

# 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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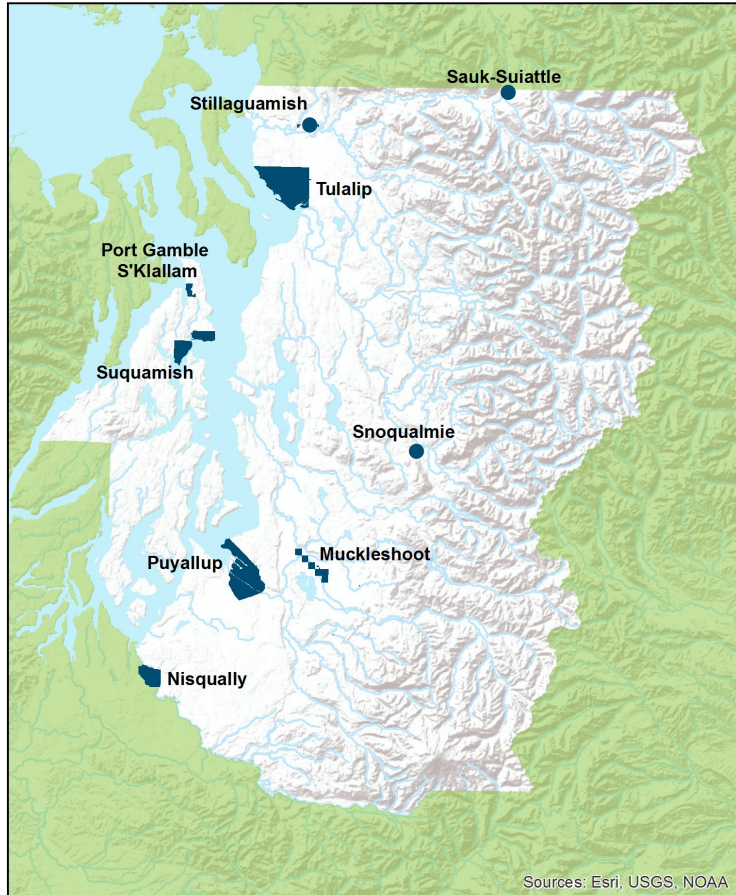
# Poll Questions



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# 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?



# VISION 2050

## MPP-RC-4

*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

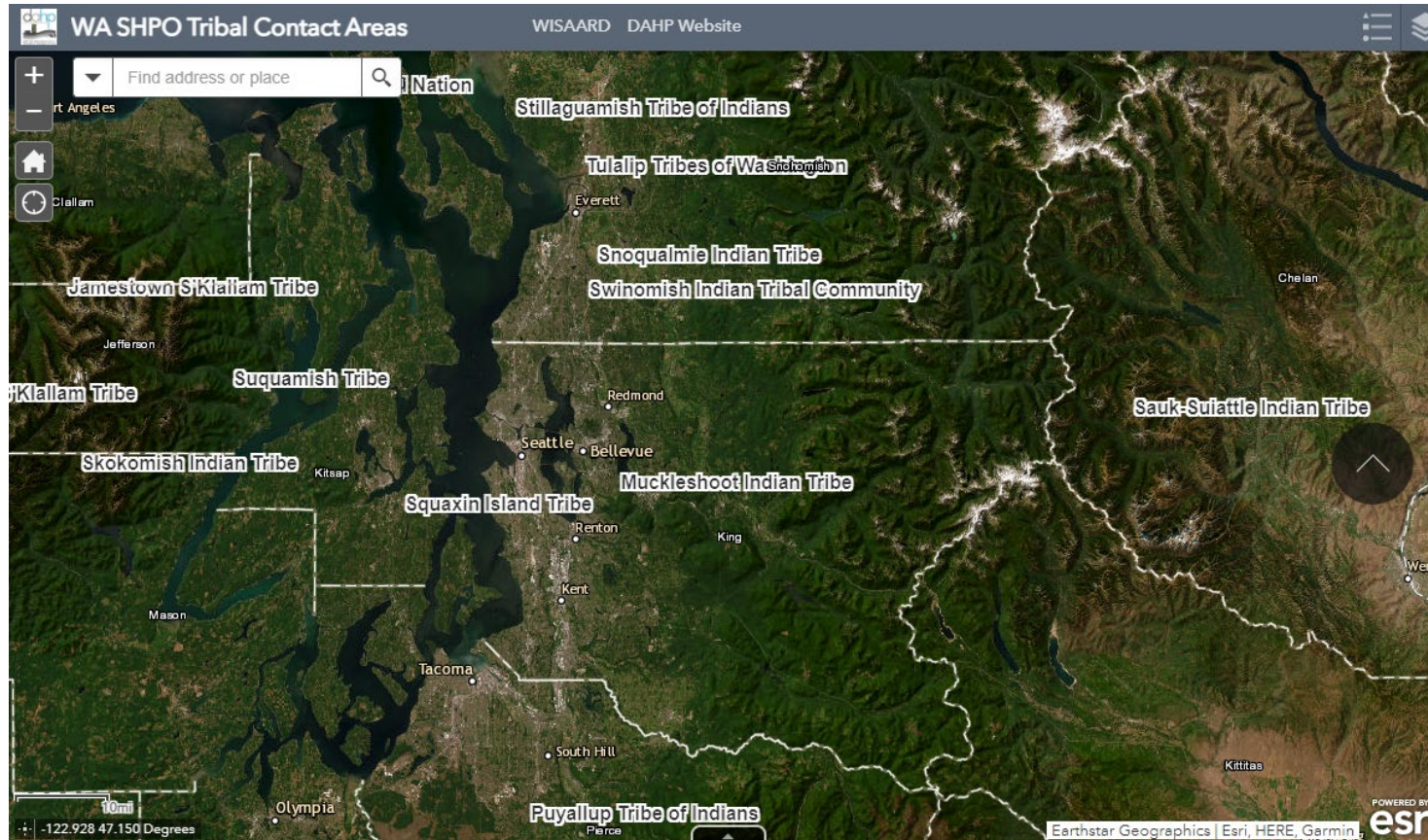
PSRC Tribes Webpage  
(<https://www.psrc.org/about-us/tribes>):

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

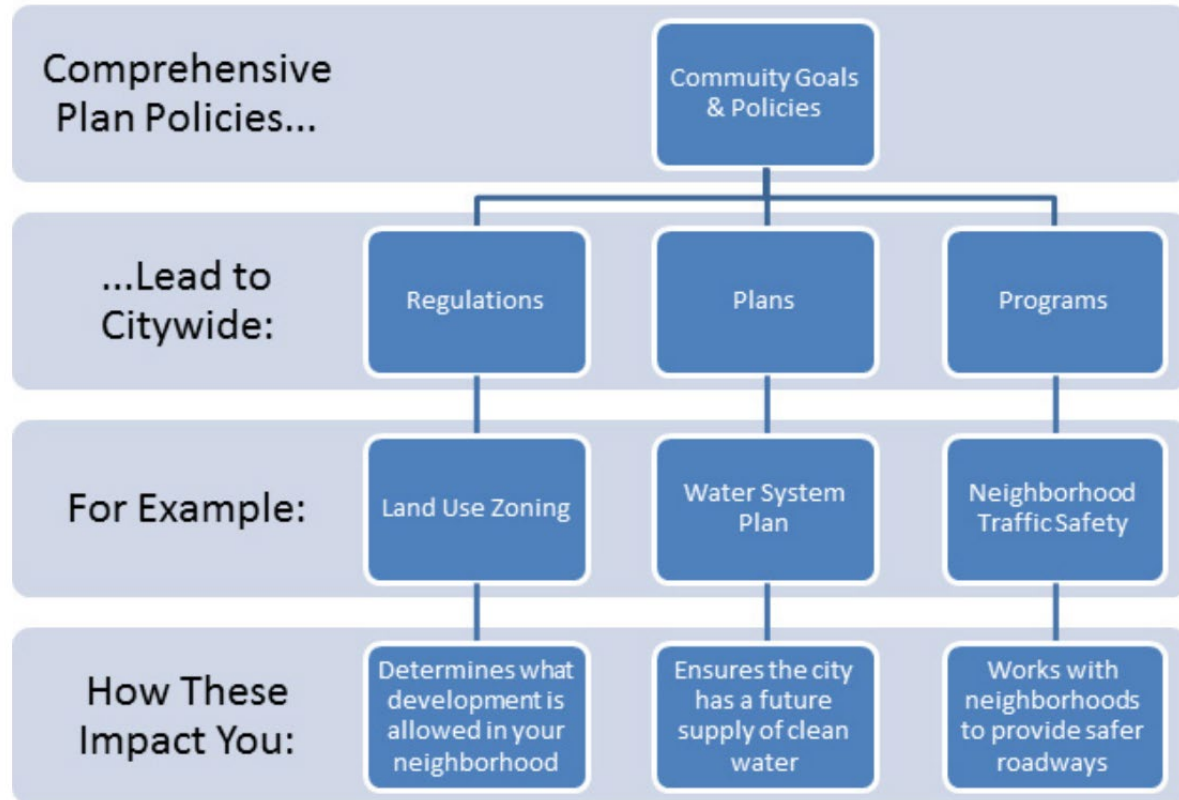
Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report



# 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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