The Urban Homestead Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization raising money to purchase the land at the corner of Dakota and 50th Avenue SW in West Seattle, in order to establish an active green space and urban gathering center that models, promotes and teaches green building and sustainable food systems through community and leadership development.

“The Dakota Homestead” will be turned into a vibrant corner of sustainable green practices and urban agriculture, providing a place to celebrate our natural resources through demonstration gardens, classes and seasonal events. The space will also serve as a food hub and seed lending library, connecting neighbors with each other and local farmers. In addition, the land will provide a wild space for schools to use as curriculum enrichment in topics such as edible gardening, urban wildlife, seasonal cooking, and crafting.

Environmental Benefits:
- Preservation of 19 mature trees on property (including 6 exceptional trees, 2 from a vulnerable conservation status species, and 1 exceptional grove of 11 trees).
- Planting of fruit trees, bushes, edible groundcover, herbs and pollinator-friendly perennials.
- Educational programs for all ages focused on environmental stewardship, locally grown food and healthy urban agriculture ecosystems; annual garden beds for kids planting programs.

Community Benefits:
- Green space buffer between the neighborhood and the 3-story, 700+ student elementary school.
- Location of the West Seattle Seed Lending Library and Spring Seed Swap.
- Greenhouse with plant sales that benefit programming.
- Local food hub: pick-up site for Farm CSA programs (community supported agriculture).
- Events and activities open to the public all year: seasonal festivals, farm-to-table dinner events, FarmFest, summertime Urban Farm Tour and neighborhood gatherings.
- Emergency Hub for the neighborhood, including disaster preparedness workshops.
**Educational Benefits:**
- Modern day domestic arts curriculum: environmental education and stewardship, edible food gardening, fresh food cooking, food preservation, home finances, safety and first aid skills, emergency preparedness and communication plans, nature-based art, science and math.
- ‘Living Laboratory’ for local schools and student groups to use as curriculum enrichment.
- Informational plaques throughout the landscape explaining environmental, economical and energy-efficient benefits of each design feature.
- All ages workshops featuring urban homesteading skills, empowering residents to apply the skills they learn at home.
- Seed starting and seed saving workshops in conjunction with the Seed Lending Library.

**Be a Part of West Seattle’s History:**
Join us as we secure this property for the community forever! The Dakota Homestead has the potential to impact thousands of Seattle residents, positively affecting quality of life, building community and educating children and adults for generations to come.

**Status of fundraising (June 2019):**

**Purchase price:** $650,000

**Grant money secured:** $480,000 (King County Conservation Futures and State community project funds)

**Individual Donations:** $45,000

**Remaining Balance:** $125,000

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