

What is Our Green Duwamish?

Our Green/Duwamish (OGD) is a coalition of Partners focused on improving stormwater management in the Green/Duwamish watershed.

This watershed-wide stormwater strategy outlines OGD's vision, mission, goals, and objectives.

Vision:

In the Green/Duwamish watershed, stormwater runoff is sustainably managed to support and enhance the environment, human health, and the economy.

Mission:

We will improve and accelerate watershed-scale stormwater runoff management actions in the Green/Duwamish watershed, collaboratively, with community, jurisdictions, agencies, non-profits, and businesses. We will manage the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff by preserving and restoring receiving waters; securing sustainable funding resources; aligning non-regulatory and regulatory interests; advancing equity, social justice, and the economy; and prioritizing actions with multiple benefits.

The Coalition is guided by this mission statement, co-created by the Partners, and organizes its work into seven goals:

- Goal 1: Reduce priority toxics and other pollutants discharging to receiving waters.
- Goal 2: Foster partnerships, broad participation and collaboration amongst Watershed Partners and communities.
- Goal 3: Increase access to existing data, research, and resources.
- Goal 4: Restore natural hydrologic functions through reduction in uncontrolled stormwater runoff flows.
- Goal 5: Increase innovation in stormwater runoff management.
- Goal 6: Increase awareness and an understanding of stormwater runoff management.
- Goal 7: Build a coalition or collaborative entity to carry out the vision for the Green/Duwamish watershed-wide stormwater management strategy

Value of being an OGD partner:

- Access to facilitated opportunities for collaboration, information sharing, and problem solving on stormwater management.
- Be an active member in co-designing stormwater solutions in the Green/Duwamish watershed.
- Access to regional planning tools and emerging, innovative technologies (such as this <u>stormwater action planning mapping tool)</u>.
- Opportunities for grant proposal support.
- Access to a network of stormwater professionals with extensive experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm for teamwork.

What does it look like to be an OGD partner?

There is no one way to be an OGD Partner. Participation in the OGD Coalition is flexible, however Partners are expected to review and adhere to this outline of <u>Partner Expectations</u>, which details what OGD Partners are committed to and how we will work together as a coalition.

Existing OGD Partners participate in the coalition a variety of ways. Some track emails only, others attend partner meetings or just subgroup meetings, and still others participate in a combination of these things. OGD is about creating a space where Partners are able to participate in the way that maximizes benefits for them.

If financial barriers are a burden that prevent your organization from being engaged in the OGD coalition, then please consider completing this stipend form to access funds to offset the cost of participating in the OGD coalition.

To learn more about OGD, visit www.ourgreenduwamish.com

To become an OGD Partner, email Todd Hunsdorfer: thunsdorfer@kingcounty.gov