

Toward a Natural Resources Asset Management Plan for Kitsap County

Workshop Agenda

Date: May 5, 2022, 12:00-2:00 pm PT

Goals: Discuss options for KNRAMP implementation moving forward. Provide feedback on possible level of service targets for streams.

12:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions – Dana Stefan and Elizabeth McManus and (Ross Strategic, Facilitators)
12:10 PM	Discuss next steps for KNRAMP implementation - All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss options for next steps, including: potential outreach to Kitsap County experts implementing different programs associated with the KNRAMP objectives and targets; potential approaches for implementation of the KNRAMP in current county requirements, etc. • Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internal outreach for KNRAMP implementation: Who needs to be engaged from Kitsap County, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe, and Suquamish Tribe to ensure implementation of the KNRAMP? ○ Potential outreach approach: How and when to engage these stakeholders?
1:10 PM	Break
1:20 PM	Discuss possible targets for streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of possible targets for streams - Charlotte Dohrn (WEC) and Matthew Medina (Kitsap County) – 10 min • Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What feedback or questions does the group have? ○ From the list of targets presented, which ones do you see most promising for delivering results? ○ Are there any targets that you think may not be viable to consider at this stage due to certain restrictions (e.g., lack of data, unclear actions, etc.)? ○ What streams do you think should be addressed first by the KNRAMP?
1:45 PM	Updates from Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe • Updates from Suquamish Tribe • Updates from Kitsap County • Updates from WEC
1:55 PM	Wrap-up and Next Steps
2:00 PM	Adjourn

KNRAMP Workshop Summary Next Steps & Stream Targets

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Attendees: Paul McCollum (Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe), Tom Ostrom (Suquamish Tribe), Kathy Peters (Kitsap County), Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech (Kitsap County), Matthew Medina (Kitsap County), Ryan Huffman (Kitsap County), Arno Bergstrom (Kitsap County), Mindy Roberts (WEC), Charlotte Dohrn (WEC), Elizabeth McManus (Ross Strategic), Dana Stefan (Ross Strategic)

Next Steps and Implementing KNRAMP

Workshop attendees shared information about next steps for KNRAMP under the current grant term and beyond, as well as an update on the County's comprehensive planning process. The County is extending their grant through December, and planning to focus on more internal meetings with different departments. The County is currently working on developing the scope of work for the Comprehensive Plan update with consultants and the long-range planning team.

Workshop attendees then discussed what success looks like for implementing KNRAMP in the short-term (i.e., 6 months, 1-2 years). Themes included:

- Coordinating closely with the consultants and long-range planners who will be working on the comp plan update, ensuring they are aware of this work, briefing them on key elements, and ensuring that natural assets and the benefits they provide are considered and addressed in many aspects of the comp plan update (e.g., growth scenarios and related planning, housing, transportation, capital facilities). Kitsap County staff will identify strategic opportunities for sharing KNRAMP and communicate with the Core Team about needs for coordination.
- Seeing natural asset priorities represented across County policies and activities, including ensuring that public works, transportation, stormwater project that have benefits for natural assets are prioritized, and adverse impacts minimized (e.g., cross pollination). Ensuring that KNRAMP helps inform and/or is reflected in updates to the Critical Areas Ordinance, Transportation Improvement Program, Stormwater Plans, and other regulations and plans as appropriate.
- Support from the Board of County Commissioners for a broad natural asset lens across county operations, but noting that the proper process needs to be followed and not currently in a place to go directly to commissioners (they are being kept up to date on this effort, however). One opportunity would be for County Commissioners to adopt an overarching direction that guides the work of the various county departments towards the same goals.
- Conduct outreach to the other Kitsap County departments to align efforts, create buy in for the KNRAMP and define next steps for KNRAMP. Outreach should also include long-range planners.
- Support from and outreach to the Hood Canal Coordinating Council for the natural resource asset management program, this would help with directing cooperative LIO funds and potentially incoming federal funds.
- Defining levels of service for specific geographies in the Comprehensive Plan and/or supporting plans, being able to look at where we are now, where we want to be, and identify all the tools and investments needed to get to where we want to be with natural assets. This includes looking at capital facilities investments, land use, population growth and growth management.

- Investments in protecting green space, growing smart, and regular monitoring of and reporting investments in and impacts to natural assets.
- Close coordination with Tribes through the comp plan update process, such as quarterly meetings that alternate including staff and leadership.
- Prioritizing natural assets and ecosystems to reduce or eliminate litigation between Tribes and the County around implementation of the Comp Plan. Tribal members in the group indicated that adopting the KNRAMP principles and the County increasing its natural resources protection could help reduce potential litigation between entities.
- Elevating natural assets to the forefront of all conversations happening within the County and raising awareness and emphasis among staff. This includes institutionalizing a natural asset focus in how Kitsap County does business (i.e., implementing systems for calling attention to natural resource implications of many types of decisions).

Desired levels of service for streams

Charlotte gave a brief recap of desired level of service goals, objectives, and targets for streams. These can be viewed and input provided [here](#). One person noted that these objectives and targets look like a pretty good start; but in general participants need more time to review. Workshop participants also discussed the challenge of restoration at the scale that is needed, including barriers to getting private landowners to restore streams and critical areas on their properties. Despite the challenges, there is a need to make major progress restoring streams. One participant also noted that salmon access to habitat depends on more than just barriers to fish passage.

Updates from Core Team Members

Kitsap County:

- Working on a GHG inventory and analysis with other counties for the comp plan update
- Briefing the County Commissioners on the Conservation Futures Pilot Program report soon
- Beaver habitat suitability work has been completed and is available
- Working on scoping the County's grant extension for this project
- Natural resources governance assessment is complete
- Cartegraph integration is ongoing

WEC:

- Gap funding from PSP to keep WEC and Ross involved
- Drafted a project report that is a living document and will hopefully be useful to this group

Next Steps and Action Items

- Charlotte will reshare LOS targets for streams and shorelines – feedback from the Core Team is invited through any means
- Charlotte and Matt will update LOS targets based on feedback provided (e.g., referencing other needs for fish in addition to addressing barriers to passage)
- Work with the Core Team to get organized for the June workshop and have a good conversation about risks to natural assets posed by growth and development

- Identify appropriate and timely opportunities for discussions between KNRAMP Core Team and consultant and planning teams working on the comp plan scope of work to elevate this project
- Identify opportunity to engage more with the Hood Canal Coordinating Council
- Tom and Paul should reach out to Charlotte and Matt with any additional ideas for how they and/or their staff would like to stay involved in the KNRAMP implementation moving forward.
- Charlotte and Matt will crosswalk the streams targets with the County's targets and goals.

Resources shared by the group during the call:

- Smart Growth in New York State: https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/publications/pdf/smart_growth.pdf
- Growth management has worked for Seattle and reduced sprawl: <https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/growth-management-has-worked-for-seattle-and-reduced-sprawl/>
- Evolving Seattle's Growth Strategy: [http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SeattlePlanningCommission/SPC%20Growth%20Strategy%20White%20Paper%201072020\(0\).pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SeattlePlanningCommission/SPC%20Growth%20Strategy%20White%20Paper%201072020(0).pdf)
- SSEC Natural Asset Management Panel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFMT7Ko3510>