

Seattle's Green New Deal

Office of Sustainability & Environment

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Office of Sustainability & Environment

Mission: Ensure a clean and healthy environment for every resident of Seattle. We **prioritize those currently and historically harmed** by racial, economic and environmental injustice and serve as cross-departmental and community **collaborators, innovators, and drivers of cutting-edge city policy.**



OSE's core services:

Climate & Environmental Justice



- **Environmental Justice Fund**
- Climate Workforce
- Resilience Hubs
- Duwamish Valley Program
- **Green New Deal Oversight Board**

GHG Emissions Reductions



- Transportation Electrification
- Low Pollution Neighborhoods
- BEPS
- **Clean Heat Program**
- Municipal Energy Emissions Program

Food Policy & Programs



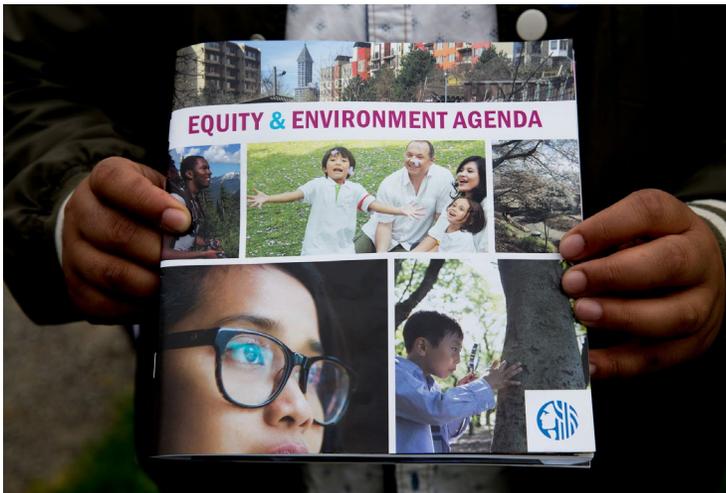
- Healthy School Food
- Sustainable Procurement
- **Fresh Bucks**
- Food Action Plan
- Sweetened Beverage Tax CAB

Seattle's Trees & Forests



- Canopy Equity Plan
- **Tree Canopy Cover Assessment**
- \$12M USFS Grant
- Urban Forestry Commission
- Trees for Seattle

Background: Equity & Environment Agenda



A blueprint for advancing race & social justice in Seattle's environmental work

"When my car broke down, I took two buses and walked uphill to get all my groceries home, perishable items from EBT. The healthy stuff is heavy. It's hard to carry on the bus. And heavy groceries with my three year old kid, it was a source of stress."
 — Community member, SoDo Ground

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL

AIR, WATER, GREEN SPACE, FOOD, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

"We want mentorship opportunities across all levels of career (entry, mid, and senior level) set up in workplaces. We want this to be the norm and not the exception."
 — Community member, Environmental Professionals of Color

JOBS, LOCAL ECONOMIES & YOUTH PATHWAYS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GREEN CAREERS

"We believe that transformative and meaningful change at a large scale needs to be led by those most affected by injustice."
 — Latino community member, SoDo Park

EQUITY IN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

INCREASING COMMUNITY ACCESS AND DECISION-MAKING

"We know that 'environmentalism' has a long history of exclusion: shifting the framing and language around environmental issues is an important first step in engaging our communities in environmental decision-making."
 — Community member, Puget Sound Sage

ENVIRONMENTAL NARRATIVE & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

CELEBRATING STORIES AND INVESTING IN COMMUNITY

Environmental Justice Fund

Goal: Invest in climate and environmental justice solutions that are led by and with communities overburdened by the impacts of racial, economic and environmental injustice.



Growing OSE's Climate Justice Work



- Environmental Justice Committee
- Environmental Justice Fund
- Duwamish Valley Program

Green New Deal for Seattle

- Climate Resilience
- Workforce Development
- GND City Team
- Green New Deal Oversight Board
- Climate Data & Indicators
- GND Investments



Seattle's Green New Deal:

- Addresses the Climate Crisis & Environmental Injustice
- Builds an Inclusive Low-Carbon Economy
- Promotes Community Health & Well-being



Green New Deal 2023 Investments Overview

Inclusive & Equitable Low Carbon Economy

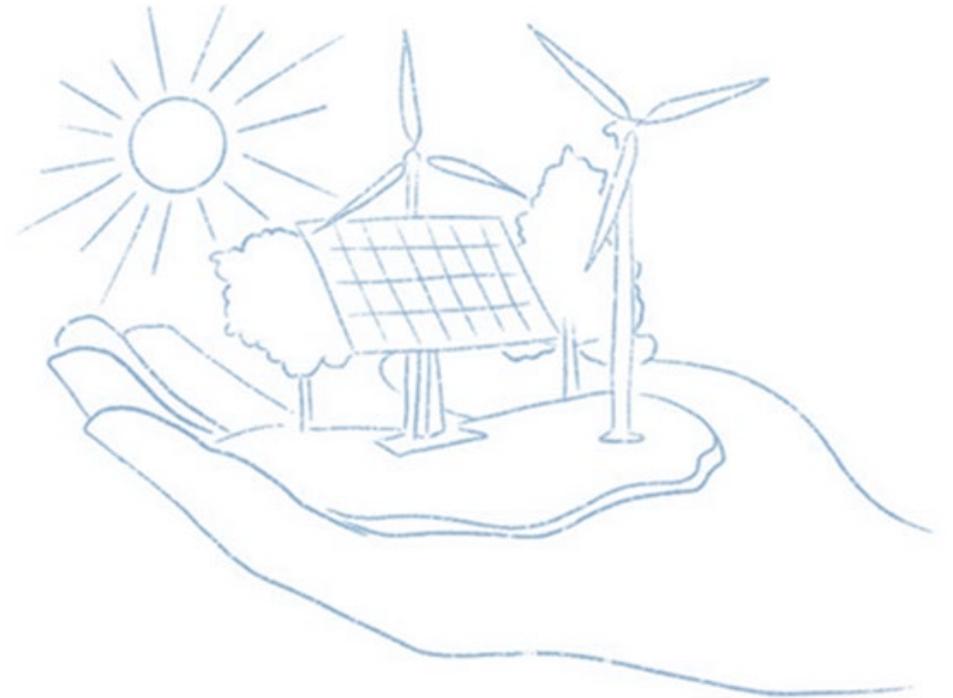
- Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships
- Duwamish Valley Youth Leadership
- Duwamish Valley Small Business Support

Just Transition From Fossil Fuels

- Oil to electric home heating conversions
- Building Emissions Performance Standards
- Rebates for Heavy Duty Electric Vehicles
- Municipal Building Electrification

Healthy, Resilient Communities

- Resilience Hubs
- Equitable Tree Canopy Study
- Environmental Justice Fund
- Indigenous Led Sustainability Projects



Green New Deal Oversight Board

- 19 Members Representing:
 - Communities overburdened by racial, environmental & economic injustice
 - Tribal members
 - Environmental justice organizations
 - Workforce development organizations & labor unions
 - Technical climate and GHG reduction specialists
 - Youth
- 3 Board appointed seats, 8 Mayoral appointed seats, 8 City Council appointed seats



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 ensure the equitable implementation of the GND



Appointee Introductions



Emily Pinckney

Council Appointment: Emissions Reduction Specialist

Emily Pinckney attended Humboldt State University and Duke University and graduated with degrees in Wildlife Management and Marine Biology. Her areas of study included phycology, human impacts on marine environments, sensory physiology of marine animals, and how climate change is tightly tied to systems of subjugation and oppression.

She has worked in wildlife spaces such as Seattle Aquarium and Point Defiance zoo and aquarium. Emily Pinckney is the former executive director of 500 Women Scientists, a social justice focused science organization that supports underrepresented folks in STEM. She uses science and community organizing to make policy more equitable and inclusive. She served on Governor Inslee's Environmental Justice task Force, the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and the WA Build Back Black Alliance. She currently sits on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board of Directors.



Susan Balbas

Mayoral Appointment: Environmental Justice Organization Representative

Susan Balbas is the co-founder and executive director of Na'ah Illahee Fund (*Mother Earth* in the Chinook language), a Seattle-based nonprofit public fund with a mission to support cultural wellness and advance regenerative economies in Indigenous communities in the Pacific Northwest. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Teaching, focused on Economics and History. Her career has been in nonprofit and business management, and she has served on multiple boards and committees locally, nationally and internationally. Susan is active within climate, environmental and social justice movements as well as within the philanthropic sector.



Lizzie Baskerville

Mayoral Appointment: Frontline Community Representative

Lizzy Baskerville is the co-founder of Restaurant 2 Garden, a community-based organization that promotes hyperlocal composting, food sovereignty, and the circular economy in Seattle's Chinatown International District. She has worked as an environmental and food justice advocate for over a decade and currently serves as an Environmental Justice Planner for the WA Dept of Ecology. She was born and raised in Seattle.



Camille Gipaya

Mayoral Appointment: Youth Representative

Camille is a Community Outreach Organizer at the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle (ULMS) where she leads the organization's environmental justice policy advocacy, research and education, and community outreach work. Camille is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds a degree in cultural anthropology. Previously, Camille was the Political Committee Lead for the Filipino American Student Association and a field organizer with the Washington State Democratic Party.



Rachel Heaton

(Seeking Re-Appointment)

Council Appointment: Tribal Representative

Rachel (Muckleshoot Tribe) lives in Auburn, Washington and is also a descendant of the Duwamish Tribe, the first peoples of the area now known as Seattle.

In 2017, she, along with many other Natives and allies, helped the City of Seattle to divest the city of Seattle's \$3 billion from Wells Fargo, in part because it's funding of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

This victory prompted Rachel and Matt Remle to co-found Mazaska Talks, an Indigenous- developed tool to help other communities divest their cities and organizations from banks contributing to the desecration of Mother Earth.

She is also a Lead Culture Educator for the Muckleshoot Tribe. There she learns about traditional Indigenous plants, how to harvest them and develops ways to incorporate them into everyday foods. She shares the importance and our ancestors' teachings of these medicines to her Tribal community. Additionally, she works with youth and adults to learn to use our earth gym as a way to apply culture and healing as our bases for health and wellness.



Nancy Huizar

Mayoral Appointment: Frontline Community Representative

Nancy was born and raised in South Seattle and holds a degree from the University of Washington's Aquatic and Fishery Sciences Department. Nancy is an environmental justice activist, facilitator, and consultant. Nancy works closely with community groups, business associations, government departments and agencies, nonprofits, coalitions of people, and community members to center their needs in environmental justice. As a consultant, Nancy centers their work around supporting communities of color, particularly Black and Indigenous communities, to move them toward truly being equitable partners in problem-solving the issues that affect where they live. They believe that everything we are doing to further environmental justice needs to address and connect to how people — particularly people of color — are impacted.



Hannah Lindell-Smith

Council Appointment: Youth Representative

As a community and political organizer, Hannah Lindell-Smith has collaborated with the Sunrise Movement, 350 Seattle, and climate and environmental justice coalitions on the local and international levels. Her work centers around building resilience, holding leaders accountable, and empowering young people and communities. Named a 2022 EarthGen Medalist for youth organizing work in her home of Southwest Seattle, Hannah is currently Coalitions Lead for the organizing team at Zero Hour. She is also a dancer and aerialist training at SANCA, and attends Summit Atlas High School.



Stephanie Ung

Board Appointment: Frontline Community Representative

Stephanie is a proud diaspora child of Khmer/Filipino ancestry. She is a passionate human being, using their love for nature and life to drive her youth-focused intergenerational work as the Co-Executive Director for Khmer Community of Seattle King County (KCSKC). Stephanie enjoys dancing, laughter, and good food & good company.



Matt Remle

(Seeking Re-Appointment)

Council Appointment: Frontline Community Representative

Matt Remle (Hunkpapa Lakota) is the Native American Program Coordinator for Office of Native Education for the Marysville School District, the co-founder of Mazaska Talks, and is on the steering committee for Stop the Money Pipeline.

In 2014, Remle was awarded Seattle's Individual Human Rights Leader award. In 2017, he was awarded the National Indian Education Association's Educator of the Year, the Billy Frank Jr. Natural Resource Protection Award and was named one of Seattle's Most Influential People. In 2020, he was named by the Seattle Times as one of the top ten most influential people to watch for in the next decade.

