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People without housing live entirely within public space. It’s wonderful to see how this project acknowledges, engages, and supports those residents. It’s also wonderful that Real Change, sink hosts, and end users collaborated in the development, assessment, and revision of prototypes.

While not claiming to resolve larger social issues, the constellation of sinks creates a positive presence in the streets of Seattle. Each provides access to water, creates a destination, and fosters interactions among users, making handwashing accessible for all.

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"The sink has been the start of many conversations and serves us as building owners, the neighbors who use our garden for food and flower growing, and the neighborhood at large!"

Aaron Allan, Project Architect
Environmental Works Community Design Center, Seattle WA

1. Environmental Works Community Design Center
2. garden
3. Little Free Library
4. car campers
Accessible

The “wheelchair friendly” version is a fully integrated design with a standpipe that provides the water supply and doubles as an armature for the sink, faucet, soap dispenser, logo and instructional graphics.