

Chapter 8 - Subarea Plans

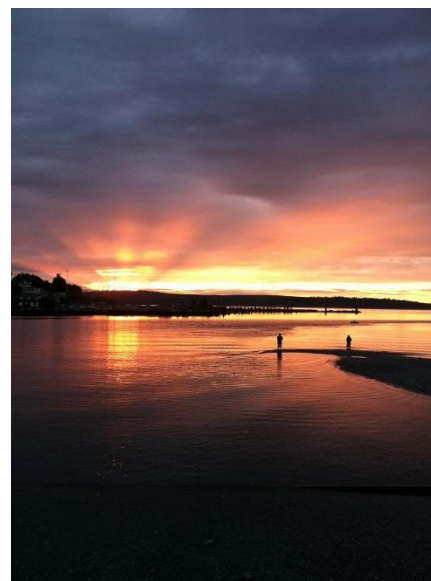


Suquamish



Vision for Suquamish

Suquamish is a rural, historic waterfront community on the Port Madison Indian Reservation, which is defined by strong natural borders in northeast Kitsap County. The Port Madison Indian Reservation is located on the western and northern shore of Port Madison Bay. The reservation also fronts Agate Pass on the western side. Bainbridge Island is located on the eastern side of the Pass. The Agate Pass Bridge connects Bainbridge Island with the Reservation on the Kitsap Peninsula.



Increased growth pressures are threatening the Suquamish Village's natural boundaries. Increased development was beginning to exceed the capacities of the infrastructure systems. Transportation infrastructure and drainage systems were no longer adequate, open space diminished and the rural character of the town changed. Tribal members living in Suquamish and non-Indian residents who moved to Suquamish for its rural qualities and remote location found their chosen lifestyle at risk. However, any vision for Suquamish must balance the preservation of the rights of Tribal members and of non-Indian property owners to enjoy the reasonable use of their land. The Suquamish Village will make its visitors feel welcome, but not rely solely on tourism as a mechanism for economic health. Economic and cultural diversity shall be celebrated and enhanced for the benefit of all residents of Suquamish. The Suquamish Village's native Indian history and presence shall be enhanced and remain a visible part of the Suquamish experience.

The downtown should remain the heart of Suquamish where residents and visitors will gather together to celebrate traditions and experience daily living. Suquamish will offer small business districts for small-scale neighborhood convenience stores or public services.

It shall become a community where one can enjoy its open spaces and recreational opportunities as well as safe and pleasurable walks, which link the neighborhoods to each other and to the commercial districts. The Suquamish Rural Village shall welcome all social and economic groups. It shall provide a sense of community, and the Tribe and the County shall work cooperatively.

Suquamish Goals and Policies

Capital and Economic Development

Suquamish Goal 1. Establish a Kitsap Regional Library Extension.

Suquamish Policy 1. Examine prospective locations for a Kitsap Regional Library (KLR) extension in coordination with KRL, Kitsap County, and the Suquamish Tribe to establish a library with suitable amenities (Wi-Fi, computer access, and other access).

Suquamish Goal 2. Provide Transportation Improvements that Enhance Economic Development.

Suquamish Policy 2. Conduct studies to maximize the effectiveness of Suquamish downtown parking, traffic, land use and potential aesthetics.



Suquamish Goal 3. Establish a Suquamish Aesthetic beneficial to Economic Development.

Suquamish Policy 3. Determine what a Suquamish downtown (Augusta Avenue and Suquamish Way) aesthetic would look like (signage, street lights, storefronts, public art, etc.) and further define action required to achieve that aesthetic to include:

- Signage to meet the Suquamish aesthetic, including welcoming sign and street signs.
- Implement utility improvements, including street lighting that would support economic development.
- Examine the feasibility and implement appropriate trash can placement (and supporting solid waste removal).

Suquamish Policy 4. Collaborate with Suquamish Tribal Government, Port Madison Enterprises, and other business district interests to examine and support zoning and construction encouraging first floor storefronts with affordable second floor living options.

Suquamish Goal 4. Support Information Sharing and Information Access in Suquamish.

Suquamish Policy 5. Examine, and if feasible implement, a Public Wi-Fi access capability.

Transportation (Roads, Walkability, and Bicycling)

Suquamish Goal 5. Evaluate changes for Augusta and Suquamish Way to allow for safe and effective access to businesses.

Suquamish Policy 6. Examine, and if feasible implement, a three lane corridor along Augusta Avenue starting at NE Geneva Street and continuing up Suquamish Way to Division [in vicinity of the Suquamish Village] to enhance current and future Suquamish economic development and access.

Suquamish Goal 6. Improve parking to support safe business access.

Suquamish Policy 7. Improve parking along, or in vicinity of, Augusta Avenue starting at NE Geneva Street and continuing up Suquamish Way to Division to enhance current and future Suquamish economic development and access.

Suquamish Goal 7. Develop walkways, crosswalks and bicycle routes that enhance the walkability, safety and economic development of Suquamish.

Suquamish Policy 8. Provide walkways and crosswalks extending on Augusta Avenue from NE Geneva Street to Suquamish Way to enhance current and future Suquamish economic development and access.

Suquamish Policy 9. Examine, and if feasible implement, walkways and crosswalks on Division Ave NE and NE McKinstry St. (starting at Suquamish Way) to provide a safe and walkable access to the Sports Court Park and the historically significant Old Man House Park.

Suquamish Policy 10. Provide a pedestrian connection between Suquamish and the network of trails within the Cowling Creek Preserve, which with additional development could serve as a bike route bypassing a portion of Miller Bay Road with no shoulders.

Suquamish Policy 11. Examine, and if feasible implement, paving the shoulders of Miller Bay Road from NE Geneva St. to Gunderson Rd. thereby providing the first/only safe route for walkers, joggers or bicyclists to enter and depart Suquamish to the north towards Kingston.

Suquamish Goal 8. Evaluate road safety improvements in and around Suquamish.

Suquamish Policy 12. Examine, and if feasible implement, speed controls and widening/paved shoulders on NE Columbia Street to increase safety as the alternate northern route out of Suquamish.

Suquamish Policy 13. Examine, and if feasible, due to existing zoning and road width constraints, implement one-way traffic options on Geneva and Center Streets.

Parks and Open Space

Suquamish Goal 9. Coordinate efforts among the community, the Suquamish Tribe and the County to maintain existing Parks within and surrounding Suquamish to their fullest potential.

Suquamish Policy 14. Where consistent with CFP resurface the Sport Court at NE Division Ave and McKinstry St. for increased safety and use.

Suquamish Policy 15. Provide and enhance access and kayak launches at appropriate County rights of way throughout Suquamish (i.e., Hemphill Rd. terminus, or southwest terminus/right of way NE Angeline Rd.)

Suquamish Policy 16. Improve park maintenance.

Suquamish Policy 17. Examine and if feasible implement watering capability to Angeline Park and the Sports Park for maintenance of the plant beds.

Suquamish Policy 18. Implement upgrades and improvements to the Angeline Park playground.



Suquamish Goal 10. Partner with the Suquamish Tribe to discover new opportunities for desired Parks/Open Spaces.

Suquamish Policy 19. Examine, and if feasible create, an off-leash dog park.

Suquamish Policy 20. Examine, and if feasible create, a Skateboard park.

Suquamish Policy 21. Examine, and if feasible create, a Community Garden.

Suquamish Goal 11. Public Restrooms.

Suquamish Policy 22. Collaborate with Suquamish Tribal Government to establish public restrooms near the Suquamish Dock.

Stormwater and Sewer

Suquamish Goal 12. Continue Suquamish Stormwater and Sewer Improvements.

Suquamish Policy 23. Support development of a comprehensive and natural approach to stormwater management to implement projects to control flows, reduce flooding, and enhance water quality. The Suquamish Community Advisory Committee will examine, and if feasible support and endorse community concerns as they arise.