

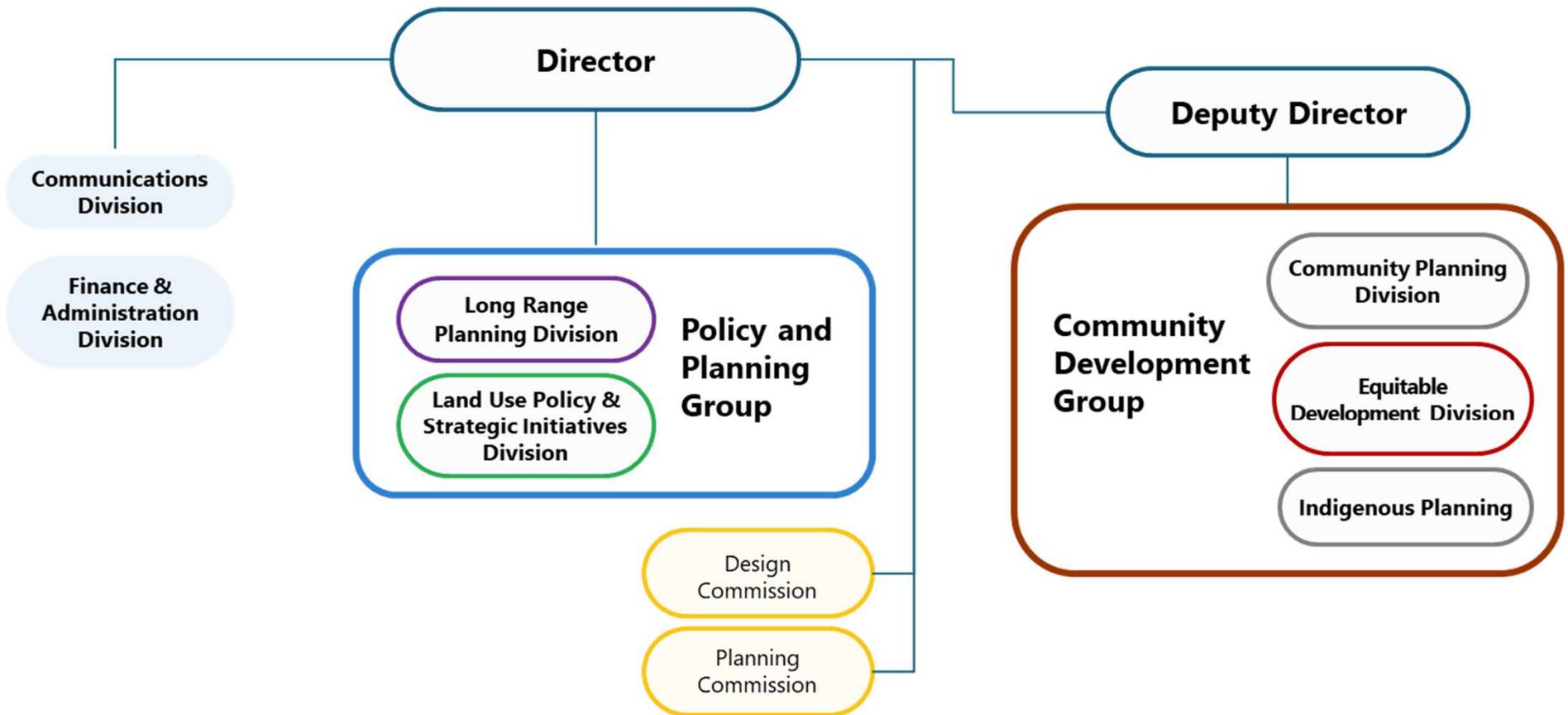
Indigenous Planning at OPCD

*Presentation to the Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee
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OPCD's Mission:

We lead collaborative planning, advance equitable development, and create great places.

OPCD 2026 Organization Chart

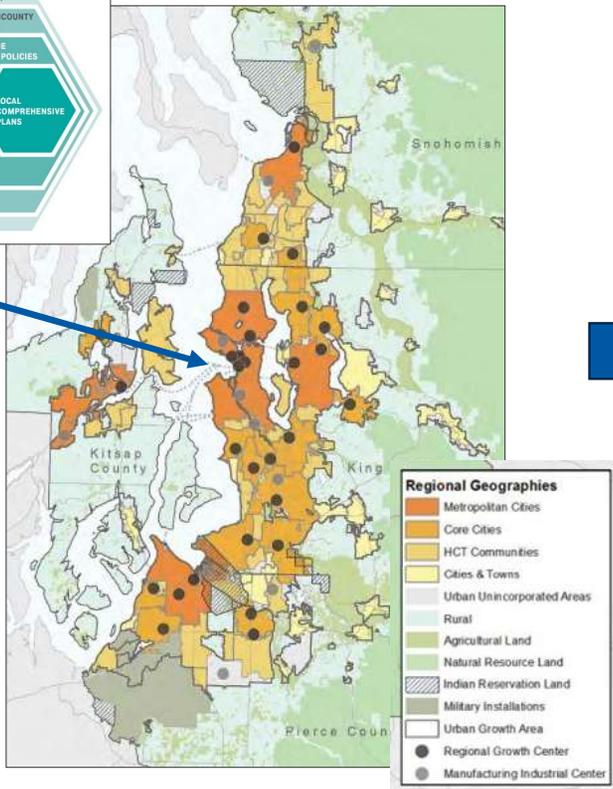


Comprehensive Planning in the City/Region

State Policy Framework (GMA)



Regional Growth Strategy (PSRC)



Seattle Comprehensive Plan Update (2025)



14 POLICY ELEMENTS

- Growth Strategy
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Economic Development
- Climate and Environment
- Parks and Open Space
- Arts and Culture
- Container Port
- Shoreline Areas
- Community Involvement
- Public Safety

4 KEY MOVES

- Housing & Affordability**
 - Add capacity for middle housing and apartments in all neighborhoods
 - Major update to Housing element and appendix
- Community & Neighborhoods**
 - New Neighborhood Centers
 - Guidance for public investments to support growth and meet community needs
- Equity & Opportunity**
 - Racial Equity Toolkit process guided Comp Plan update
 - Dozens of new policies promoting equity in Plan
- Climate & Sustainability**
 - New Climate and Environment element
 - Supports Seattle's climate goals for GHG reductions and resiliency

Seattle Growth Strategy

	<p>Regional Center <i>previously Urban Center</i></p> <p>Centers of regional importance with the densest mix of housing, office, retail, entertainment & access to regional transit</p> <p>*PSRC designation of Regional Growth Center</p>		<p>Urban Neighborhood <i>new place type</i></p> <p>New Neighborhood Residential zones with mix of attached and detached housing, including 2/3/4/6-plexes, with limited commercial activity, including corner stores</p> <p>Diverse mix of low- to moderate-density housing and commercial uses along arterials with access to frequent transit</p>
	<p>Urban Center <i>previously Urban Village</i></p> <p>Centers with an important citywide role with a dense mix of housing, jobs, shops, and services & access to transit</p> <p>*GMPC designation of Countywide Center</p>		
	<p>Neighborhood Center <i>new place type</i></p> <p>Diverse mix of moderate density housing around a commercial core and/or access to frequent transit</p>		<p>Manufacturing & Industrial Center</p> <p>Areas of concentrated industrial, manufacturing, and maritime activity</p> <p>*PSRC designation of Manufacturing and Industrial Center</p> <p>15</p>

Indigenizing the Comprehensive Plan

- Outreach to Seattle Indigenous community and Tribes for feedback and follow up.
- Policy and narrative creation based on Seattle Indigenous community needs.
- Comments received from 6 Tribes out of 11 during the outreach process.

Regional Centers Planning

OPCD is developing **9 place-based plans** for its regionally designated centers in the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) regional growth plan. These plans will be adopted by City Council over next 3 years.

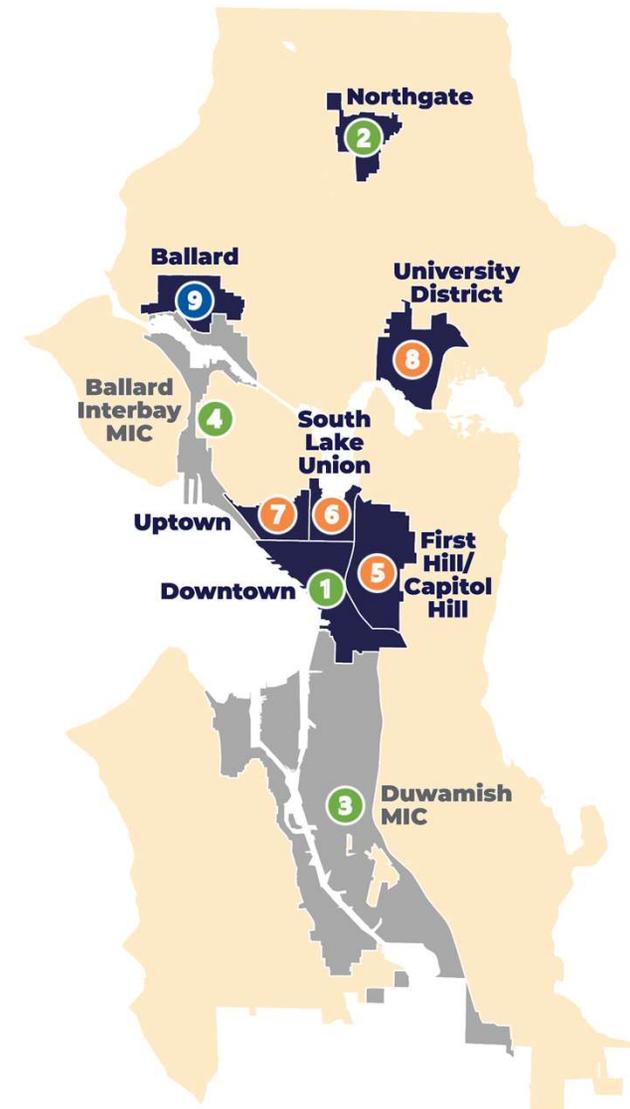
7 Regional Centers

- Planned to receive the region's **densest concentrations of housing and job growth** and to have excellent transit connections
- Plans include **Future Land Use Maps**, City investments like open space and transportation projects, and actions across multiple departments

2 Manufacturing and Industrial Centers (MICs)

- **Concentrated industrial activity** with *limited* retail, office, and residential uses

These plans are developed with deep community engagement to meet community priorities and accommodate citywide growth.



Regional Centers Planning

Collaborate:

- The following areas were identified for focused engagement with Indigenous communities as part of OPCD's ongoing Regional Centers planning efforts.

Current Work

- Northgate Regional Center Plan
 - Focused on Native community analysis
 - Indigenous Planting Guide for public and private properties
- Downtown Regional Center Plan
 - Focused on Native Business and Organizations
 - Indigenous Inclusivity Guide

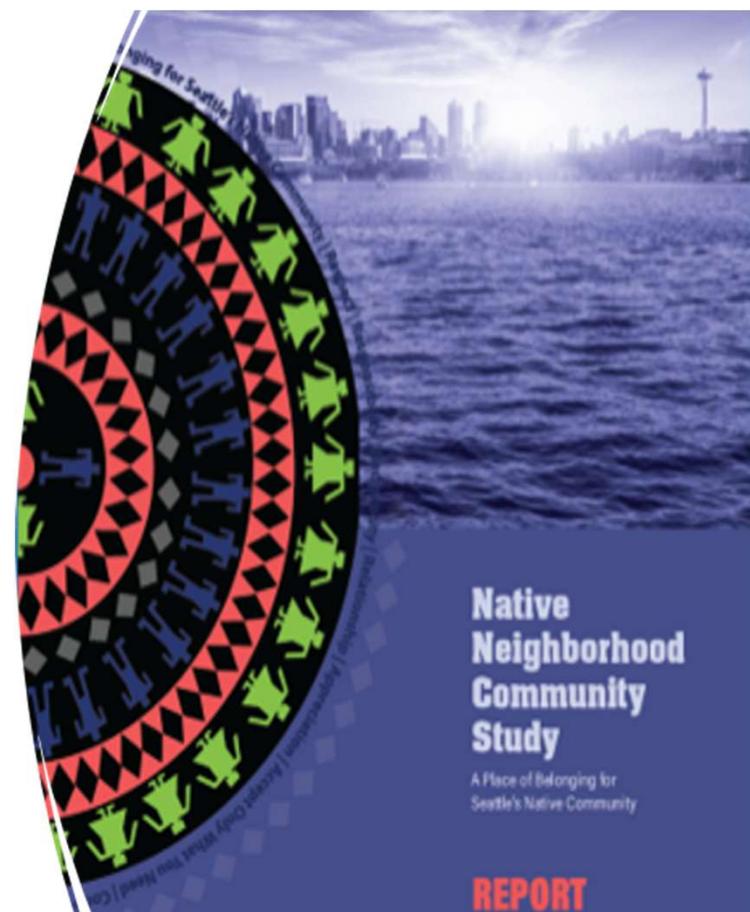
2026 Work Plan

- University District Regional Center Plan
 - Focus on Native and Indigenous college students to incorporate the importance of generationality in Native culture
- Ballard Regional Center Plan
 - Focusing on the story of salmon and the cultural significance that had/has on the area.
 - How can this be reflected in the public realm and access to water?

Native Neighborhoods

Native Neighborhoods is a concept that looks to incorporate multiple nodes throughout Seattle that focus on Seattle's Native and Indigenous populations.

- Nodes will provide housing, services and programming for Seattle's Native and Indigenous community
- Nodes will be places of healing and create places of belonging



Station Area Planning

OPCD is leading a multi-department effort to plan for **equitable growth** in neighborhoods around **13 new light rail stations**; this includes development of a citywide Transit Oriented Development (TOD) strategy.

- OPCD is leading the development of **station area plans**, starting with West Seattle stations (Junction/Avalon, Delridge) and Graham Street.
 - This includes partnership with Sound Transit to maximize development potential and leverage joint development opportunities.
- **Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD)**, funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning grant.
 - In 2026, a complete ETOD Strategy and Implementation Plan to guide the City's approach to community driven development for new stations, with a focus on Delridge and Chinatown/International District.



Indigenizing ST3

- Develop cultural narratives (community story) and design toolkits for each of the neighborhoods with planned light rail stations.
- Develop a process for researching, developing, and sharing Native/Indigenous and Tribal narratives that can be used to inform planning and urban design outcomes in station areas.
- Potential recommendations (policies and actions) that reflect priorities articulated through the engagement process

Equitable Development Initiative: Background



Cultivate South Park- Mural Painting

The Seattle Equitable Development Initiative is a community originated anti-displacement & access to opportunity program. Our main strategy is **funding community-owned land and development**.

We address **historic policy and market inequities** through investing in projects and programs that mitigate displacement and increase access to opportunity.

EDI Funds:

- Capacity-building, site acquisition, pre-development and construction of Community Owned Equitable Development Real Estate Projects.
- Awards range from \$75k capacity to \$5+ M aggregate for capital.
- Must be able to demonstrate displacement risk and address equity drivers.
- Organizations are led by the communities served.

Participatory Budgeting: *Native Youth Past, Present, Future* Capital Project

- Site Pre-Development and Feasibility Analysis for Successful Path Forward
 - Conduct a site feasibility assessment to determine project viability
- Preliminary Design and Environmental Review
 - Develop preliminary design and assess environmental impact
- Final Design and Engineering Approvals for Construction Drawings and Specifications
 - Approved Construction Permit

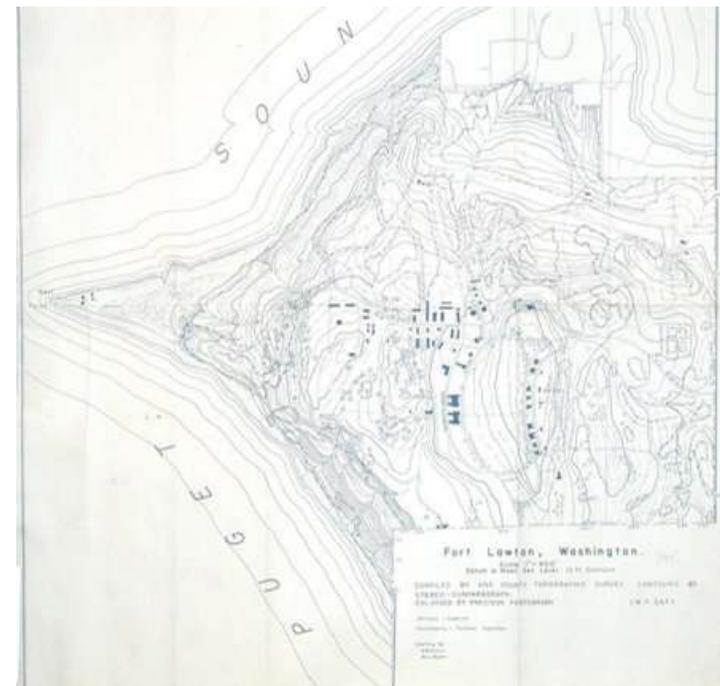
OED Indigenous Economic Development Center

- Lead on community engagement related to the needs of an Indigenous Economic Development Center. This includes developing a program that will list priorities for the Center along with a proposal on how to establish a facility in Northgate in collaboration with OED.
- An Indigenous economic equity nonprofit, wants to collaborate and operate the Center.



Fort Lawton Housing Project

- Serve as primary point for OPCD on Fort Lawton Housing Project.
- Facilitate Indigenous engagement for project and create guidelines for approach.
- Serve as a program manager for the creation of housing and programming when acquisition occurs.



Native Food Forest

- DON, OSE, and OPCD are collaborating on a Native Food Forest to be located in Barton Woods at North Seattle College.
- Native community partner will be designing and installing the project.

Additional 2026 OPCD Native Community Engagement

- **Chinatown/International District**
Activation: Focus on Native organizations in the area.
- **North Aurora Initiative & Community Action Plan:** Online and in-person engagement in coordination with other City departments with projects along the corridor.
- **Native and Indigenous Organizations:** Ongoing program and community engagement.

