

The background image shows two individuals engaged in planting trees along a riverbank. One person is in the foreground, holding a large potted tree, while the other is further back, using a shovel. The scene is set outdoors with a river and a bridge in the background. The entire image has a blue tint.

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January 12, 2026
Public Meeting

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Staff Updates



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New Staff: Marion Romero

My name is Marion, and I moved to Seattle in 2010 to pursue a degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Washington. From there, I became an Environmental Justice organizer focused on uplifting and empowering community members to work towards community-based solutions. I have worked on campaigns that centered young BIPOC adults having access to living wage green jobs, as well as a healthy housing campaign supporting tenants in holding their landlords accountable to fixing and maintaining their units. I am a nature lover and especially enjoy swimming and going on walks with friends at Seward. I also enjoy going to concerts and dancing.



Community Assembly

- Lead by sləp'iləbəx^w (Rising Tides)
- Topics: food systems and gathering, environmental racism, wealth-building, housing and adapting to climate change





End of Year Celebration



Quick update on Mayoral Transition



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Climate Resilience Slides here



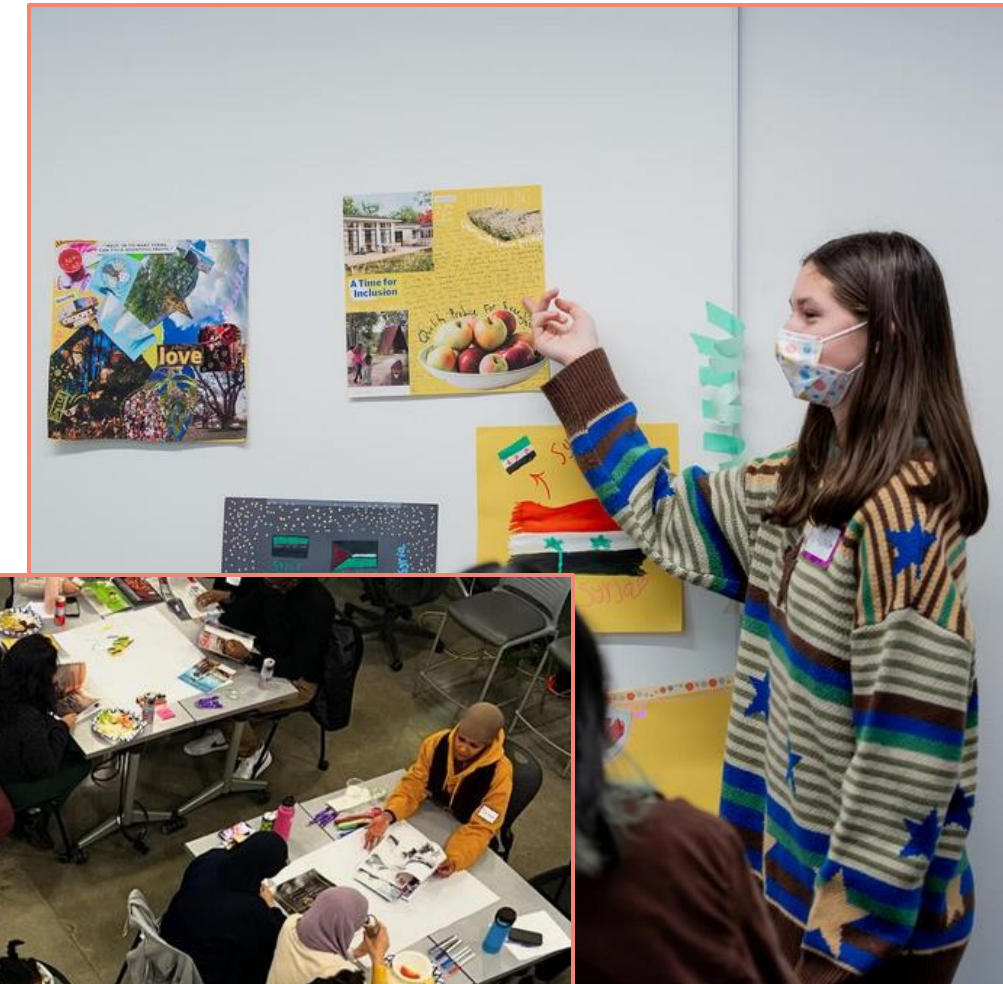
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Engagement Cohort

A team of community-based consultants designed and led engagement on community climate resilience

- The cohort included expertise in arts, sciences, academia, policy, community organizing
- **Curated & focused engagement** with specific audiences that **leveraged existing work** within these communities
- Engagement activities included zine workshops, community dinners and conversations, storytelling workshop, and a block party

Community Dinner & Conversation in Othello





Y-WE STEAM Day



Engagement on Climate Resilience

Partnered with communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis to understand what's most urgently needed to address their climate resilience needs.



Resilience Hubs & Pods



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Citywide Coordination for Resilience Hubs

OSE, SPR, SPU

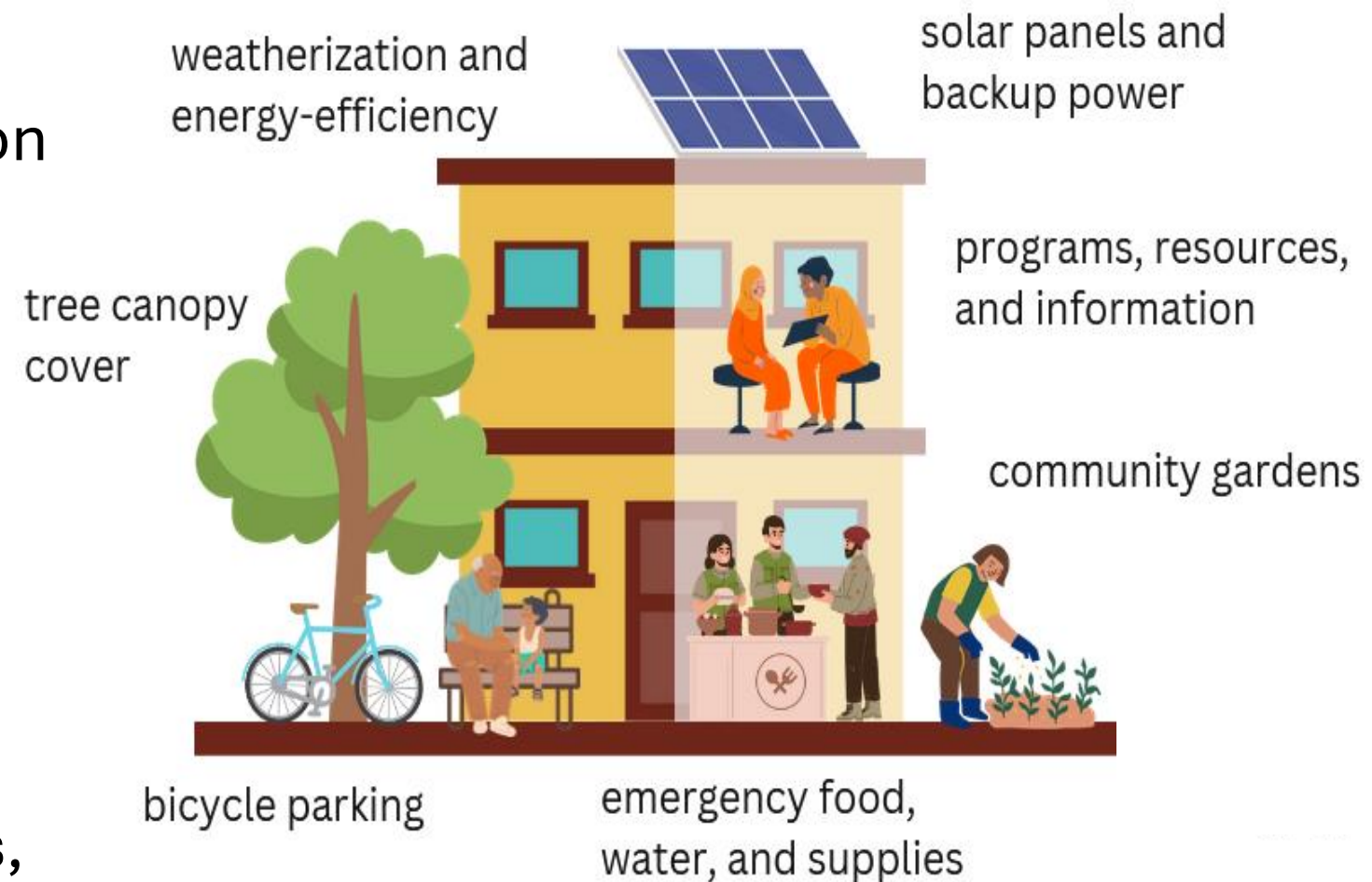
Municipal
Building
Decarbonization
Strategy, green
infrastructure

OSE

Urban forestry

SDOT

Low-pollution
neighborhoods,
street
improvements



SCL

Community
Solar

Citywide

Grants funding
programs and
services that
people use
everyday

HSD

Supplies and
coordination



Mini Mart City Park: Existing Resilience Hub in Seattle's
Georgetown Neighborhood

Partnered with Juneau Street Resilience Pod



Neighbor-based Climate Preparedness Group who:

- Built a tool library and garden
- Hosted events to build emergency kits & build relationships among neighbors
- Created emergency operations manual
- Developed a guide to develop neighbor preparedness groups

Mutual Aid Pilot



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Mutual Aid as a Climate Resilience Action

OSE, in partnership with communities and other agencies, have taken several pilot actions to advance community climate resilience, **including mutual aid research & direct support**



A Definition of Mutual Aid (MA)

Mutual aid initiatives are grassroots movements that organize to share resources, often using nonhierarchical decision-making and peer-to-peer sharing. They recognize that existing systems often fail to support those most in need and in response, provide direct support for both immediate crises and systemic injustices while also building collective power, social cohesion, resilience, and alternative systems of community support and care.

Learnings from Hurricane Helene





Mutual Aid Research

- Partnered with UW CIG to deliver a literature review and final report on the relationship between mutual aid and community climate resilience
- Lit review is on MA broadly; focuses on definitions, strengths and challenges, and opportunities for collaboration
- Report compiles findings from interviews and includes recommendations for the City

Direct Support to Mutual Aid Initiatives



Climate Ready Curriculum



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Context Setting

We developed a climate ready curriculum in direct response to a community need we heard throughout resilience-focused engagement



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Purpose

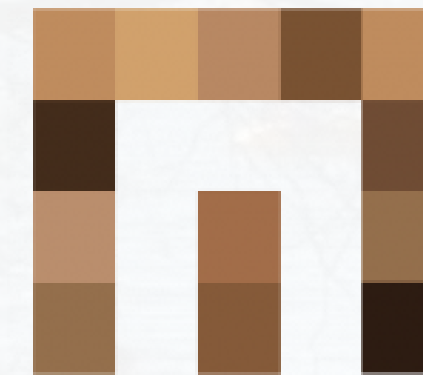
Co-create a curriculum that provides climate education to communities on:

- How to prepare yourself & your neighbors
- How to stay safe & protect your health
- Connect public resources available to them



Project Partners

- Consulting firm:
Triangle Associates
- Environmental Justice
Fund grantee partners



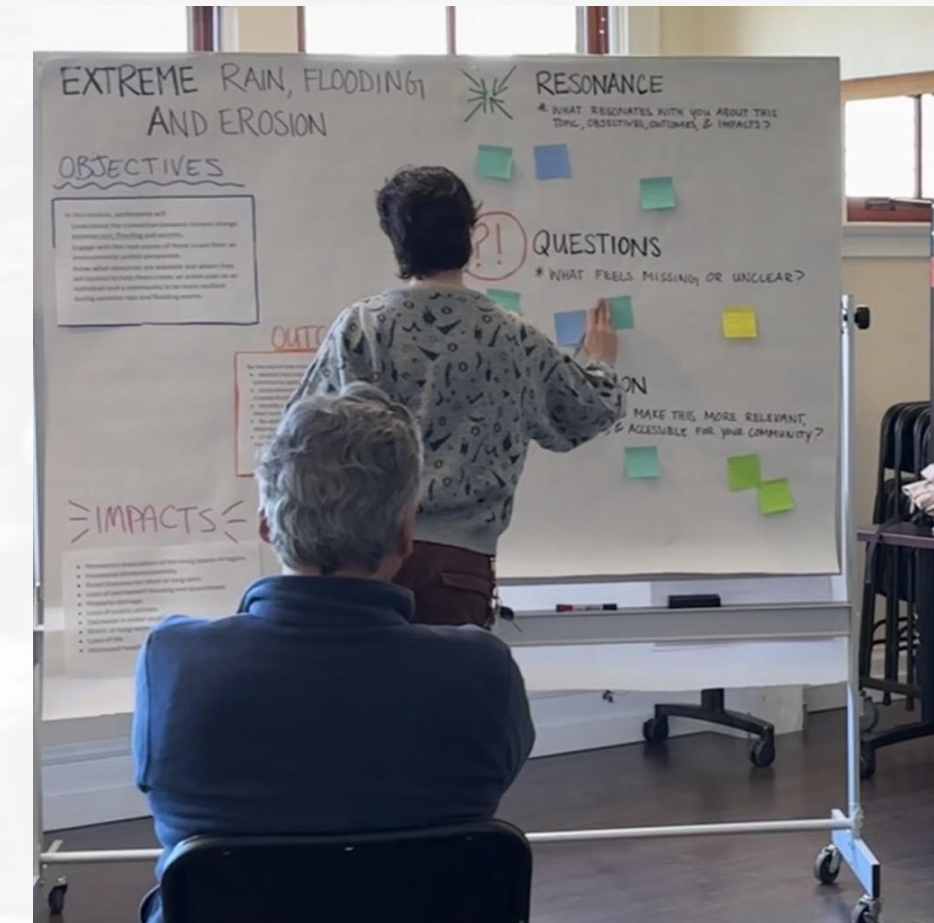
lake city collective



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Co-Creation Process

1. Literature Review
2. Monthly development meetings
 - Community partners agreed on topics:
 - Extreme heat & wildfire smoke
 - Extreme winter weather
 - Extreme rain & flooding
3. Teaching Pilots to receive broader feedback



Work Ahead

- Curriculum launch in the coming months
- Complete curriculum translations in Spanish, Vietnamese, Khmer, and Somali
- Host *train-the-trainer* workshops for partners to facilitate the curriculum



An aerial photograph of Seattle, Washington, featuring the city skyline, the Space Needle, and the waterfront. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "More to come!" is prominently displayed in the center-left.

More to come!



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Executive Committee Updates



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Update on 12/22 Climate Town Hall



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Board's Budget and CAP Recommendation process has begun!



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Executive Committee 1:1s



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Indigenous-Led Climate Initiative Update



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Upcoming Community Events!



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**We will
return
from our
break at
6:28**

Budget and CAP Recommendations Work Kick Off



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GND Oversight Board Functions

- Provides guidance to support the long-term success of the GND
- **Creates climate-related budget recommendations**
- Engages & collaborates with overburdened communities
- Partners with City Departments to support the equitable implementation of the GND








- 2) OSE, in partnership with City departments, shall develop an inclusive engagement strategy for the CAP that includes the voices of communities that disproportionately experience the impacts of climate change and environmental pollution, youth and young people, workers, private sector, colleges and universities, government agencies at varying scales-including Tribal governments, King County, Port of Seattle, State of Washington, and Federal government. The engagement strategy will consist of the following:
- a) An advisory panel, convened by OSE, to provide input and recommendations on strategies for the CAP that incorporate the latest climate science, advance inclusive and just climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience strategies that incorporate input from diverse constituencies, especially those most overburdened by climate change.
 - i) The panel shall include a selection of experts in wide ranging topics that touch climate and environmental issues from community organizations, local businesses, academic institutions, labor organizations, non-profit organizations, broad-based coalitions, and philanthropic institutions, the Green New Deal Oversight Board and Indigenous Advisory Council.

Source: [*Executive-Order-2025-04-Advancing-Climate-Resilience-and-Reducing-Transportation-Emissions-Final.pdf](https://www.seattle.gov/office-of-the-mayor/files/Executive-Order-2025-04-Advancing-Climate-Resilience-and-Reducing-Transportation-Emissions-Final.pdf)

Involvement in the Climate Action Plan Update



2026 Funded Recommendations

Sustain funding for OSE's Building Emissions Navigator Program	Prioritize support for building owners that directly serve frontline communities to build on the existing Building Emissions Navigator Program. The grant program provides coaching, project management, and capital support for under-resourced nonprofit and affordable multifamily housing providers that need their buildings to comply with the Building Emissions Performance Standard (BEPS).	
Continue to invest in the Municipal Energy Efficiency Program (MEEP)	Continue to invest in MEEP to support upgrades of City-owned community-serving buildings, such as libraries and community centers, for clean energy and climate resilience. Ensure these investments are prioritized for facilities in frontline communities.	
Continue to fund clean energy apprenticeships that build equitable pathways to climate careers	Continue to create climate career pathways for individuals that are underrepresented in the trades connected to clean energy, especially in priority hire zip codes. Focus on supporting youth, people of color, the LGBTQAI+ community, and women. Ensure there are pathways to union jobs and support targeted local hire practices.	
Continue to Green our City, while also creating Green Jobs	Continue greening strategies while also creating career pathways in urban forestry with equitable hiring pathways using targeted local hire and low barriers to access. Ensure critical urban forestry work is funded if the US Forest Service funds are rescinded and invest in the implementation of strategies from the forthcoming Tree Canopy Equity Plan. Prioritize investments in frontline communities, which include communities at risk of displacement and priority hire zip codes.	
Return funding for the Environmental Justice (EJ) Fund back to its 2023-2024 budget	The EJ Fund continues to create an enormous impact in advancing public health, safety, and climate resilience for our communities. The growing pool of applications for the EJ Fund has far surpassed available funding as more and more organizations sought funding for their community-led efforts to advance environmental and climate justice. Investments in community solutions to the climate crises are an integral component to ensuring Seattle's residents who have the fewest resources have what they need to adapt to a changing climate.	

Source: [2026 GNOB Budget Recommendations](#)

This Year's Recommendations Process

- **Jan-Feb—RESEARCH PHASE (CAP AND BUDGET)**
 - **PPP Committee will reach out to Board members to gather ideas**
- **Feb-March—DRAFTING PHASE (CAP AND BUDGET)**
 - **PPP Committee will lead drafting**
- **March—FEEDBACK PHASE (CAP AND BUDGET)**
 - **Opportunity for Full Board discussion at Board Retreat in March**
- **March—REFINEMENT PHASE and FINAL PHASE (JUST CAP)**
 - **Goal: Adopt CAP Recommendations during March 16 Board meeting**
- **APRIL—REFINEMENT PHASE and FINAL PHASE (JUST BUDGET)**
 - **Goal: Adopt 27-28 Budget Recommendations during April 20 Board meeting**

Current Active PPP Committee Members

- Nancy Huizar
- Roz Jenkins
- Peter Hasegawa
- Camile Gipaya
- Leah Wood
- Jamie Stroble
- Nina Olivier

Discussion Guiding Questions

- What is something you're excited to learn about with the budget process or the cap recommendation process?
- What do you want to learn more about? What do you still have questions about?
- What support do you need to engage in this process?
- Would it be good to have a refresher on what we put forward last year?
- Any thing else?