

# FLOW FLOURISH



The Evergreen  
State College,  
Olympia, WA

November 5-6  
Free Entry & Food

FLOODPLAIN RESILIENCE,  
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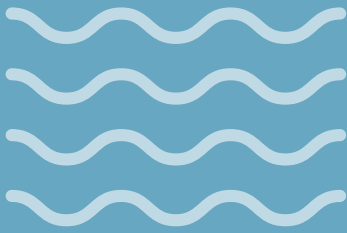
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# November 5

# MEETING SCHEDULE

## DAY 1

**8:00-9:10AM**

### Welcome to the Flow

Time for signing in, getting settled. Tables are pre-assigned for cross-pollination, mixing agency staff, tribal partners, practitioners, and funders.

**9:10-10:00AM**

### Hotdogs & High Water

How hard feedback, early dialogue, multi-benefit framing, local leverage, relationships, leadership and private-sector champions came together to avert major flood damage in the **City of Sumner**.

**10:00-10:15AM**

### Remarks from Director Sixkiller

**10:15-10:45AM**

### BREAK

**10:45-11:45AM**

### Growing Need, Clarity, Interdependencies

The 2025 floods and updated climate modeling show a need that is, frankly, astounding. We know the same situation is real for salmon recovery and agriculture.

**11:45-12:00PM**

### Poetry Reading

Jessica Gigot, a poet, memoirist, and sheep farmer living in Washington State's Skagit Valley.

**12:00-1:00PM**

### Lunch

Lunch provided. Time to shift to self-elected workshop rooms.

**1:00-3:30PM**

### Afternoon Workshops



4 concurrent breakout tracks:

- *Energy Security & Flood Resilience*
- *Voluntary Buyouts & Acquisitions*
- *Water & Flood Solutions*
- *Cross-Geography Floodplain Permitting*

**3:30-4:00PM**

### BREAK

**4:00-5:00PM**

### Tribal Community Floodplain Resilience Approaches

**5:00-6:30PM**

### Reception

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# Afternoon Workshops

**From 1:00–3:30PM, participants will engage in one of four concurrent tracks exploring key opportunities and challenges in advancing flood resilience. Each workshop will be facilitated by subject matter experts and designed to encourage sharing of diverse perspectives and problem-solving.**

## Track A | Energy Security & Flood Resilience

*Moderated by **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.***

This breakout explores what it will take to more intentionally engage energy security and flood resilience interests as partners in multi-benefit floodplain work. The session will share information and help surface where these two fields already intersect and where the gaps in shared understanding and action remain.

## Track B | Voluntary Buyouts & Acquisitions

*Moderated by **Carol Macilroy.***

400,000 (13% of the total) properties in Washington face a 26% chance of flooding in the next 30 years (WA SEHMP). As climate increasingly accelerates the trajectory of risk, strategic acquisition and buyouts are a tool for breaking the disaster loop, preserving municipal and state solvency as flood impacts increase and creating space for floodwaters and salmon.

## Track C | Water and Flood Solutions

*Moderated by **Ben Tindall.***

Washington faces critical water challenges, from aquifer replenishment and deteriorating infrastructure to climate impacts, salmon habitat restoration, and flood mitigation. Yet, we lack a unified institutional anchor with the dedicated authority to drive these solutions forward. Examining models like the Office of Columbia River, this session investigates its accomplishments and structural strengths.

## Track D | Floodplain Permitting

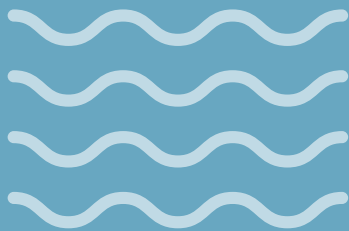
*Moderated by **Dale Meck.***

What if floodplain permitting became one of Washington's most powerful tools for resilience? At a time when flood risks are rising faster than our capacity to respond, it has never been more important that floodplain policies, permitting processes, and capital investments work together to deliver meaningful resilience outcomes.

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# November 6

# MEETING

# SCHEDULE

## DAY 2

**8:00-8:30AM**

**Coffee & Pastries**

**8:30-8:45AM**

**Poetry Reading**

Rena Priest, writer and poet,  
Lummi Nation, Washington State  
Poet Laureate

**8:45-9:00AM**

**Summary of Learnings**

A short, sharp harvest of  
Thursday's table  
report-outs - what threads  
are worth carrying into  
today's funding and policy  
conversations.

**9:00-10:00AM**

**Test and Scale New  
Financing Ideas**

This session examines large-scale  
financing breakthroughs in other  
states: Texas's \$20B Water Fund  
and Colorado's gaming-tax-backed  
initiatives.

**10:00-10:30AM**

**BREAK**

**10:30-10:40AM**

**Keynote Speaker**

**10:40-12:00PM**

**Financing Resilience:  
Tools for State and Local  
Governments**

Resilient America will explore how  
local governments and states can  
leverage new and existing  
financing tools to advance  
resilience.

**12:00-12:45PM**

**Lunch**

**12:45-1:45PM**

**After 2030: Reimagining  
Corporate Water Stewardship**

As many corporate water commitments  
approach their 2030 expiration, this  
panel asks what visionary new role,  
approach, or force the private sector  
could help inspire next for water and  
flood resilience.

**1:45-2:45PM**

**Backcasting from 2036:  
Building Washington's  
Resilience Fund, Together**

Imagine it's 2036. Washington has a  
fully functioning resilience fund. What  
had to be true along the way?

**2:45-3:00PM**

**Closing Remarks**

# TELLING THE FLOOD STORY



What makes flood stories compelling?  
A conversation with journalists who cover water, land,  
and disaster across Washington.

**NOV 4 / 5:00-8:00PM**

116 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA



# HOTEL OFFERINGS

*Please note that accommodations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and discounted rates are subject to room availability. We encourage you to book your accommodations as soon as possible to secure your preferred hotel and take advantage of the special rates.*

## La Quinta Inn & Suites Tumwater

**10 minutes from The Evergreen State College**

**20 standard rooms held at \$135/night + tax**

Additional Information

- Breakfast included
- Cancellation Policy, 48 hours before arrival without penalty

 **Book before October 21**

## Quality Inn Lacey

**15 minutes from The Evergreen State College**

**20 standard rooms held at \$105/night + tax**

Additional Information

- Breakfast included and free parking

 **Call property at 360-890-8991 to book and mention Flow & Flourish**

## Holiday Inn Express Lacey

**15 minutes from The Evergreen State College**

**50 standard rooms held at \$149/night + tax**

Additional Information

- Breakfast included and free parking

 **Book before October 14**



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## Hampton Inn Suites Lacey

**15 minutes from The Evergreen State College**

**25 standard rooms held at \$149/night + tax**

Additional Information

- Breakfast included
- Cancellation Policy, 24 hours before arrival without penalty

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## Holiday Inn Express Tumwater

**15 minutes from The Evergreen State College**

**30 standard rooms held at \$149/night + tax**

Additional Information

- Breakfast included and free parking

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## Spark by Hilton Tumwater

**15 minutes from The Evergreen State College**

**30 standard rooms held at \$149/night + tax**

Additional Information

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## **Best Western Plus Lacey**

**20 minutes from The Evergreen State College**

**30 standard rooms held at \$128/night + tax**

Additional Information

- Breakfast and free parking included
- Cancellation Policy, before Nov. 3 without penalty

 **Book before November 1**



# TRANSIT ROUTES

*Planning on taking public transit to Flow & Flourish? Several free transit options are available to help attendees travel to the meeting venue. We encourage you to explore the routes below to plan your trip.*

*Please review transit schedules, connections, and estimated travel times in advance, as it may vary.*

## **Capital Mall Station to The Evergreen State College**

15 minute transit time

Begins at Capital Mall Station

Take Route 34

## **Lacey Hotels to The Evergreen State College**

45-60 minute transit time

Take Route 9X to Route 34

## **Tumwater Hotels to The Evergreen State College**

60 minute transit time

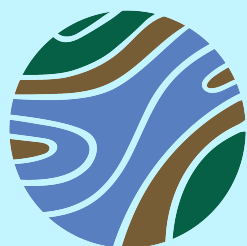
Take Route 15 to 9X to Route 34

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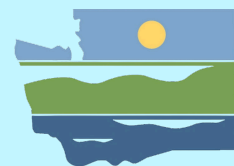


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