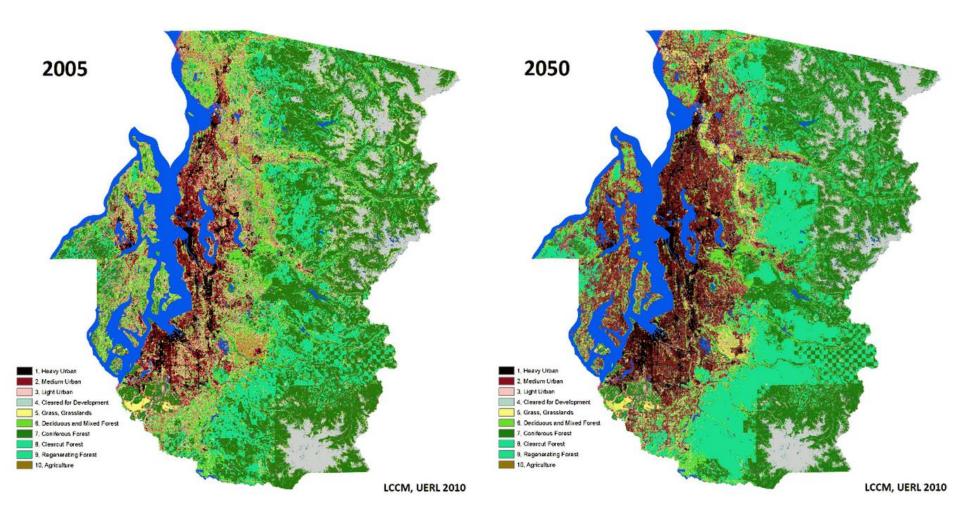
Open Space is...



Shared History, Shared Future

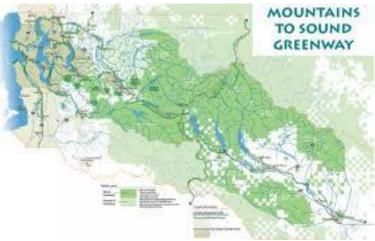
Builds upon past and current regional planning: PSP Action Agenda, Vision 2040, the Cascade Agenda, and Mountains to Sound Greenway

PugetSoundPartnership

LEADING PUGET SOUND RECOVERY







The ROSS Approach...



- Building a regional open space system
- Advancing the most important projects and actions
- Improving regional coordination
- Expanding on analytical tools
- Building a regional community

ECOSYSTEMS RURAL + RESOURCE LANDS RECREATION + TRAILS URBAN + COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ROSS Vision + Values

Conserves. enhances and manages regional open space assets and systems that are resilient to disturbances and can evolve over time

Connects and integrates open space assets in terms of physical access to landscape and habitat types, ecological relationships, rural to urban geographies, and human to natural realms

Recognizes the mutual interdependence of wilderness, rural and urban lands and the interface between people and the region's land resources and waterways

Layers objectives to address ecological integrity, ecosystem services, human health and wellbeing, resource conservation, and community vitality. Incorporates the benefits of regional open space systems into other efforts such as transportation. economic development, ... and infrastructure. planning

CONNECTED ROBUST + RESILIENT

CELEBRATED **REGIONAL OPEN** SPACE SYSTEM THAT IS

DENARDED

Provides a variety of precious open spaces, marine and terrestrial landscape and ecosystem types, and functional systems tailored to different scales and community needs

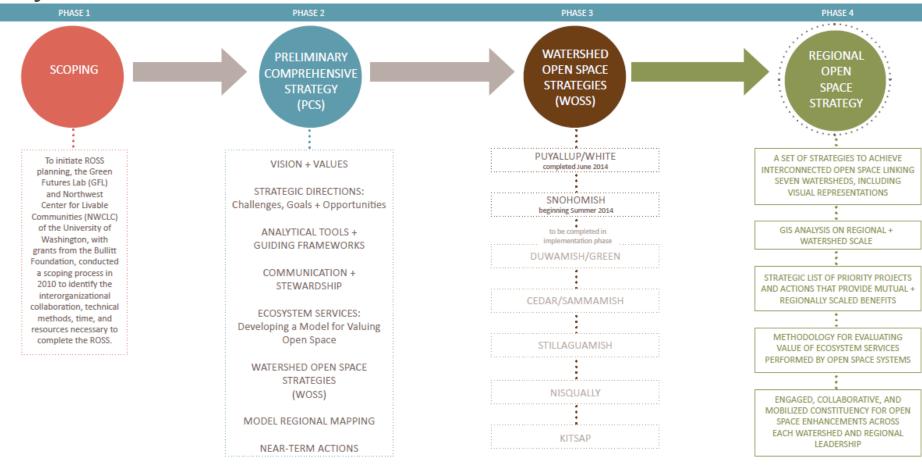
Improves cross-jurisdiction institutional coordination of open space efforts to address landscape scale objectives and upgrade the effectiveness of the system

Improves access for all citizens without degrading resources

Fosters a culture of stewardship with an appreciation of the value of regional open space



Key Work Products + Work Plan



STAFF+ CONSULTATIVE GUIDANCE: Green Futures Lab, Northwest Center for Livable Communities, The Bullitt Foundation, and National Park Service work together as the ROSS Project

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC): In early 2012 an esteemed Executive Committee was formed.

GOVERNANCE + FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE: An EC sub-committee will explore governance, coordination, and funding options.

OUTREACH + COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE: An EC sub-committee will establish a communications strategy.

ECOSYSTEMS TASK FORCE: A taskforce of expertise from the UW, Earth Economics, the Natural Capital Project, and the Cascadia Ecosystem Services Partnership will explore opportunities to integrate ecosystem services evaluation into ROSS.

HEALTH, SOCIAL EQUITY, CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCES: Taskforces led by regional experts will explore the role open space plays in advancing these key regional challenges, integrate them into ecosystems analysis and the overall ROSS.



Getting The Region Involved...

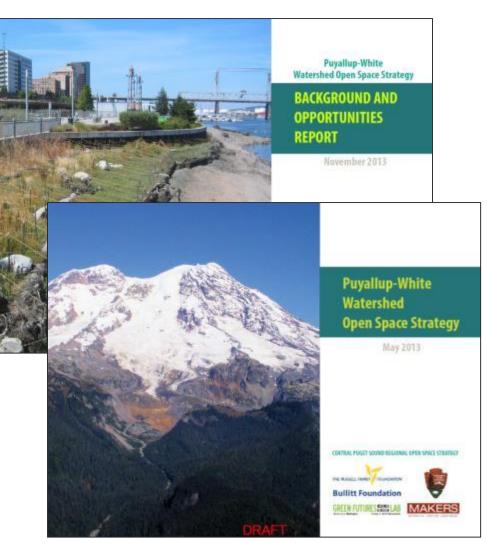
Scoping







Watershed Open Space Strategies



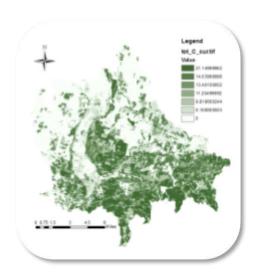
- Watershed Advisory Group
- Ongoing GIS data collection and review of current initiatives/projects
- Watershed Listening Tour
- Preliminary synthesis to link opportunities
- Advancing Key WOSS Proposals

UW Environmental Mgmt. Student Findings



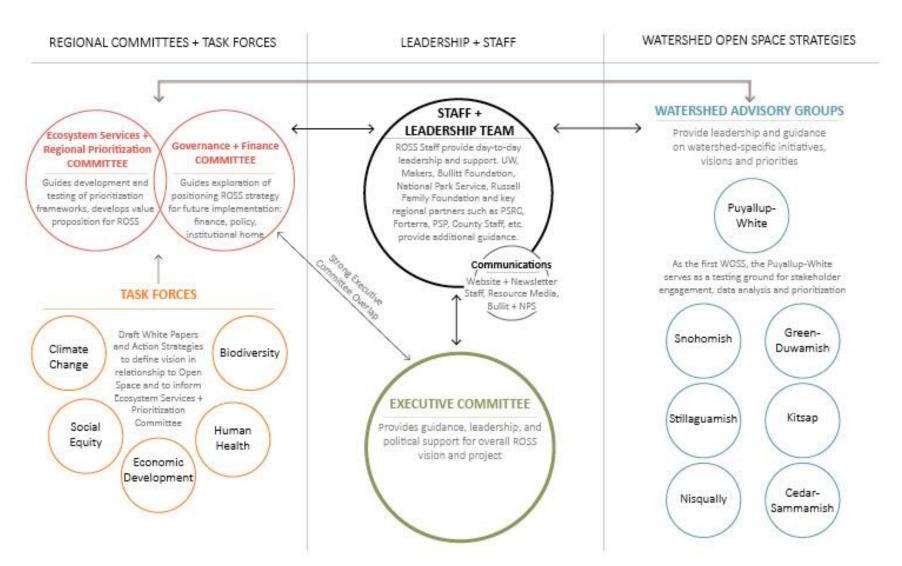




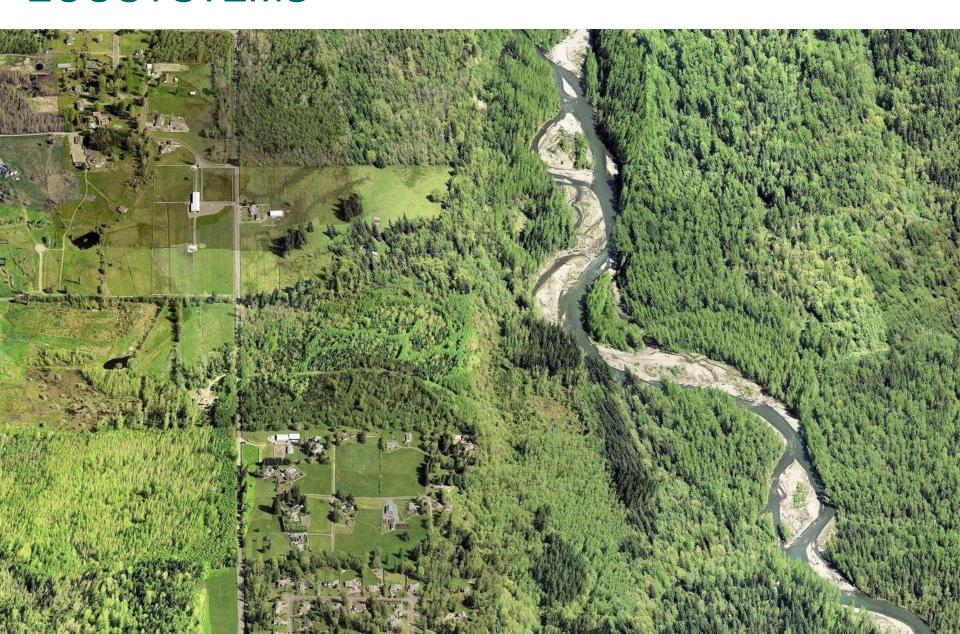


PROJECT LEADERSHIP

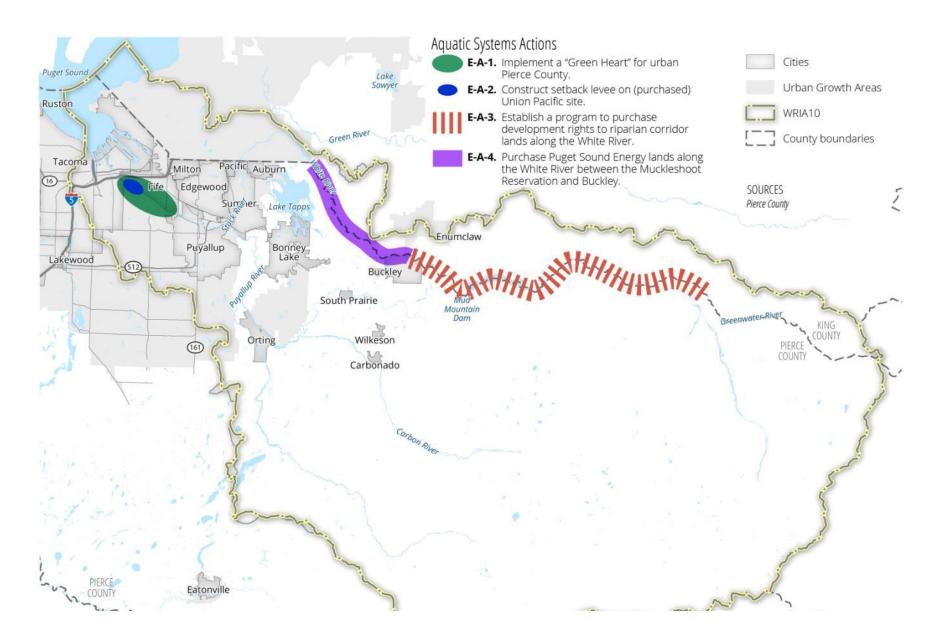




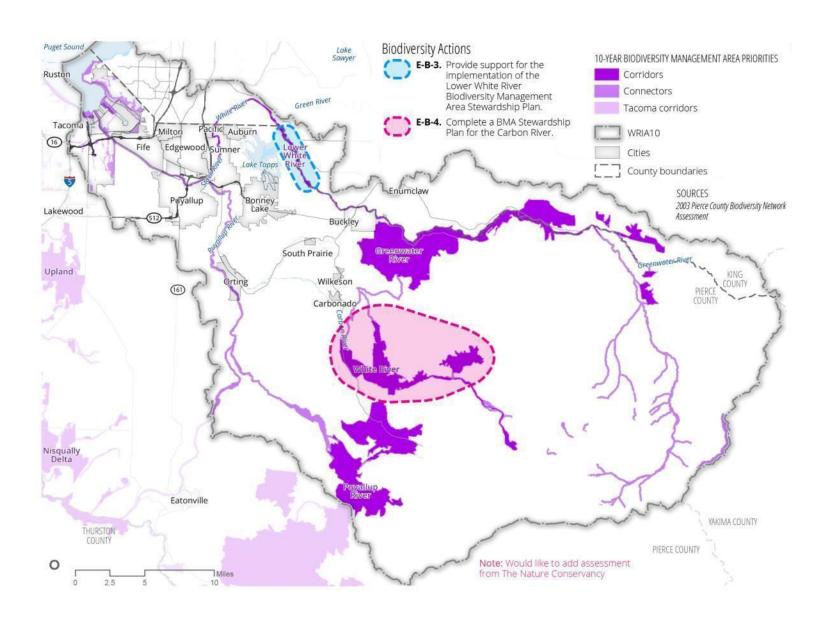
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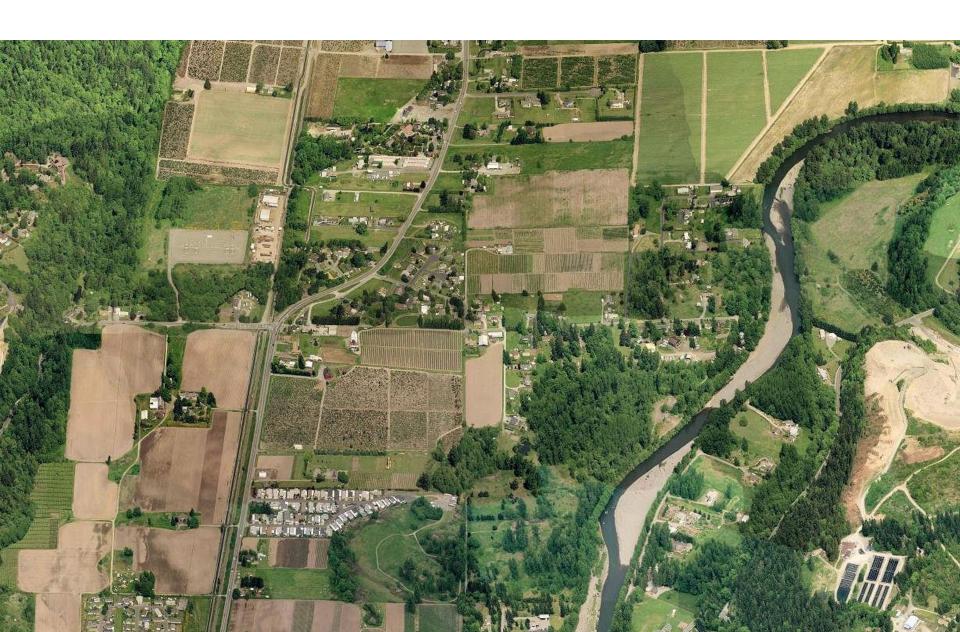
Ecosystems – Aquatic Systems



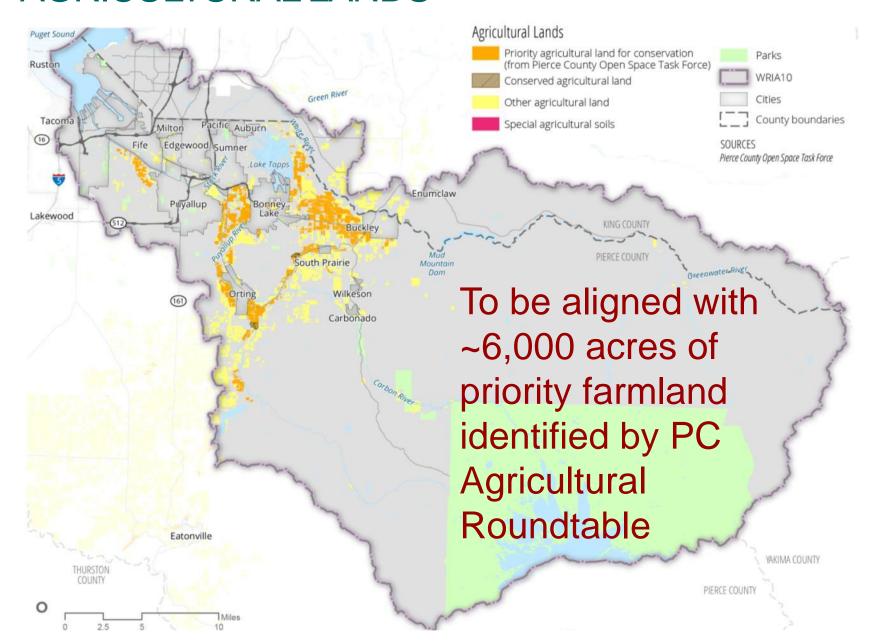
Ecosystems – Biodiversity



RESOURCE LANDS AND WORKING LANDSCAPES

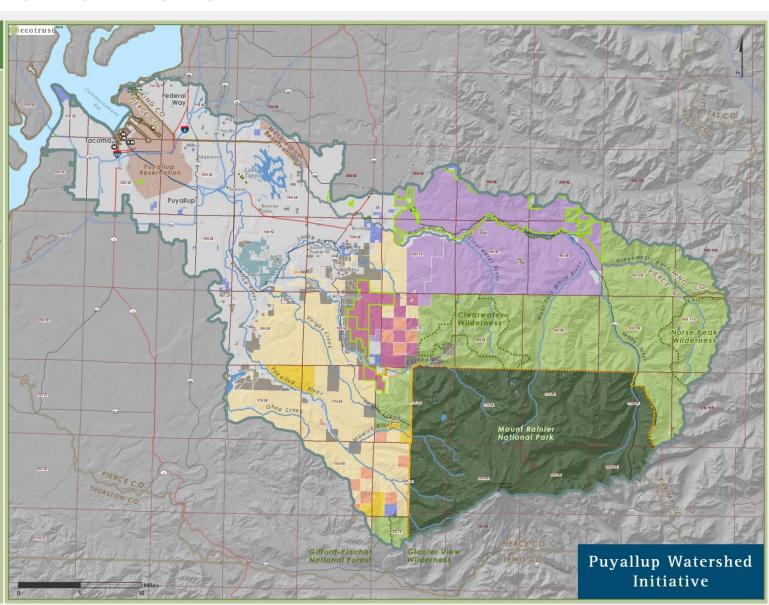


AGRICULTURAL LANDS

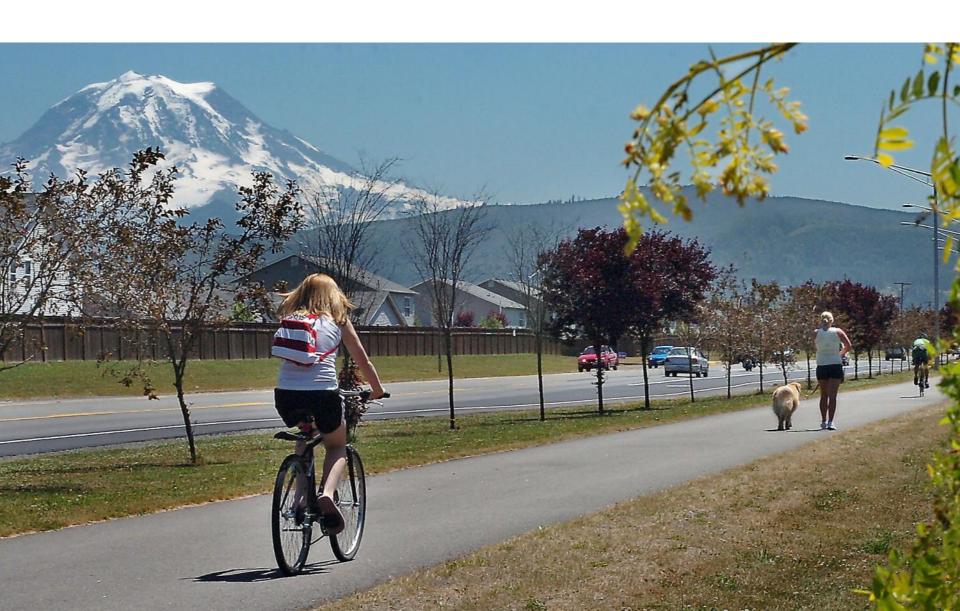


WORKING FORESTS

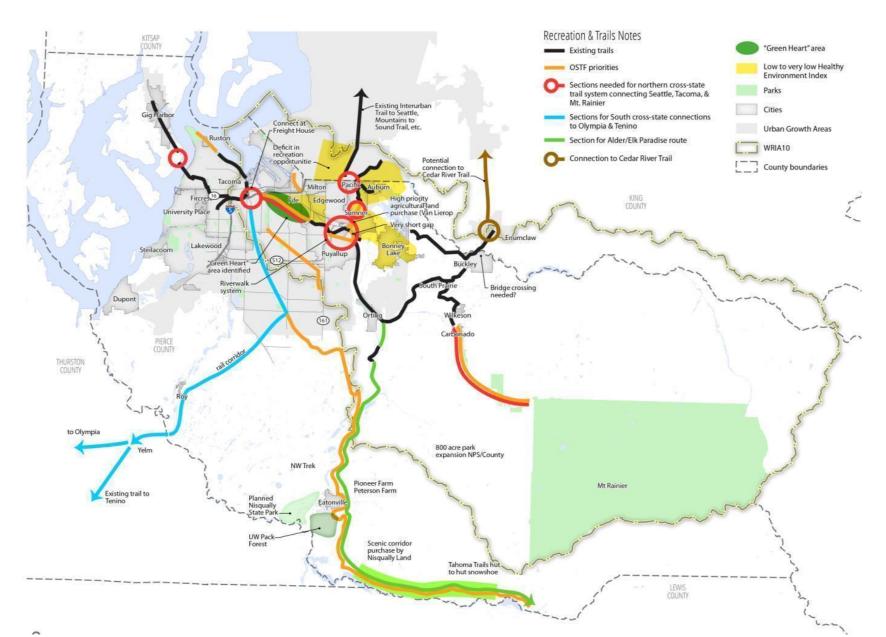
Forest Resources Puyallup Watershed Initiative Boundary - 683,893 acres **General Ownership** Private Non-Timber, 166,762 acres, 24% of watershed US Forest Service-142,144 acres 21% of watershed National Park Service, 129,783 acres, 20% of watershed Native American Reservation 20,939 acres, 3% of watershed State - 5,597 acres 1% of watershed Cascadia Development 4,027 acres, 1% of watershed **Private Timberland Ownership** Muckleshoot-White River, 80,551 acres, 12% of watershed John Hancock -79,251 acres 12% of watershed Small Owners - < 5.000 acres 3% of watershed Weyerhaeuser, 14,836 acres 2% of watershed WACF TA LLC, 7,140 acres 1% of watershed Manke Lumber, 6,797 acres 1% of watershed **Protection Level** Wilderness Area (GAP 1) Natural Disturbance Allowed Wilderness Area (GAP 2) Natural Disturbance Suppressed Conservation Easement, 38.870 acres, 6% of watershed Other Map Elements Mill County City Interstate Highway Major Road Township, Range Major Waterway Major Lake



HEALTH, ACTIVE LIVING & RECREATION



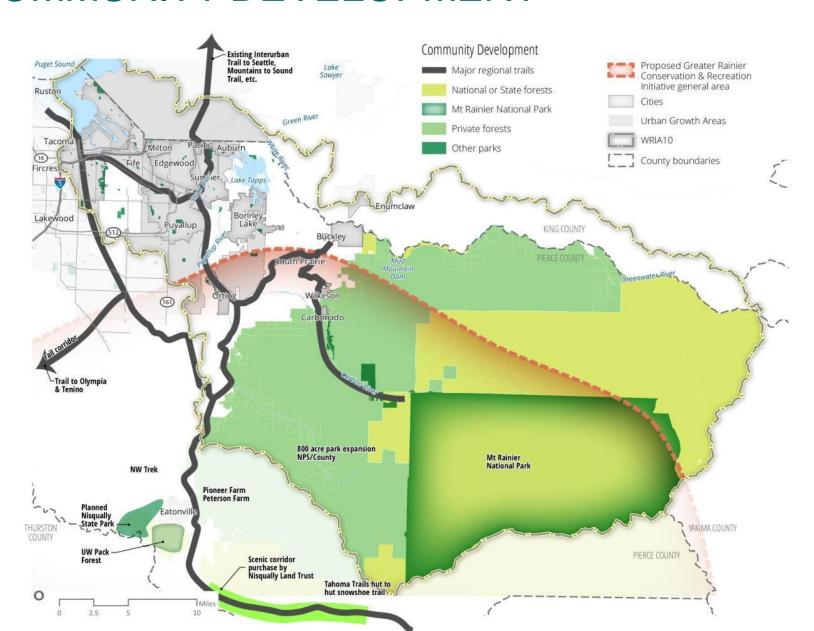
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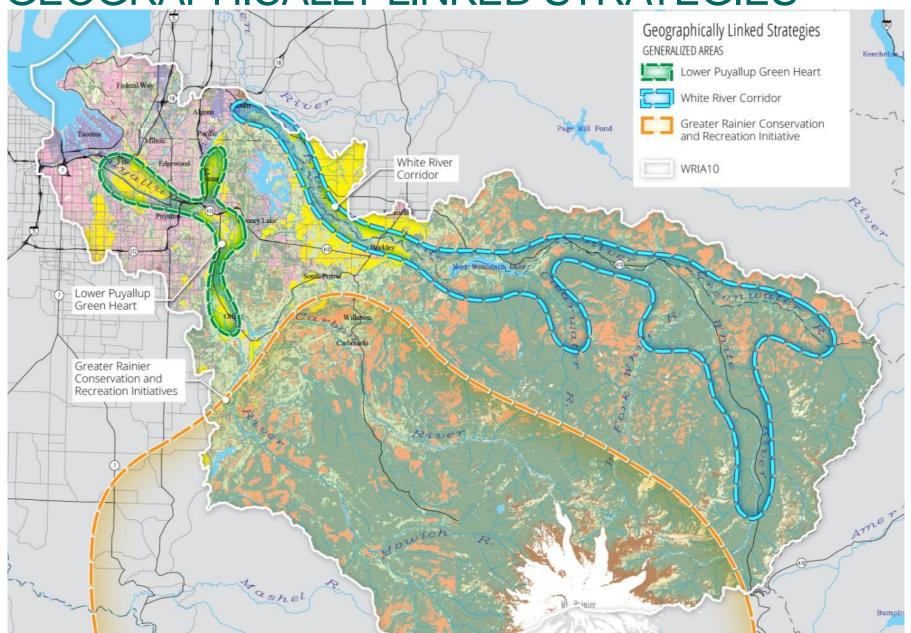
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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GEOGRAPHICALLY LINKED STRATEGIES



How does ROSS define Open Space?

OPEN SPACE is an embracing term for a diverse spectrum of lands across a rural and urban continuum on large and small scales. Open space includes and is not limited to:

- wilderness lands
- resource lands for agricultural and timber production
- national, state, county and city parks
- water bodies and wetlands
- local and regional recreational trail systems
- urban green spaces like parkways, rain gardens, tree canopy, and green roofs

OPEN SPACE SERVICES + BENEFITS CATEGORIES*

+ sample indicators

AIR

Air quality

FOOD

Crops, seafood, meat/game, urban gardens

WATER

Water storage, drinking water, water quality

SHELTER

Lumber, minerals, habitat

TASK FORCE INDICATORS/PRIORITIES

BIODIVERSITY

PLAY

Local, city, county, nat'l parks, fishing, swimming, hunting, kayaking, bicycling, hiking, etc.

WORK

Timber, ag, seafood industry, recreational tourism, gov't jobs (regulation, maintenance)

TRANSPORT

FISH: creeks, lakes, rivers, sound, ocean PEOPLE: commuter + rec trails, parkways, waterways
BIRD: forest, urban tree canopy, wetlands, waterways, etc.

HEALTH

Medicinal resources, recreational opportunities, biological (pest) control

HUMAN HEALTH

CLIMATE CHANGE

ENERGY

Hydropower, biomass fuel, fuel wood, minerals

WASTE

Decomposition, detoxification, fertilizer

MATERIALS

Raw materials, ornamental

DISASTER MITIGATION

Carbon stock + sequestration, flood prevention, landslide prevention, soil erosion

SOCIAL

AESTHETIC

Viewsheds

CULTURAL

Spiritual, ornamental, seafood, habitat, spices, etc.

EDUCATION

Environmental education centers, school proximity

COMMUNITY

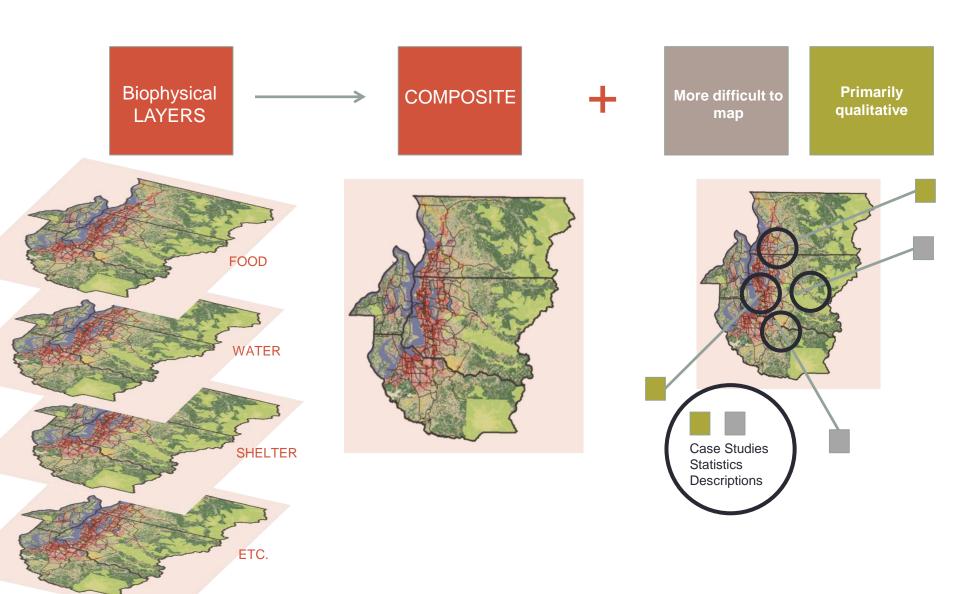
Social gathering sites, others to be defined

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

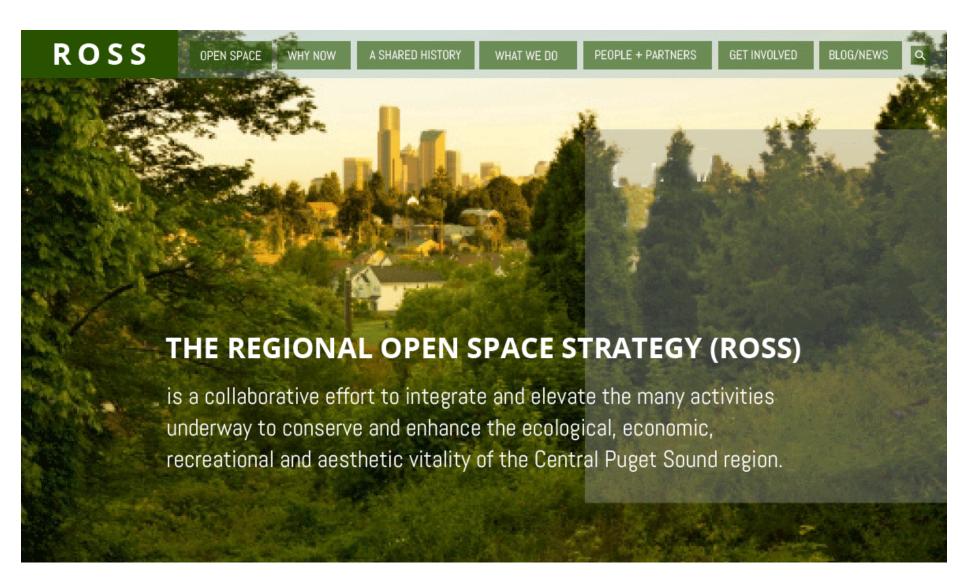
These will be over-layed to include hot spots, demographic data, priorities, indicators, etc.

* We recognize these may merit refining or combining. We do not see these as mutually exclusive, importantly they are reinforcing which demonstrate open space's multi-functional, multi-beneficial nature.

But all are needed to tell the Open Space story...



Coming In July



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OPEN SPACE

WHY NOW

A SHARED HISTORY

WHAT WE DO

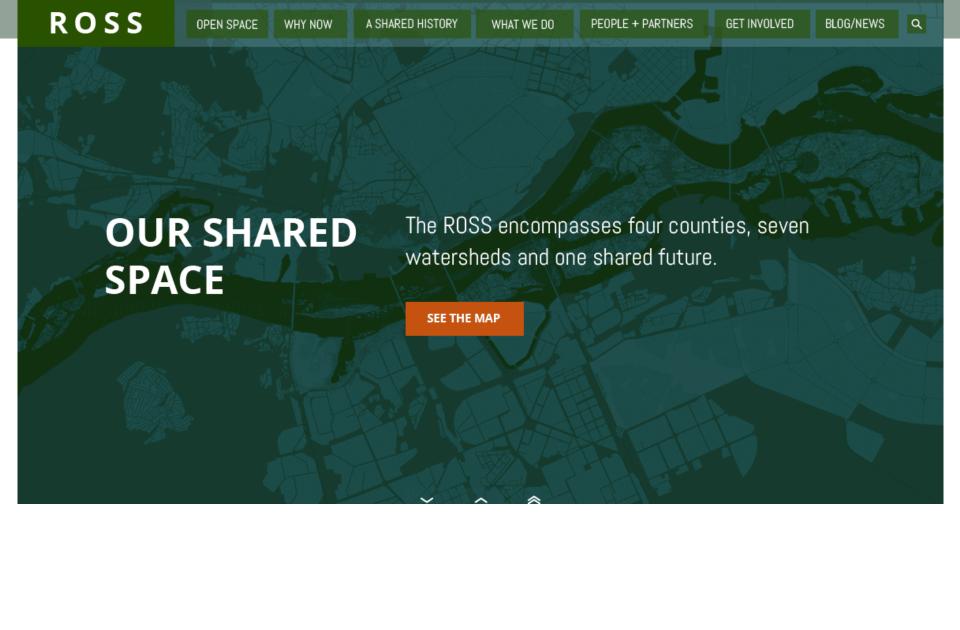
WHAT IS OPEN SPACE?

Open Space is more than just parkland and forests. It's the systems that support life as we know it in the Puget Sound region.

FIND OUT MORE

"...a Regional Strategy to identify, preserve, and enhance regionally significant open space assets linked across





ROSS OPEN SPACE WHY NOW A SHARED HISTORY WHAT WE DO PEOPLE + PARTNERS GET INVOLVED BLOG/NEWS Q

PEOPLE

Why people care about the ROSS



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The ROSS is made up of people like you, and organizations like yours. Get involved. Elevate your work. We can have a greater impact when we work together.

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