

Puyallup River Executive Task Force
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(updated Jan. 26, 2010)

City of Fife	FUNDING: Received a Category Five rating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.
	POLICY: Adopted the draft flood plain map and incorporated updates into the development codes.
	POLICY: Adopted an update to require LID, unless a developer can demonstrate why it cannot be done.
	POLICY: Met with the councils of Milton and Edgewood about sharing shelter for emergency planning efforts.
	PROJECT: An engineering team is looking at temporary flood barrier systems to protect critical city facilities and threatened areas of the community.
	PROJECT: Constructed a berm to protect the wastewater pump station, which was threatened in the last flooding event.
City of Orting	FUNDING: Received a \$50,000 grant from the WA Department of Ecology to replace a 42-inch outfall built in the 1960s.
	FUNDING: Received a Class Six rating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.
	FUNDING: Working with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management on a WorkSource Federal Grant, which employed people working on flood impacts for more than 2300 hours from January 2008 through 2009.
	POLICY: Adopted a comprehensive flood hazard mitigation plan, which identifies risks and allows the city to apply for federal funds.
	PROJECT: 100 percent design on the Calistoga setback levee project.
	PUBLIC OUTREACH: Posting the levee setback project on their Web site.
	PUBLIC OUTREACH: Working with the school district to implement an environmental education program on flood protection and salmon.
	REGULATORY: Applied for \$6.5 million Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) grant to build the Calistoga Setback Levee.
Pierce County Department of Emergency Management	FUNDING: Applied for a Department of Labor National Emergency Grant of up to \$2.1 million, currently being used in part for the Orting Workforce program. These grant funds are an opportunity to put the long-term unemployed back to work with flood protection-related projects including restoration, community outreach, etc. Projects with labor relating to flood protection can still be submitted to Pierce County.
	COORDINATION: Convened a meeting with the National Weather Service and Washington state Department of Emergency Management to discuss how Pierce County can provide better flood forecasting.

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Pierce County Department of Surface Water Management Pierce County Department of Surface Water Management	FUNDING: Investigating the creation of a flood control zone district to better fund required flood control maintenance and capital projects.
	PLANNING: Developing a Pierce County Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan for the Puyallup, Carbon, White, Nisqually, Greenwater and Mashel rivers and South Prairie Creek. The plan will focus on capital projects, programs and policies to address flooding and channel migration issues.
	PROJECT FUNDING / DESIGN: Received a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant for 100 percent design of the South Fork levee setback project and 30 percent design for the Fennel Creek levee setback project on the Puyallup River.
	PROJECT: Acquired flood prone structures. Through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (FEMA) and the Flood Control Assistance Program (WSDOE), and using local funds for match, Pierce County has provided \$5.2 million toward acquisition of flood plain properties.
	PROJECT: Initiating permitting for 2010 gravel removal at three gravel bars on the Puyallup River. Other sites near Sumner are also being evaluated.
	PROJECT: South Silver Springs restoration project summer 2010 will expand the flood capacity of South Prairie Creek by removing fill and reestablishing a fish-friendly meandering channel.
	PROJECT: Completed the silt bench bank stabilization project on the Puyallup River.
	PROJECT: Ongoing levee repairs and minor debris removal to protect communities at risk due to channel migration or levees weakened during previous floods.
	PROJECT: Restoration of the mouth of Woodland Creek at Clarks Creek, including removal of 100 feet of culvert, excavation of a broad channel and junction with Clarks Creek. Increases flood carrying capacity of Clarks Creek and Woodland Creek.
	PROJECT: Working with King County on the implementation of the County Line levee setback project on the White River.
	REGULATORY: Pierce County is one of 22 Washington communities participating in the drafting and review of updates to FEMA's floodplain development regulations.
	REGULATORY: Preparing for an upcoming Community Rating System re-certification meeting. Pierce County expects to advance from a Class 3 to a Class 2 community.
STUDY: Working with the USGS through a joint agreement to evaluate flood-carrying capacity and sedimentation trends on the Puyallup, White and Carbon river systems.	

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City of Puyallup	FUNDING: Received a partnership grant from Washington State University (WSU) extension for \$1 million to study low impact development (LID) strategies such as porous concrete for on-the-ground solutions in the flood plain.
	POLICY: Evaluating land use regulations. The city is focusing on code improvements and regulations to identify areas where it should be more difficult to build and changing codes so that they are friendly to LID. The city is looking at amendments to allow instead of prohibit solutions such as rain gardens, biosoils and green ribbons.
	PUBLIC OUTREACH: Ciscoe Morris's radio show featured a City of Puyallup rain garden project. Rain gardens were retrofitted to seven local homes. Thirty percent of flooding is localized in nature and rain gardens help prevent stormwater from entering creeks. Submitted an application for a Watershed Management Grant through the EPA to install 120 rain gardens in the watershed over the next four years.
	PUBLIC OUTREACH: Working with the USGS to install new elevation gages on bridges that span the Puyallup River, to help increase public understanding of their use.
Puyallup Tribe	FUNDING: Applied for a hazard mitigation grant to help prepare their plan.
	FUNDING: Applying for National Flood Insurance Program.
	POLICY: Approved an emergency management committee, which is meeting monthly.
	POLICY: Working with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management regarding training and emergency management plans.
	PUBLIC OUTREACH: Hosted a safety fair in concert with the Emerald Queen Casino.
	PUBLIC OUTREACH: Going door to door in at-risk areas to provide flood kits and emergency contact information.
	PUBLIC OUTREACH: Working with elders and other departments to meet with vulnerable populations to address special needs.
City of Sumner	FUNDING: Applying for hazard mitigation funding to raise a floodwall around their wastewater treatment plant, which came within half a foot of flooding in January 2009.
	FUNDING: Received money for a feasibility study of a setback levee across the Puyallup from the River Grove area and hopes to receive more funding for design of that project.
	FUNDING: Received Salmon Recovery Board and Pierce County funding for the 24th Street setback levee project.
	POLICY: Adding stormwater regulations into city code.
	PROJECT: Completed a stormwater outfall and treatment project in concert with SR 410 work.

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City of Tacoma	POLICY: Updating development regulations, including 2010 floodplain ordinance updates with higher local standards, compensatory storage and whether there are areas in the Tacoma area that should be regulated as floodway. The ordinance update will examine the alignment of Tacoma with other areas.
	POLICY: Tacoma City Council will consider non-structural recommendations considered by the ETF.
	POLICY: Mapping efforts are building a foundation for regulatory tools needed for developing needed tools and a comprehensive flood hazard management plan.
	POLICY: The current Pierce County Flood Hazard Management Plan is over 20 years old and does not include the portion of the Puyallup River in Tacoma. Tacoma is working to amend emergency response plans, including temporary diking of the main sewage treatment plant, and plans to complete a permanent dike of the facility.
WA Department of Ecology	FUNDING: Flood Damage Prevention grants are supporting a city of Orting stormwater outfall project and a Town of Wilkeson project.
	PROJECT: Implementing a statewide inventory of levee systems and level of service.