



Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month.

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Group Health Legacy Fund

Group Health Cooperative (GHC) is in the process of transitioning ownership to Kaiser Permanente. This will result in a new foundation to administer a \$1.8 billion fund called the GHC Legacy Fund.

NWCDC has been working with a task force of Washington cooperators to encourage the inclusion of language that would dedicate a percentage of the fund for cooperative development and provide a number of seats on the board of the the foundation for the co-op community.

The sale must be approved by the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner, so efforts are underway to ask Commissioner Kreidler.

Visit our [GHC Legacy Fund Info Page](#) to learn how to send a [letter to the commissioner](#) or learn more about this effort.



Group Health Cooperative will be acquired by Kaiser Permanente pending a review by the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Strategic Planning Efforts

NWCDC Staff have been very busy with several cooperatives seeking to create strategic plans. The has involved leaving the confines of Olympia and venturing our to Eastern Washington with the **Washington Elite Growers**, Eastern Oregon to meet with the **West Treasure Valley Truck drivers** and over to Port Townsend and the **Peninsula Home Care Co-operative** and **PNW Fiber Web**. We can help your co-op with strategic planning too!



"Have Flipchart, Will travel."



Northlake Seeks to Join ROC Community

Residents of the Northlake Mobile Home Park met on July 16th and unanimously agreed to accept the Park owner's offer to sell pending a feasibility study and other due diligence. The owner agreed to sell and made an offer to the Park residents on June 17th. Upon closing, Northlake will become the 10th Residential Owned Community in Washington.

The Park consists of 40 homes with a low-income community and the residents are excited about the prospect of owning the land beneath their homes. The Park currently operates as a close-knit and family oriented community as evidenced by the Park Manager's (who is also a resident) community garden that is maintained on her lot and an adjacent free space.

Northlake is located in Bremerton, WA on the Kitsap Peninsula. Support for this conversion, in part, comes from the USDA Rural Community Development Grant program. For more information about NWCDC's Residential Owned Community program, visit rocnorthwest.com

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