

Tribal Engagement



Equity Advisory Committee
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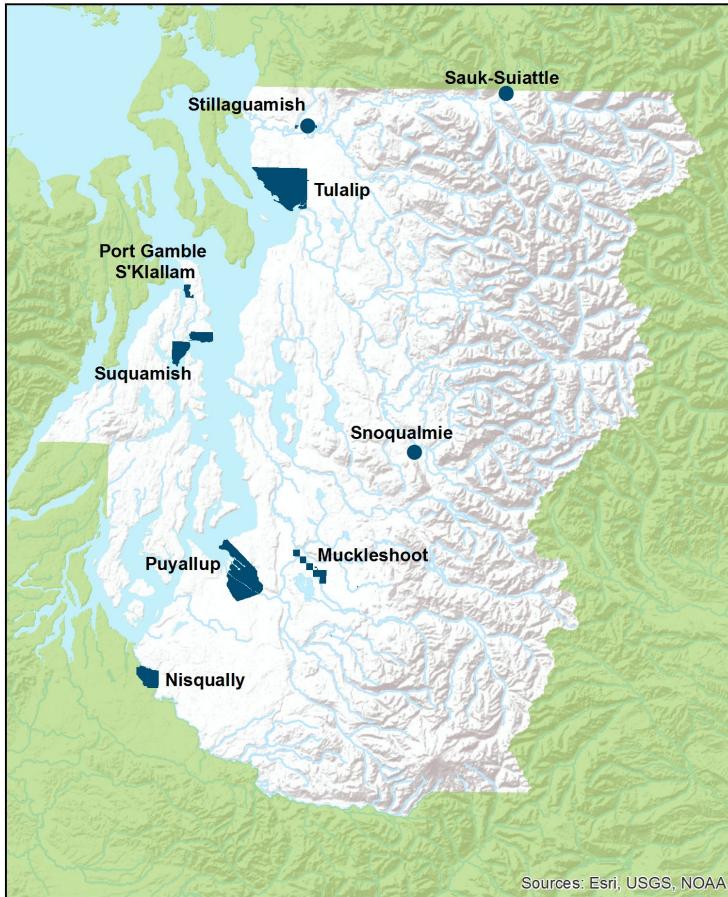


We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.
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Poll Questions

Tribes in the Central Puget Sound Region



Muckleshoot Indian Tribe*

Nisqually Indian Tribe

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Puyallup Tribe of Indians*

Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe*

Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

Suquamish Tribe*

Tulalip Tribes*

* Formal or associate members of PSRC

Questions

- Have you worked with communities that have limited capacity? How have you navigated this challenge to make the engagement experience more meaningful and collaborative?
- PSRC will engage with Tribes on the development of the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan in 2026. Do you have any suggestions for improving engagement with Tribes on this topic?

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Coordinate with tribes in regional and local planning, recognizing the mutual benefits and potential for impacts between growth occurring within and outside tribal boundaries.



Resources for Coordination with Tribes

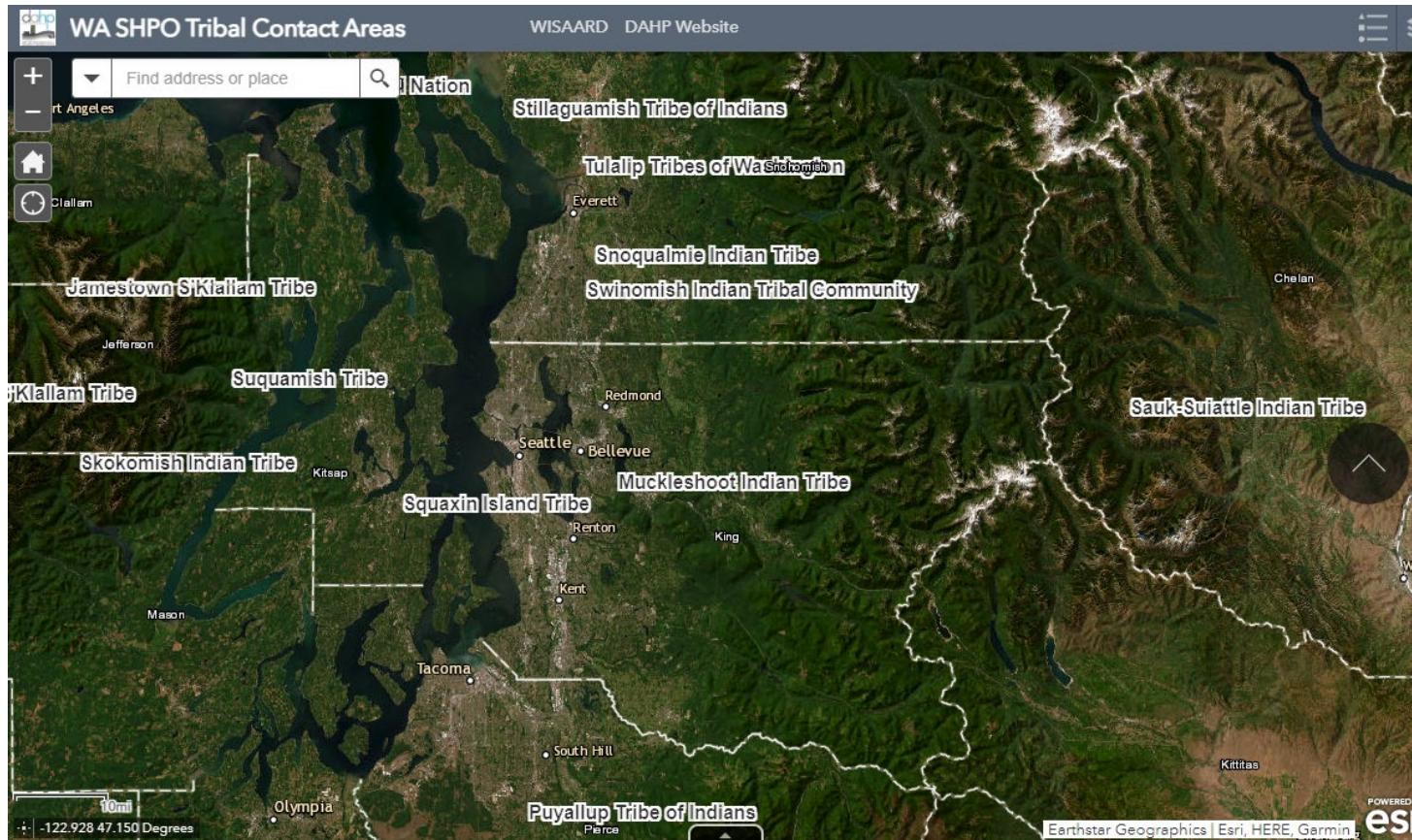
PSRC Tribes Webpage

(<https://www.psrc.org/about-us/tribes>):

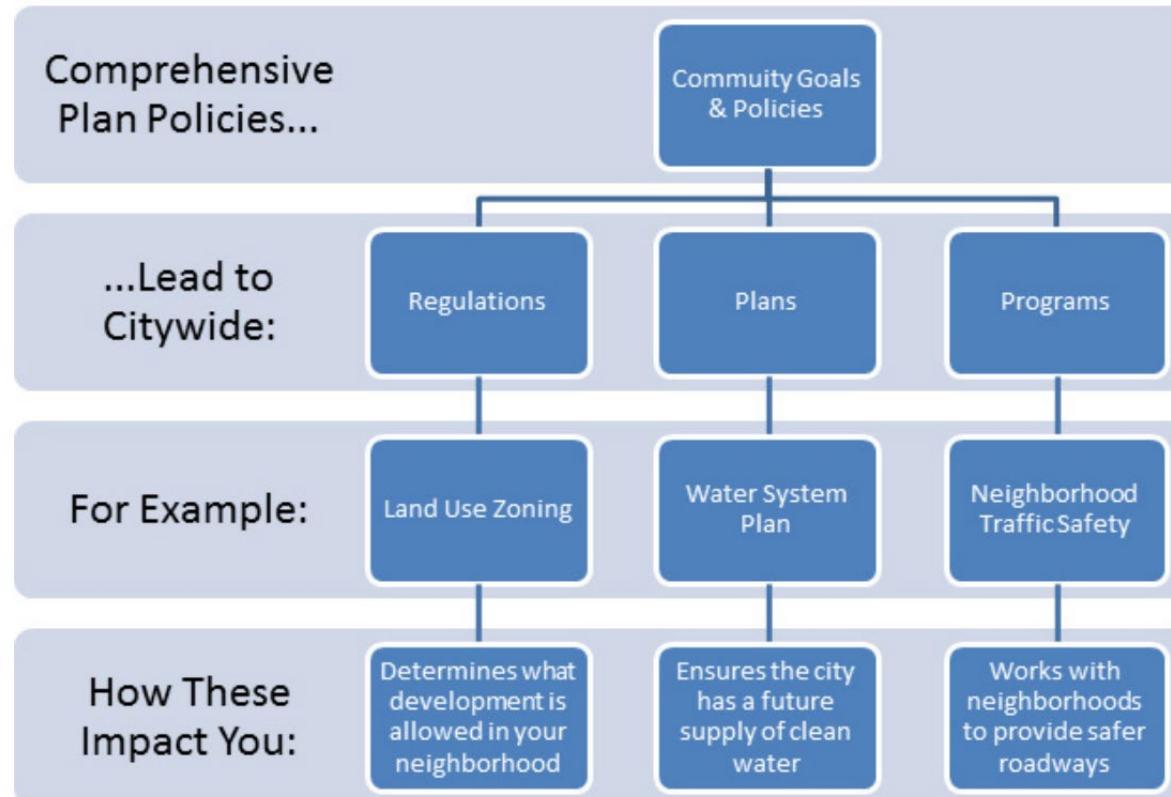
- Information on Tribes in the region
- Guidance on Coordination with Tribes in Comprehensive Planning
- Treaties and other resources

Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report

Tribal Areas of Interest



Impacts of Comprehensive Plan Policies



Guidance on Coordination with Tribes in Comprehensive Planning



- Begin coordination by building relationships, start early
- Tribal Treaty Rights
- Considerations for land use, environment, cultural resources, economic development, transportation
- Best practices

Puget Sound Recovery

Clearwater

9-minute film about Puget Sound's health and the unique relationship of Tribal people to the water

<https://vimeo.com/183041910>



Coordination with Tribes-Best Practices

Puyallup Tribe and Tacoma: Tideflats Subarea Plan and surplus property policy right of first refusal

Tulalip Tribes, Stillaguamish Tribe and Snohomish Co: Sustainable Lands Strategy to coordinate fish, farm, and flood management efforts

Suquamish Tribe and Kitsap Co: regional stormwater retrofit facility

Puyallup Tribe, Pierce Co, WSDOT, Tacoma, Fife and Puyallup: Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail

Kitsap Co and Pierce Co Countywide Planning Policies chapter on working with Tribes



PSRC Engagement with Tribes

- PSRC Membership
- Individual and group meetings with Tribes
- Growth Management Policy Board discussions
- Regional Safety Plan – Tribal Emphasis Area
- Transportation Equity Pilot Project

Regional Open Space Conservation Plan



Open Space: aquatic systems, working forests, farmland, natural lands, regional trails, urban open space

Engagement with Tribes

- Advisory committee
- Puget Sound Partnership forums
- Interviews
- PSRC/Tribes discussion



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Thank you

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