



Our Green/Duwamish (OGD) Partner Expectations

Foreword

This document is being developed to help achieve progress towards Goal 7, Objective 1 of the OGD Implementation Plan, and is focused on helping to define the Our Green/Duwamish stormwater management coalition (Coalition). This agreement is intended to describe and formalize the collective expectations of OGD partners (Partners).

Content for this agreement was derived from feedback generated by the Coalition at a workshop on October 10, 2019. The purpose of the workshop activity was to define each goal's future state. The desired future state for Goal 7 is:

"The Coalition is a sustainable, accountable team of organizations that leverage their best qualities to provide trusted recommendations to decision makers for enduring stormwater management strategies in the Watershed."

Partners suggested that the Coalition draft a partnership agreement to realize this desired future state for Goal 7. An agreement that required a signature was developed and later replaced by this document based on feedback from the April 15, 2021 partner meeting. The agreement has been rewritten as a set of operational expectations, updated in 2023 to include commitments that are critical for completing the annual report and a desire to connect with a wider variety of organizations within the watershed. A signature from Partners remains unnecessary. It is designed to be referenced by existing and future partners.

Generally, the Partners agreed that it is important to define how we interact with each other, define our accountability to the Coalition, and set expectations for how we engage and participate in achieving our collective vision. This draft set of expectations is designed to help clarify our mutual commitment to the [vision, mission, and goals](#) of the Our Green Duwamish Watershed-Wide Stormwater Strategy.

OGD Partner Expectations

As a partner of Our Green/Duwamish, we are committed to the meaningful participation in the Our Green Duwamish (OGD) Stormwater Strategy.

As a willing and engaged partner of OGD, we are committed to (as time and resources allow):

1. Attending Partner meetings;
2. Participating in the co-design and collaborative approach adopted by the Coalition;
3. Reviewing and commenting on draft OGD products;
4. Reviewing and approving final products;
5. Providing time, staff, and resources when available or appropriate;
6. Participating in completing and reviewing the OGD annual report; and
7. Building the Coalition through networking and engagement opportunities.

It is expected that the following norms will define how Partners work together:

1. Honoring the voluntary nature of this Coalition;
2. Working to communicate effectively;
3. Recognizing the value of our existing relationships;
4. Acknowledging the shared regional investment we are making to the Green/Duwamish watershed;
5. Providing honest, constructive feedback to each other;
6. Being gracious and understanding towards each other;
7. Accepting of where the goals of the Coalition diverge from those of our individual organizations, and work towards achieving common outcomes;
8. Innovating and thinking creatively about how we can work together; and
9. Recognizing and promoting the good work we are all doing to improve the health of the Watershed.

By participating in the Coalition, you are committing to work collaboratively with other OGD partners to support the shared vision of the [Our Green Duwamish Watershed-Wide Stormwater Strategy](#). In turn, you, an OGD Partner, will receive support from the Coalition because you represent one of many partner organizations whose work is critical to restoring the health of the Watershed.