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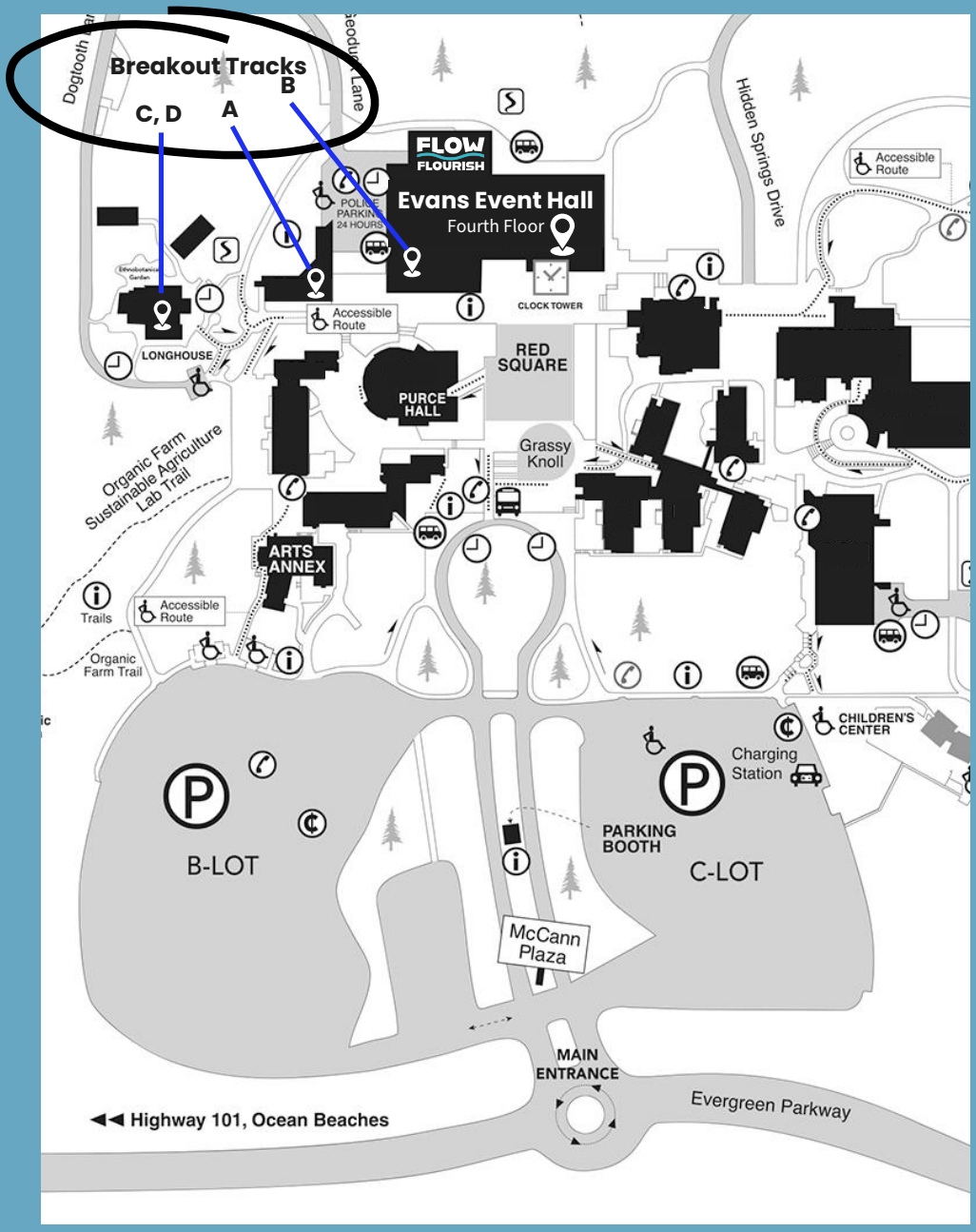
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VENUE MAP AND PARKING

To help navigate the campus, this venue map highlights the main event hall and designated breakout track locations. If you plan to drive, park in B-LOT or C- LOT. ***Please register your vehicle using the parking buttons below. Parking registration for both days are required separately.***



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Day 1 Parking Registration

Day 2 Parking Registration

Main Event Space

Evans Event Hall, 4th Floor

Breakout Tracks

A - Seminar 1203
B - Evans Hall 1001
C - Longhouse
D - Longhouse

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November 5

MEETING SCHEDULE

Evans Event Hall

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 of the Washington Department of Ecology, Casey 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 Breakouts ✳

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

Remarks from Squaxin Island Tribe Chairman Kristopher Peters.

November 5

Afternoon Breakout Tracks

Thursday afternoon's breakout sessions offer an opportunity to dive deeper into key challenges and opportunities shaping the future of floodplain management and resilience. We encourage attendees to review the pre-reading materials for their selected track before meeting. *Click on the titles below to view selected pre-reading materials.*

Track A | Energy Security & Flood Resilience

*Location: Seminar Room 1203. 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

*Location: Evans Hall 1001. 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

*Location: The Longhouse. 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.

Track D | Floodplain Permitting

*Location: The Longhouse. 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.

November 6

MEETING SCHEDULE

Evans Event Hall

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.

9:00-10:15AM

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.

10:15-10:45AM

BREAK

10:45-12:00PM

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.

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



TRANSIT ROUTES

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Take Route 9X to Route 34

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