

Issaquah Highlands

NEW TOWN / MASTER PLANNING



01 / Aerial Photo overlooking the Eastern Village Center

Issaquah Highlands is a 2,000 acre community located 17 miles east of Seattle, Washington, in the hills above the town of Issaquah, WA. Based on a regional growth management plan, the original design for the site allowed 3 million s.f. of office development, 3,250 dwelling units, and a 400,000 s.f. town center, all on approximately 800 acres of land. This walkable, medium to high density community serves a range of income and lifestyle groups, with activity focused around the town center, neighborhood centers, and a village center to the east. A complex open space system plays a major role with over 1,200 acres of natural open space, protected wetlands, and community and neighborhood parks.

As Project Manager and overall Site Designer at Calthorpe Associates, I was responsible for the overall design evolution, and day-to-day management. A majority of the site was topographically challenging, and along with the required growth boundary limits, the demand for creative thinking in implementing higher density homes was imperative. As shown to the right, working with 15% slopes was frequently the norm. This helped to reveal a more interesting environment for livability. Hillside Paseos provided alley-fed homes with common terraced gardens and views from front porches, providing a creative and interesting place.



02 / Town Center Concept



03 / Hillside Paseo

Project	Issaquah Highlands
Client	Port Blakely Communities
Location	Issaquah, Washington
Program	3,250 units, Town Center- 500k s.f. retail, 3 mill. s.f. office, Village Center, 1,200 acres open space
Year	Build out complete 2012