

Conservation Toolkit

Protecting Farms, Forests, Open Space and Rural Lands

Growth Management Policy Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council

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Explore conservation programs to reduce development pressure in rural and resource areas

- Establish regional structure for transfer and purchase of development rights
- Develop toolkit of open space conservation strategies
- Facilitate city and urban development



Conservation Toolkit



Build on the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan

- Policy, planning, and regulatory tools
- Acquisition and easement tools
- Stewardship tools
- Data and mapping tools



Policy, Planning, and Regulatory Tools

- Planning framework
 - GMA
 - VISION 2050
- Policy and planning
 - Support private leasing
 - Community benefits agreements
- Zoning and development codes
 - Low impact development
 - Critical areas

Acquisition and Easement Tools

- Local government financing options
 - Special districts
 - Coordinated funding
- Options from Federal and State programs
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - FEMA hazard mitigation grants
- Other funding options
 - Philanthropy and nonprofits
 - Impact investing



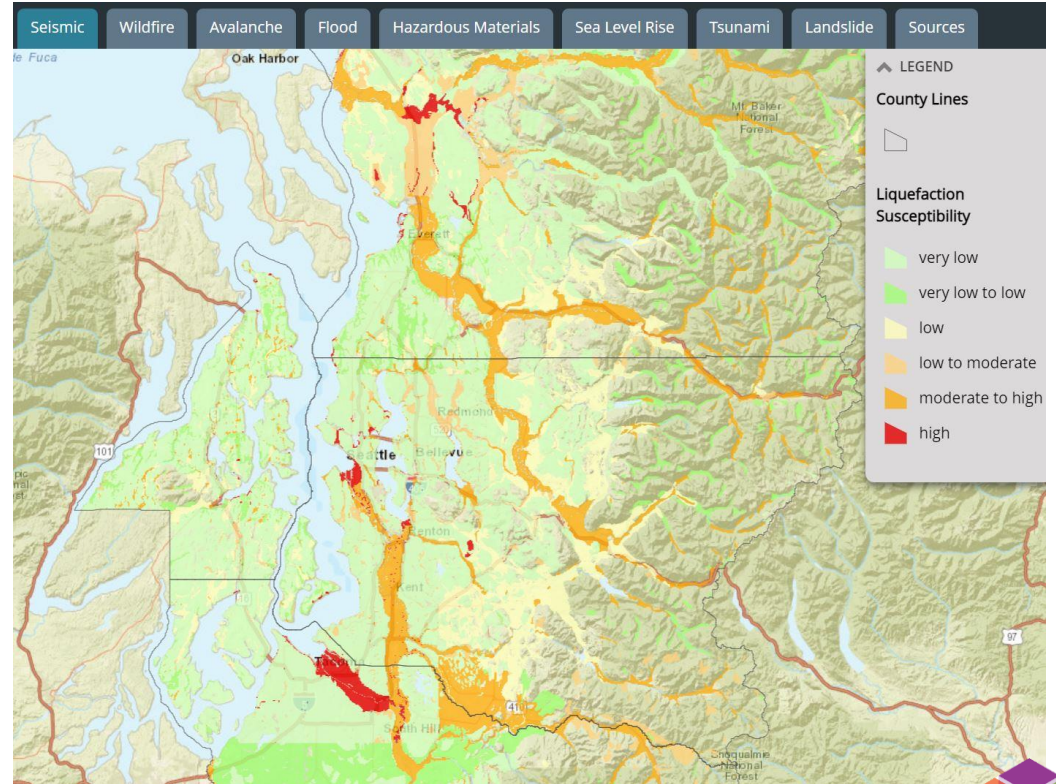
Stewardship Tools

- Education and Assistance Programs
 - Tribal coordination
 - Public, private, and nonprofit partnerships
- Incentive Programs
 - Forestry Riparian Easement Program
 - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
- Stewardship on public lands
 - Forest Resilience Bond
 - Green stormwater infrastructure



Data and Mapping Tools

- Puget Sound Hazards Mapper
- Washington Coastal Resilience Project
- TerrAdapt
- Wildland Urban Interface Mapper



Tools for Cities



Stormwater parks



Open space requirements and incentives



Parkscore



Tree Equity Score Mapper



Rebate programs for green infrastructure



Transfer of Development Rights

- Cities can create demand for TDR credits
- Opportunity with comprehensive plan updates
- TDR/LCLIP can help fund city infrastructure
- Cross-county transfers possible



Toolkit Schedule

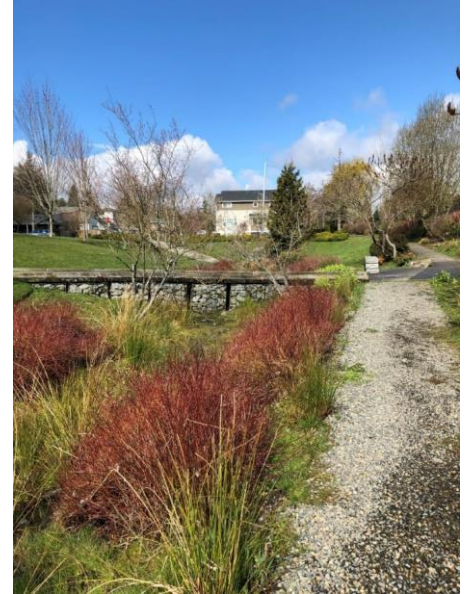
- April: Draft toolkit available for review
 - <https://www.psrc.org/open-space-conservation>
 - Send feedback to eharris@psrc.org by May 2
- June: Finalize and publicize toolkit
- Ongoing: Provide and connect jurisdictions and partners to technical assistance



Stormwater Parks Project

Jurisdictions receiving technical assistance:

- Puyallup (new)
- Kirkland
- Kitsap County
- Lynnwood
- Marysville
- Woodinville



Thank you

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