).

Already registered as a LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) pilot project by the United States Green Building Council, Thornton Place also expects to achieve a LEED Silver ranking for new construction by completion. This rating will result in lower operating costs and a healthier environment for residents. Residences will feature water efficient fixtures and Energy Star appliances. Interiors will be finished with low-emitting paints, adhesives, and carpets.

A highlight of the project will be the reconstruction of a portion of Thornton Creek which has been diverted underground for over 40 years. Nearly three acres of green space will surround the newly created Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel, which will naturally filter the runoff bound for Lake Washington. A network of walking and biking paths as well as the park-and-ride, with transportation connections to downtown Seattle and the Eastside, is expected to make the neighborhood an active pedestrian hub.

Thornton Place is located just south of Northgate Mall, and is bordered by NE 103rd Street, NE 100th Street, and 5th Avenue NE. Construction on the project began in May 2007, and is estimated to be complete by spring of 2009. The six-acre project is being developed by Lorig in partnership with Stellar Holdings and Era Living.

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