

Green-Duwamish Urban Waters Federal Partnership
Work Plan for October 2013 through September 2014
Final

- I. Inventory/mapping of regulatory driven activity by all players beginning at the Federal level followed by the state and local governments and NGOs. **The product of this activity will be a key deliverable for the first year.**

- II. Outreach and engagement with the appropriate existing groups throughout the watershed at the Federal, State and local levels of government. This will serve as the basis of an overall inventory of engagement across the GD to better inform our work going forward.
 - Ambassador (and others) to interface and engage with groups already working and convening on the issues related to natural resource restoration, economic development and social and environmental justice, including:
 - i. Puget Sound Federal Caucus (and all their member agencies)
 - ii. Puget Sound Partnership (on directed projects)
 - iii. WRIA 9 Ecosystem Forum and Management Committee
 - iv. NIPSC (HUD, EPA and Transportation)
 - v. Duwamish Community Involvers Meeting (coordinated by EPA)
 - vi. South Sound Action Area Caucus Group
 - vii. Green River Basin Technical Committee (King County Flood Control District)
 - viii. Regional Open Space Strategy (ROSS)
 - ix. King County Conservation District
 - x. USACE and the now ongoing SWIF process (enough to stay informed)
 - xi. ECOSS (Environmental Coalition of South Seattle: <http://www.ecoss.org/>)
 - xii. Others to be identified.

- III. Engagement with other core team (USFS, NRCS and EPA) and UWFP pilot sites and key contacts in DC, including routine management of communications related to GW-UWFP and routine reporting.
 - Ambassador and other members of the core team to connect with the other UWFP sites via regular conference calls and through direct outreach to stay abreast of the activities happening across the country including funding opportunities, research and models of engagement that might be of interest in the Green-Duwamish.
 - Track routine minutes from bi-monthly meetings with FS colleagues and EPA, NRCS and USFS advisory committee. Build into a report on all the meetings and information gathering, opportunities identified and where the UWFP can be most impactful.

- IV. Identify (with input from key partners and local entities) key issues to tackle and develop criteria for choosing which issues are most strategic to move on first and the specific approach for moving the issue forward. **The criteria document/process for choosing which issues to address will be a key deliverable during the first year.** Current ideas include (shared by WRIA 9 and multiple other stakeholders):
- i. Update and complete the Duwamish Blueprint;
 - ii. Environmental Justice in South Park and Georgetown communities around access to the River in the lower Duwamish Communities and Environmental Health Measures (building from existing research);
 - iii. Access to the waterway or other recreational opportunities along the lower sections of the river;
 - iv. Seek “priority status” for the Green-Duwamish in funding opportunities from the Federal Government, especially from those agencies which are signatories to the UWFP (14 agencies). (EXAMPLE: CELCP FY14 funding notice for salmon habitat recovery implementation for WRIA 9. Does the G/D UWFP provide WRIA 9 with a competitive advantage via NOAA?)
 - v. CIRCLA/NRDA reconciliation for consistency-what counts toward remediation;
 - vi. Source control in the upper watershed-alternatives to enhance stormwater controls;
 - vii. Hatchery Mgmt (involving NOAA);
 - viii. watershed wide riparian restoration;
 - ix. Tree/greenery planting in the lower Duwamish;
 - x. Incentives to farmers in the middle Green Valley;
 - xi. Levee and floodplain management in the middle Green;
 - xii. Inventory of restoration alternatives in the lower Duwamish (from the tour Dale and Tracy took of restoration sites in the Spring 2013);
 - xiii. Fish Passage at Howard Hansen Dam.
- V. Identify and engage in supportive research on the issues related to the objectives and goals of the GD-UWFP. **Some of these products will be key outputs in the first year.**
- i. Valuation Study underway with Earth Economics
 - ii. GCRA research projects already underway (focused on urban forestry, watershed and ecosystem stewardship)
 - iii. NUCFAC proposal (USFS funding for work comparing the efforts of the GD-UWFP and that of the UWFP site in northern Indiana (LOI submitted)
 - iv. Duwamish Blueprint process—engage with King County staff to help with facilitation and link with ESV and future economic gain from restoration.