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WEBSTER STATION AS THE 21ST CENTURY URBAN PROTOYPE

It began quietly and without fanfare. A few, long-standing stalwart businesspeople along with the caretakers of historic church congregations kept the heart beating. Names such as Requarth, Mendelson, Woessner, Lorenz, Miami-Jacobs, St. John's and St. Joseph, and others anchored what had become somewhat of an urban wasteland – neglected but not forgotten.



Along came a few impassioned, visionary baby boomers and Xr's and the heart began to beat stronger. The Cannery was followed by Fifth-Third Field, then the Firefly and Riverscape, the Second Street Market, Brixx, Real Art - all brought together and celebrated by self-proclaimed Mayor Charlie Campbell – the Webster Station march to vibrancy was well on its way.



The list continues to grow and Webster Station today seems more like a small town with an around-the-clock future. Beginning a new chapter in this story, weaving the past with the future – rehabilitation and new construction - jobs, amenities, housing, festivals, night-life, a green neighborhood, growing with the Oregon District – what a great model for 21st Century Downtown.