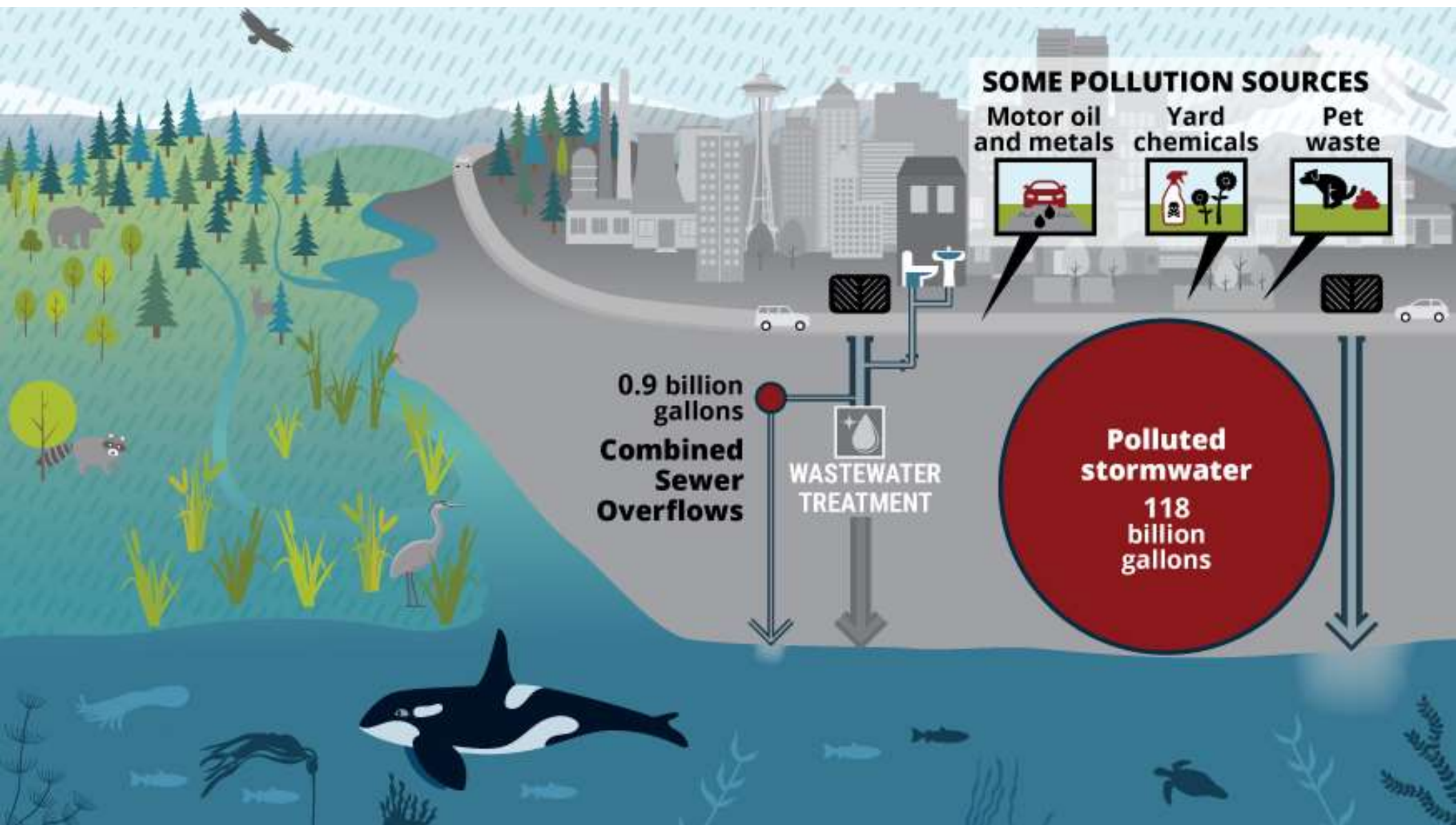


Aligning Across Watersheds: Stormwater Summit Series

Guidance and Direction Overview

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – March 16, 2023





Stormwater Summit 2021 – Where we landed

- A regional gathering of stormwater practitioners – intentionally
- A chance to frame “how” we commit to this work, then co-design the “what”
- Lead with commitments to health equity, design justice in community engagement, and healing relationship with Tribal Nations
- Elevating Tribal and youth voices
- A powerful conclusion: Dow alongside Suquamish Chair Leonard Forsman

Health Equity

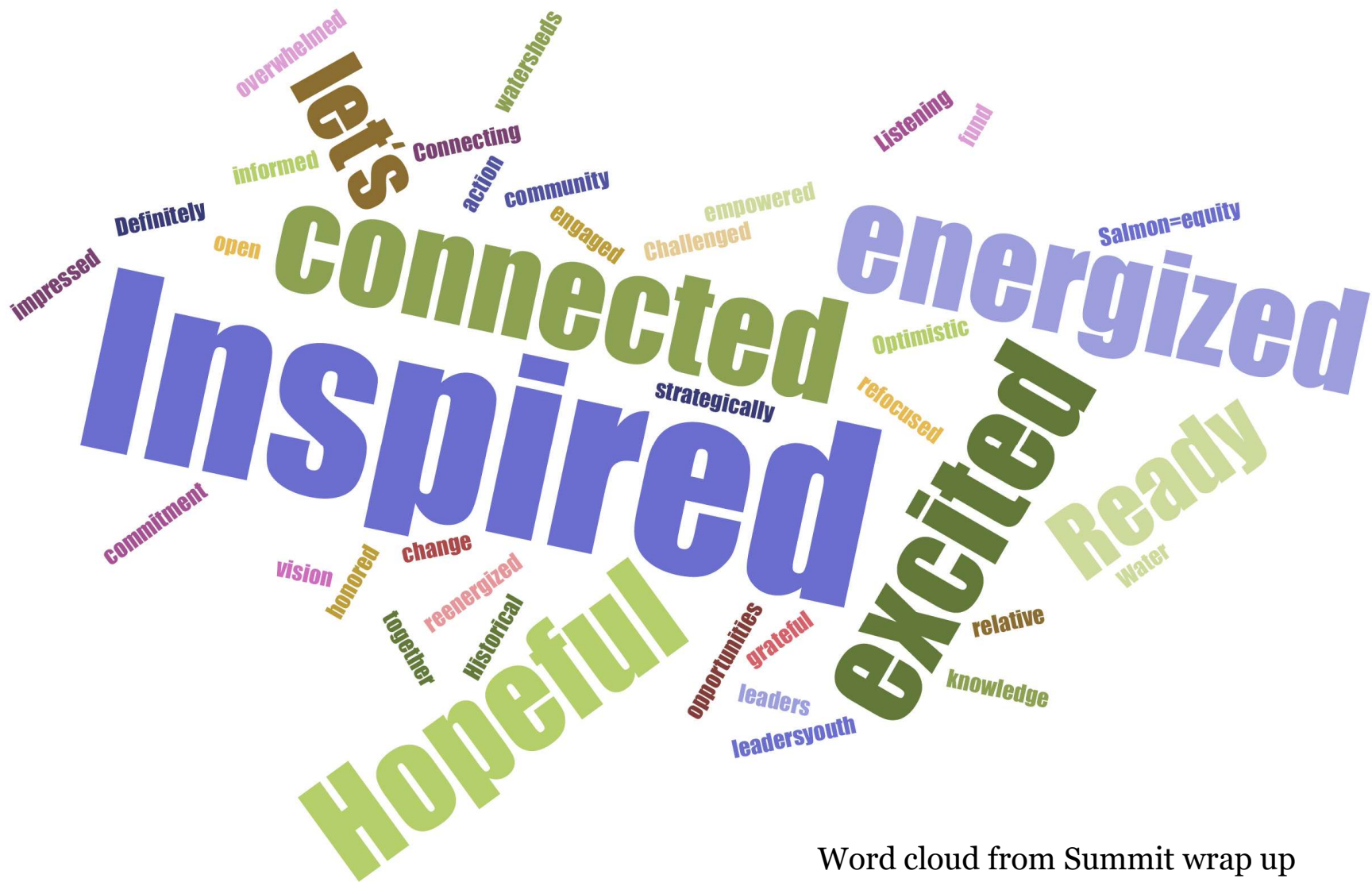


DESIGN JUSTICE





Excellent participation from regional jurisdictions, tribal nations, NGOs, and community groups



Word cloud from Summit wrap up

Committed to Co-Design



Put another way, it's participatory design

Acknowledges improving regional stormwater outcomes requires many partners

Stormwater management presents complex challenges

Looks different government-government, gov-organization, gov-community

Builds social infrastructure – results in greater buy-in and more durable outcomes



A landscape photograph showing a pond in the foreground, a dirt path leading towards it, and a line of trees in the background under a cloudy sky. The text "Translating Input to Strategy" is overlaid in the center.

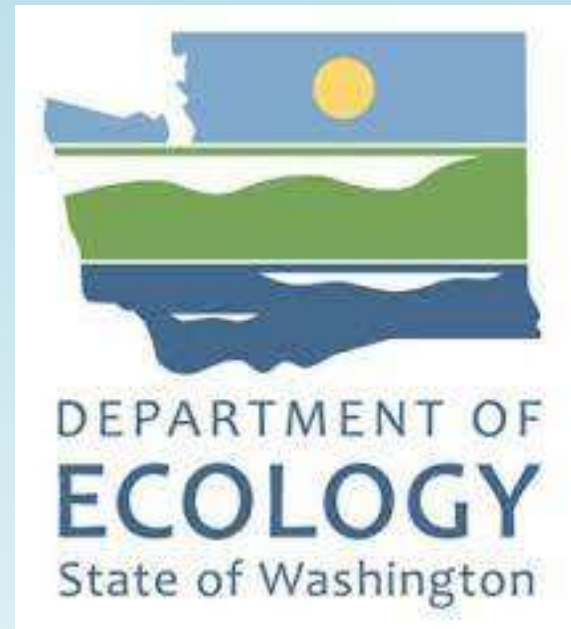
Translating Input to Strategy

1. Tactical Skills & Capacity Building

- Participants asked for more training on (1) the **components of co-design** and (2) specifics of **local tribal treaty rights**.
- September 29, the South Central Local Integrating Organization and King County Stormwater Services co-hosted **Community Co-Design Training: Building Towards Community Ownership**
- October 27, Warren King George, an Historian for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and Joe Hovenkotter, Tribal Liaison for King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks co-hosted a **Tribal Treaty Rights training for stormwater practitioners**.

2. Pursuing Regulatory Enhancements

- Currently, NPDES stormwater permit leads largely focused on their own programs, in their single jurisdictions
- Can we normalize collaboration and setting shared priorities across the region, instead of city by city?
- Assumption being, this would help build regional social infrastructure to advance the SIP



3. Regional Coalition Building & Frameworks

Key questions from the Summit:

What could we accomplish if regional stormwater managers operated as a collective at the watershed level, coordinating efforts across jurisdictions?

Could a more unified, strategic approach to stormwater management help make significant gains in clean water, as a region?

If we are to effectively answer those, we'll need to consider some practical questions, as a region:

How specifically would a more unified approach to stormwater management help make significant gains in clean water, as a region?

And, **what does *together* look like and how do we build it?**

Community Livability
Human and Environmental Health
Equity



4. Integration of Internal Plans & Tools

- Clean Water Plan
- Water Quality Benefits Evaluation
- Stormwater Retrofit Prioritization Framework
- RainScapes GSI Incentive Program
- Fish Passage Prioritization



5. Supplemental Regional Funding

There are numerous examples from around the United States of how regions and states have created and implemented new funding sources for environmental projects, including:

- Property tax levies and/or sales tax measures
- Municipal bonds
- Legislative packages
- Constitutional amendments
- A regional stormwater retrofit fund (which has potential to integrate fish passage and roads projects)

Proposed goal
#1: **Build 30
strategically-
sited
regional
stormwater
parks.**



Proposed goal #2:
**Treat 100 miles
of roadway
runoff through
BMPs that
remove 6PPD-Q
and more.**



Image Credit: Washington Stormwater LLC

Proposed goal #3: Provide flow control to 1,000 acres through a mix of GSI and new or retrofitted detention ponds.



Overview: Workshop (2022) and Summit 2.0 (2023)

Technical Workshops:

- Set implementation goals
- Identify barriers AND potential solutions

Summit 2.0:

- Leaders discuss commitments
- Robust discussion around collaborative models



In between Workshop and Summit

- **Executive announces goals**
- Work with partners that can contribute to solutions
- Identify who needs to be at the Summit

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