



**Judd Kirk,
President
Port Blakely Communities**

Judd Kirk, President of Port Blakely Communities, has been recognized nationally as a leader in sustainable development and new urbanism. He has been with Port Blakely since 1990 and has led the company in developing several communities in this region.

At Issaquah Highlands, Kirk's vision of an urban village community was accepted by community activists as well as leaders of Issaquah and King County. The result was a vibrant mixed-use community, housing up to 8,000 residents while still preserving 1,500 of those acres as parks and permanent open space. The alternative would have been to divide the land into five-acre lots for only 400 households with no public open space, affordable housing, or transit. Instead, Issaquah Highlands has been nationally recognized for involving residents and building community.

In the mid-1990s, long before the building industry adopted green building programs, Kirk collaborated with the City of Issaquah to develop a program called the "Evergreen Builder's Guide," which served as a guideline for building environmentally-friendly homes. The Guide served as a foundation for the "Built Green™" program adopted in 2002 by the local Master Builders Association.

Since 2002, Port Blakely has steadily raised the bar and now requires all builders to build homes to the highest level of the Built Green program, which is 4-Star, as well as certification under the ENERGY STAR® program. In 2004, Kirk led the initiative to create the PSE Built Green Idea House as a demonstration that sustainable homebuilding was a marketable concept. This drew 8,000 visitors to see nearly 100 of the latest green building products and techniques.

Kirk also promoted sustainability for non-residential buildings by using the LEED standards of the U.S. Green Building Council. So far, we have the nation's first LEED Silver firehouse, and LEED Silver Blakely Hall. The retail buildings on Block 8 are also being built to LEED standards.

Kirk is a member of the Urban Land Institute, serves on the advisory council of the Cascade Land Conservancy, and the board of Urban Green. He also is past president of the University of Washington Alumni Association and Issaquah Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to joining Port Blakely, he was President of Skinner Development Company and created one of the region's first truly mixed-use communities, Carillon Point in Kirkland. Carillon Point successfully combined office with retail, residential, hotel, and other urban amenities.

Before joining Skinner Development, Kirk was an attorney for 15 years with the Seattle firm Davis Wright Tremaine, where he was head of the real estate department.

Mr. Kirk holds a Juris Doctorate, cum laude from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance from the University of Washington School of Business.

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