



FLOODPLAINS FOR THE FUTURE

PUYALLUP, WHITE & CARBON RIVERS

Rivers in the Puyallup Watershed need more room. Development activity and levees have reduced the natural floodplain along the Puyallup, White, and Carbon Rivers. This has put people, property, habitat, farms, and critical infrastructure at risk. Salmon runs are in peril, prime floodplain soils are removed from production, and the Puyallup watershed now ranks among the highest in the state for frequency and magnitude of flood damage.

Floodplains for the Future is a cross-sector and inter-organizational partnership that has formed to recover floodplain functions and to protect the health and safety of communities around them, a task that would be impossible to achieve if tackled by any single organization. Floodplains for the Future works to balance farm, fish, and flood storage values, to provide a safe place to voice varied opinions and needs, and to advance integrated floodplain management solutions in the Puyallup, White, and Carbon Rivers.

VISION

Restored connections between rivers and land improve habitat for salmon, protect communities and critical infrastructure from flooding, and provide new opportunities for recreational and cultural uses while preserving agricultural lands in the Puyallup River Watershed.

MISSION

To encourage shared leadership in a trusting and transparent environment in order to plan, fund, and implement multi-benefit floodplain projects in the Puyallup, White, and Carbon River floodplains.

PARTNERS

American Rivers · The Floodplains by Design Initiative · Forterra · King-Pierce Farm Bureau · Muckleshoot Indian Tribe · The Nature Conservancy · City of Orting · PCC Farmland Trust · Pierce County · Pierce County Agricultural Program · Pierce Conservation District · Port of Tacoma · Puget Sound Partnership · City of Puyallup · Puyallup Tribe of Indians · South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group · City of Sumner · UW Climate Impacts Group · Washington State Department of Ecology · WRIA 10/12 Lead Entity