Sound impacts: building an impact metrics portal for tracking collective positive impacts of restoration and green infrastructure across the Puget Sound

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The problem

• The Salish Sea is in need of restoration and recovery.
• There are a lot of us working very hard for that goal.
• We all use science-based strategies to restore habitat, improve water quality, air quality, quality of life...
• Is it working?
• The vital signs aren’t exactly improving.
• We need to work smarter.
The problem

• Environmental impacts are tracked by many different entities in different ways.
• Water quality, Salmon populations, Orca populations, Puget Sound Vital Signs, are tracked
• But effort and investments are not.
The problem

• If we don’t track our efforts, how will we know if they are working?

• How will we make them better?
The Solution

• The Survey:
  • Why aren’t we all collecting the same data?
  • Why aren’t we all reporting and sharing our efforts?
  • What’s the incentive to use an external reporting tool?
  • How can self-reported data be used/trusted for regional analysis.

• Collective ownership of the tool
• Clear and effective visualization tools (Tableau software)
• Transparency
How it works

• “Retail Users”
  • Orgs and agencies that engage in physical green infrastructure, and restoration activities.
  • Web-based and Bulk upload spreadsheet options
  • Create your own dashboard to track stormwater, carbon, habitat, and human impacts of your works: over time, over space
  • See your “fingerprints” and your “footprints”

• “Wholesale Users”
  • Looking regionally to see where efforts are, where they are working, and connect the effort to the end of pipe impacts (is it working? What is working and where? → adaptive management)
Introduction

Sound Impacts is an online portal for all of the region’s practitioners and implementers of Green Infrastructure as well as for anyone curious to see what efforts and investments are being made to protect and improve this region’s natural assets.

Legend

- Rain Garden, Bioretention, and Bioswale
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Tree Planting
- Green Roof
- Permeable Pavement
- Depaving

Reset Map

Rain Garden Projects

- Total Square Feet: 2,737,286
- Earliest Project Date: Jan, 2000
- Latest Project Date: Mar, 2018

Galons Of Runoff Managed

- Annual estimate based on the simple calculation: square footage x annual rainfall x gallons conversion

For more detailed impact calculations, please visit the dashboard page.

Tree Planting Projects

- Total Square Feet: 381,935
- Earliest Project Date: Apr, 1990
- Latest Project Date: Dec, 2017

Total Trees Planted

- 11,198

- For more detailed impact calculations, please visit the dashboard page.
### Rain Garden Summary by Contributor

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Adding Projects

BULK IMPORT

Step 1: Get Template
Download the excel sheet template for each project type you wish to enter:
- Rain Garden
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Trees
- Permeable Pavement
- Green Roof
- Tree Planting

Step 2: Fill in Data
Fill in project data using one row per project.

Step 3: Upload Data
Use the form below to upload the templates you filled in.

File: Choose File | No file chosen

Submit
Viewing Impact

Rain Gardens
Sized by Gallons of Runoff Managed

Rain Garden Summary by Contributor

Types of Contributing Area

3,986 Rain Garden Projects
Total Square Feet: 2,737,286
Earliest Project Date: Jan, 2000
Latest Project Date: Mar, 2018

64,748,163 Gallons Of Runoff Managed
Annual estimate based on the simple calculation: square footage x annual rainfall x gallons conversion
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Current work 2018

• Currently scheduling data import parties with partners

• Coming soon: travelling workshops

• 2019: Develop funding proposal and project team for a full Sound Impacts 2.0 build out and launch
• Beta version live now.
• For version 2.0:
  • More metrics (beta is focused on stormwater) add carbon capture, heat island effects, quality of life, air quality, human health...
  • Data transparency, public database (i.e. tableau public)
  • Make sure other tools can easily use Sound Impacts as a data layer
    • E.g. decision making tools like Trust for Public Land’s OSAT tool or TNC’s stormwater heatmap tool...
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