

# Transforming Cities One Block At A Time: Orca Footprints 15



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Orca Footprints 15 is a community-led initiative that is transforming cities one block at a time. Through place-based interventions, the initiative aims to create more vibrant, equitable, and sustainable public spaces.

## Key Principles

Orca Footprints 15 is guided by three key principles:

- **Community-led:** The initiative is driven by the needs and aspirations of the community. Residents are involved in every step of the process, from planning to implementation and evaluation.
- **Place-based:** The initiative focuses on specific public spaces within a community. By investing in these spaces, the initiative aims to create a ripple effect that benefits the entire neighborhood.
- **Holistic:** The initiative takes a holistic approach to place-making. It considers the social, economic, environmental, and cultural factors that shape a public space.

## Impact

Orca Footprints 15 has had a significant impact on the communities it serves. The initiative has created more vibrant, equitable, and sustainable public spaces that are enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds.

For example, in the city of Seattle, Orca Footprints 15 transformed a neglected alleyway into a vibrant community gathering space. The alleyway

is now home to a community garden, a playground, and a public art installation. The space is used for a variety of activities, including community meetings, block parties, and farmers markets.



In addition to creating physical improvements, Orca Footprints 15 also fosters a sense of community ownership and pride. The initiative brings people together to work towards a common goal and creates a sense of place. This has led to a decrease in crime and an increase in social cohesion in the communities served by the initiative.

### **Future Aspirations**

Orca Footprints 15 is continuing to grow and expand its impact. The initiative is working to replicate its model in other cities and is also developing new programs to address the needs of specific communities.

For example, Orca Footprints 15 is currently developing a program to help communities adapt to climate change. The program will provide funding and technical assistance to communities to develop green infrastructure and other measures to make their public spaces more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Orca Footprints 15 is a powerful example of how community-led initiatives can transform cities for the better. Through place-based interventions, the initiative is creating more vibrant, equitable, and sustainable public spaces that are enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds. The initiative is a model for how we can create more livable and sustainable cities for everyone.



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