

GARRY GILLIAM JR.

Garry graduated from Penn State University with multiple degrees (Business Development, Psychology and Advertising), which he puts to good use in his post-professional football career. A serial entrepreneur, Garry is a prolific businessman who learned valuable business and life lessons on the field that enhanced his character, perspective, focus and business acumen off the field. Using his businesses to not only complement and enhance one another, Garry also prioritizes community support through youth empowerment and mentorship.

With a belief that a community is only as strong as the services, resources and businesses which support it, Garry was determined to find ways to solve some of the biggest needs and fractures within society. It was while playing with the Seahawks that Garry first channeled his vision for a sustainable, mixed-use community ecosystem into what is now The Bridge Eco-Village in Harrisburg. When complete, The Bridge Eco-Village will feature solutions to many of the problems facing underserved communities: housing, retail, co-working spaces, education opportunities, entrepreneurship incubators, urban agriculture, sports and entertainment. With plans to expand The Bridge model across the USA and Africa, Garry recognizes that ambitious plans for business expansion depend on meaningful collaboration, continued personal and professional development and the recognition that the businesses of the future must prioritize environmental, social and economic sustainability.