

Green-Duwamish Urban Waters Federal Partnership



Sustaining Effective and Inclusive Partnerships

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GD Story Overview

- Building the GD-UWFP – An Ecosystem-Based Approach
- Partners & Goals
- Operating Approach
- Project Examples:
 - Re-Green the Green
 - Duwamish Valley Youth Corp
 - Green-Duwamish Learning Landscape
- The Secret Sauce to Sustaining the Partnership

Green-Duwamish Watershed

‘from snow cap to white cap’



John Owen, MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design

adapted from Puget Sound Regional Council 2009

water supply for
communities



recreation
opportunity



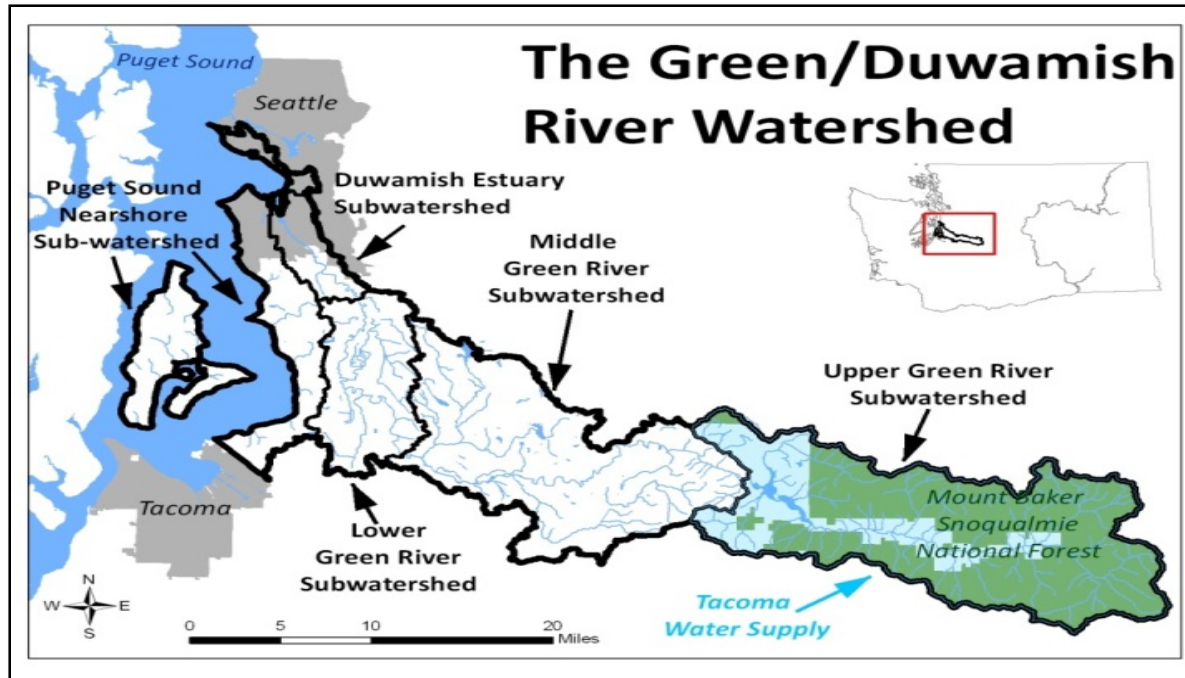
salmon &
wildlife habitat



industry &
commerce



GD-UWFP Program



Principal Federal Partners

- USFS, PNW R&D & State/Private Forestry (**Lead**)
- US EPA, R10
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Green-Duwamish UWFP Goals

- Connect Federal watershed recovery efforts with local needs/priorities
- Build cross-entity partnerships
- Reconnect people to their waterways
- Advance health equity, environmental justice, economic revitalization
- Look for multi-benefit opportunities generated by green infrastructure investments



Modified Collective Impact in the Green-Duwamish UWP

Leveraging existing multi-stakeholder initiatives:

- Watershed Restoration Groups
- Community-based organizations
- Federal agencies
- Local/regional governments
- Local NGOs & foundations

Opportunity triage . . .

- Supporting key community groups
- Collaborating on multi-benefit projects
- Highlighting the nexus of Nature/Health
- Connecting resources to community priorities



GD-UWP Operational Approach:

Modified Collective Impact Model

What is Collective Impact?

Describes an intentional approach to working together and sharing information for solving large scale, complex social and environmental challenges.

Read or download the article on Stanford Social Innovation Review's website:

http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact

5 elements of collective impact

**COMMON
AGENDA**

**SHARED
MEASUREMENT**

**MUTUALLY
REINFORCING
ACTIVITIES**

**CONTINUOUS
COMMUNICATION**

**BACKBONE
ORGANIZATION**

For more information on Collective Impact, please visit www.fsg.org. This work is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-NoDerivs 3.0 Unported License](#). Please contact info@fsg.org with requests or questions.

Projects/Activities of Interest:

- Re-green the Green Strategy
- Duwamish Valley Youth Corp
- Green-Duwamish Learning Landscape



RE-GREEN THE GREEN:

Riparian Revegetation Strategy for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9)

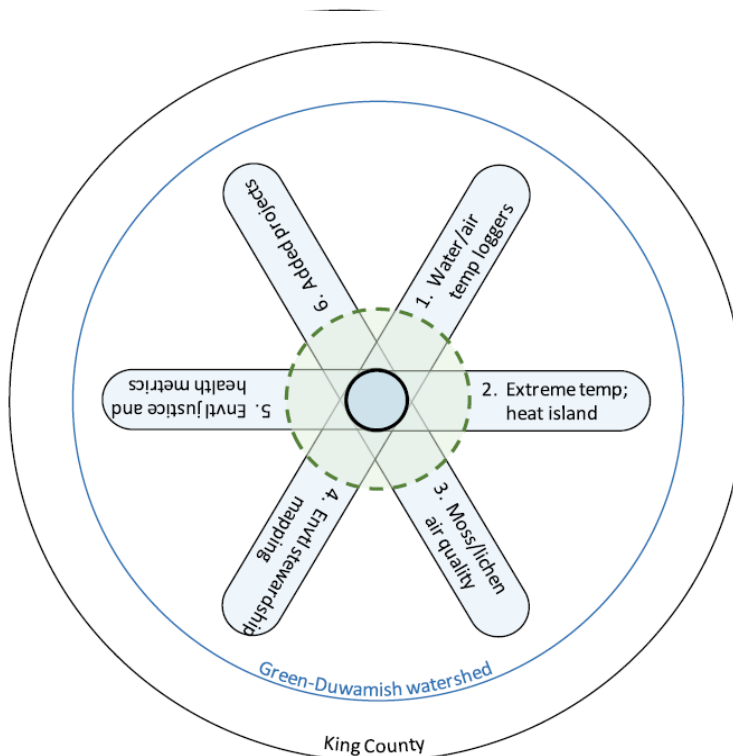


Duwamish Valley Youth Corps:

- Launched in 2014 meeting key community priority
- As of Spring 2017, graduated some 100 youth in 7 cohorts:
- Activities include:
 - planted 250 trees in highly urban neighborhoods
 - installed rain gardens
 - Pick up truckloads of trash along the river and in the communities
 - Help 45 residents build high-quality indoor air filters
 - Served as mentors through the Every Kid in a Park Program



Green-Duwamish Learning Landscape



Conceptual Approach

- Independent research projects with similar or complementary research outcomes (**blue center**)
- Projects unified by formal collaboration and by shared vision and governance (**green circle**)
- Within GD (**large blue circle**) gradient
- Projects based on the identified needs/concerns of local governments and communities
- Projects designed around citizen participation when possible and appropriate

Green-Duwamish Watershed Socio-Ecological Learning Landscape Capacity Development

Conceptual framework:

- Five projects at inception; possible future projects (six overlapping blue branches)
- Small core of similar or complementary research methods (inner blue circle)
- Projects unified by formal collaboration and by shared vision and governance (green circle)
- All projects focus on the entire Green-Duwamish watershed (large blue circle)
- Projects consider needs of and account to concerned governments and residents of King County

Secret Sauce to Effective Partnerships



Ingredient list:

- Listen before acting
- Acknowledge efforts already underway and find where to add value
- Give appropriate credit
- Bring real resources (\$\$\$) to support already identified priorities
- Stay in touch

THANK YOU!

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<http://www.urbanwaters.gov/seattle/index.html>

