



The U-Loo: A Project for Public Restrooms in the U-District

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The University District has an urgent need for one or more public restrooms available 24/7. While there are quite a few restrooms located in neighborhood businesses and other organizations, access is typically limited to staff, members and customers, and hours are limited. There are numerous reports of human waste in public places and some private locations, and this creates a health hazard and an unpleasant environment.

The U-District Partnership (UDP) in collaboration with the U-District Conversation on Homelessness (UDCH) received funding from the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods for a feasibility study to install at least one restroom in the U-District. Consultants from SvR Design and Broadview Planning have been enlisted to gather stakeholder perspectives, assess user needs, identify potential sites, research best practices for maintenance, and find potential funding.

We know that it's critical for any new public restroom to be clean, safe, and accessible to everybody. It will be used by visitors to the Farmers Market, students, staff and faculty coming and going to the UW campus, shoppers, transit bus drivers, homeless residents, families with children and many others passing through the neighborhood.

This is a challenging project, and it must be done right in order to become an asset to the U-District community. Location(s), initial funding and long-term maintenance must be clearly identified before we can move forward.

We would greatly appreciate your support for this project and want to hear about your concerns and ideas.

For more information, please contact the U-District Partnership <http://udistrictpartnership.org/contact-us/> or send comments to theuloo2015@gmail.com

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