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Phase one of tribal housing development breaks ground in Port Gamble

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In late July, crews from Clark Construction broke ground on phase one of Warrior Ridge, an extensive development that aims to create 370 units of affordable dedicated tribal housing.

The project is developed by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe on 185 acres of tribal land at the southwest corner of Hansville Road and Little Boston Road in Port Gamble.

The first phase will rise on eight acres and involves the construction of seven 700-square-foot single family housing units, four 2,400-square-foot apartment buildings, and four 1,150-square-foot duplexes for a total of 30 units, all exclusively for tribal members. Fifteen of the homes will be for elders and the single family units are earmarked for low-income families. The remaining units are transitional housing which will be used for homeless or other low-income individuals struggling to meet housing needs. There will also be a community center that will provide wrap-around services for residents and have an on-site case manager. This will be the first time that the tribe has managed a housing project that includes a dedicated structure for services. Phase one is expected to be complete next summer.

The tribe developed the master plan for Warrior Ridge in early 2018. It provides for a total of 370 new units (301 lot assignments, 11 elder housing units, and 58 rental units). The plan also includes two locations for future commercial services. Amanda Lange of Blue Architecture and Design is the project architect.

In February, Kara Horton, executive director of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority, told the Kitsap Sun that there could be as many as four construction phases in the project, but that only two are currently approved to move forward. Phase two will likely include up to four apartment buildings with three units in each building.

Phase one was funded in part by a Traditional Housing Trust Fund grant from the Washington State



Rendering by Blue Architecture and Design [\[enlarge\]](#)

Rendering of the duplex units at Warrior Ridge.



Map from Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe [\[enlarge\]](#)

Department of Commerce. Total development costs are an estimated \$9.4 million.

Phase one layout rendering of the Warrior Ridge housing complex.

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