City Habitats: thriving people, thriving nature and solving stormwater collaboratively as a region

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Puget Sound:

- Only 76 orcas left
- Chinook salmon in decline
- 20% of shellfish beds closed due to pollution
- 14 million pounds of pollutants go into Puget Sound annually
challenges:
cities & towns

- climate change
- pollution control
- physical & mental health
- childhood health
- crime prevention
- environmental & social equity
- economic success
- growing populations
HOW NATURE WORKS FOR US
cleaner air in our communities

reduced flooding from climate change

improved walkability traffic calming & safer
nature-based solutions

- rain gardens
- green roofs
- tree canopy
- green streets
- bioswales
- parks and open space
RAIN GARDENS catch water from roofs and gently release it into the landscape.

SWALES catch water and filter it slowly back into the ground.

URBAN TREE COVER intercepts and evaporates rainfall.

INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES

BETTER AIR QUALITY

COMMUNITY AESTHETICS

COOLER AIR/ENERGY SAVINGS

RECREATION

ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

IMPROVED WATER QUALITY

POROUS PAVEMENT allows water to pass through into the native soils.

SOIL BUILDING with mulch and compost holds moisture.
Reduced property crime

Can add $1000’s to a home’s value

3x more active when living in a green community
case study: Stephen C. Grey & Associates
Salmon-Safe
case study:
Hillside Paradise Parking Plots
partners: World Relief Seattle, King Conservation District, Hillside Church, Construction for Change
how do we accelerate?

- Foster collaboration
- Increase public and private investments
- Inspire voluntary action and public demand
- Build and share knowledge and capacity
THRIVING NATURE, THRIVING COMMUNITIES

The paths we walk to our front door, the blocks our kids play on, the breathtaking cityscapes, the parks where we gather — these are the result of our human nature. So why do we often think of nature as separate?

By bringing more nature into our cities and towns, we can support thriving human communities with cleaner water, cleaner air, and healthier people with stronger connections to each other.
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Make A Difference Day

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Puget Sound Day on the Hill
Acceleration Tools

• Shared vision
• Common language
• Leveraging our resources
• Connecting to the next generation
• Curate technical information
CHANGE IS COMING
Solve Stormwater → Accelerate & Amplify → “City Habitats”

... It’s not really a stormwater project any more
thank you!

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