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### **Years in the Making, the Mason Street Neighborhood Breaks Ground August 26**

Community vision begins taking shape in Port Hadlock

PORT TOWNSEND, WA, August 11, 2026 – Several years ago, a handful of local residents approached Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County with an idea. They believed a former airfield in Port Hadlock could become something more: a neighborhood where local families and workers could build their future and stay connected to the community they call home.

On August 26, that vision will take its next step forward when Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County breaks ground on the Mason Street Neighborhood, a 138-home permanently affordable neighborhood on 17 acres in Port Hadlock and the largest affordable housing development in East Jefferson County's history.

The groundbreaking marks an important milestone in a community-driven effort that began nearly five years ago. It also marks the beginning of the next chapter: construction. Initial work will focus on the roads, utilities, and infrastructure needed to support the future neighborhood.

Located adjacent to the local primary school, public library, and core shopping area, Mason Street Neighborhood is designed as a walkable, connected community with shared green spaces and convenient access to transit. When complete, the neighborhood will include 136 attached single-family homes and two small group homes for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Three transit lines run near the site, helping connect future residents to the broader community.

“Mason Street has always been bigger than a construction project. This neighborhood began with community members who saw a challenge and asked what we could do together. Long before the first resident moves in, our community is coming together to make this neighborhood possible. We're celebrating an important milestone, but we're also

recognizing that the work is just beginning,” said Jamie Maciejewski, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County.

For many people who live and work in East Jefferson County, homeownership has become increasingly difficult to achieve. The Mason Street Neighborhood is being developed to create permanently affordable homeownership opportunities and help ensure that local workers and families can continue to build their future here.

The project is expected to have impacts far beyond the homes themselves. Habitat estimates the neighborhood will support housing for more than 200 members of the local workforce, contribute to school enrollment, and strengthen the long-term vitality of East Jefferson County.

The August 26 groundbreaking celebration will bring together community members, donors, volunteers, elected officials, project partners, Habitat leaders, and special guests, including representatives from Habitat for Humanity International, to commemorate the beginning of construction and the community effort that makes the project possible.

### **Groundbreaking Ceremony Details**

Mason Street Neighborhood Groundbreaking

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

300 Mason Street, Port Hadlock, WA

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