



The Suquamish Foundation

*Building on the legacy of
Chief Seattle and our ancestors*

Culture

History

Vision

*T*he Suquamish Tribe

and its ancestors are the first peoples
of the Kitsap Peninsula and Bainbridge Island.

They have lived in the Puget Sound region
for thousands of years.

The Suquamish Foundation
builds on the Tribe's ancestral vision
to enhance the culture, education,
environment, and physical well-being
of the Tribe and the greater
Suquamish community.



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envisions a sustained cultural resurgence that benefits Tribal members, our neighbors and the many others who visit our homeland.

The Suquamish Foundation, in partnership with the Tribe, is engaged in a campaign to fund a series of capital projects that will bring Suquamish cultural values and traditions to the forefront of community life. Guided by our ancestors and the wisdom of our elders, and informed by our youth and adults, the Suquamish Tribe has designed these capital projects to provide cultural, educational, and recreational resources for our community, our neighbors and our guests.

The Inviting House

The Suquamish "Inviting House" will be a traditional-style building located on the waterfront. For many Puget Sound Salish peoples, a single large building served as the center of the community, providing a home for community living and major events.

Old-Man-House was this traditional home for the Suquamish Tribe and Chief Seattle. It stood 600-feet long and was located at what is now Old Man House Park in Suquamish. In 1870, the U.S. government burned down Old-Man-House.

As part of the resurgence of our traditional way of life and culture, the community will model the new Suquamish Inviting House after its predecessor. The 13,000 square foot building will feature traditional Coast Salish architecture and materials. Following our tradition, all of the community (elders, adults and youth) have been active in planning for the design and usage of the Inviting House. The new Inviting House will be used primarily for Suquamish cultural and spiritual events that celebrate both our heritage and our modern accomplishments.

Welcoming Pole

Chief Seattle's Grave



Suquamish weaver Jennie Harmon at the original Suquamish Dock.

The Lands in the Sky totem pole stood at the entrance to downtown Suquamish from 1962 through 2005, when natural deterioration forced its removal. A new Welcoming Pole will be carved in the traditional Salish style. A monument honoring Chief Seattle will accompany the Welcoming Pole.

Chief Seattle, the legendary leader of the Suquamish Tribe, is internationally revered. His ideas remain significant today through their influence on ethics, spirituality, and environmentalism. To promote Tribal and community knowledge of Chief Seattle and to honor him appropriately, the Tribe plans improvements to the monument and the addition of interpretative kiosks at the cemetery entrance.

The Museum and Arts Center

The Suquamish Museum was one of the first Native American museums to open in Washington State. The Museum has been rated as one of the best small Tribal museums in the United States, despite its limited exhibit space and relatively remote location.

The new Suquamish Museum and Arts Center will be located in downtown Suquamish near The Inviting House and Chief Seattle's Gravesite. With 4,000 square feet of professionally designed exhibit space, the Museum and Arts Center will be better equipped to support cultural preservation, archive protection, community education, tourism, and scholarly research. Its auditorium and workshop spaces will host local, regional, and visiting artists, as well as support community art demonstrations and classes.

Capital
campaign dollars
raised with our
partners
will help fund
components with
special cultural
and historical
significance.

Early Learning Center

The Suquamish Tribe will build a 12,000 square foot Early Learning Center on the Tribe's 20-acre education campus.

The Center's design and programs will honor the Tribe's culture and traditions. The Center will be equipped for child care, including infant and before- and after-school care for elementary age children.

It will also house the Tribe's Early Head Start and Head Start programs. Co-location of these two Tribal Departments enables collaboration and sharing of resources to integrate cultural and educational programs, underscoring the Tribe's commitment to education as a life-long process.

Suquamish Dock

Suquamish elders remember when visitors and trades people were welcomed at the old Mosquito Fleet Ferry Dock in downtown Suquamish. This pier was succeeded by the Suquamish Community Dock in the 1930's, which deterioration had left unusable. The Tribe will restore this historical access point by creating a new community dock in Suquamish to promote economic development and tourism.

Suquamish Community Ball Field

From the late 1800's through 1962, the Community Baseball Field was a hub of activity. The field supported baseball and softball as well as community and cultural activities. In 1965 the Tribe had to lease the land in order to fund the Tribal government. After years without this resource, the Tribe will construct a full size ball field for all ages, both for the Tribe and surrounding North Kitsap communities. The new field will also serve to host community and educational events.

The Suquamish Heritage Trail

The Suquamish Heritage Trail will link downtown Suquamish and its neighborhoods with the Inviting House, Museum and Arts Center, Suquamish Dock, Education Complex and Ball Field, Chief Seattle's Grave, Old Man House Park, Elders Housing and the Tribal Center. The Heritage Trail will also connect these sites to the Tribe's new Clearwater Resort.

The Capital Campaign

To achieve our vision, The Suquamish Foundation and the Suquamish Tribe will launch a capital campaign to help fund these projects. The Tribe has made a substantial commitment of cash and other resources to the campaign, which enjoys the support of Senator Patty Murray and former Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro as Honorary Chairs. The Suquamish Capital Campaign will be led by the Suquamish Foundation with professional consultation from SparrowHawk Consulting of Olympia and the Pottlatch Fund of Seattle.

How You Can Help

The Suquamish Foundation has established a special bank account for the campaign.

Donations can be made to the Suquamish Cultural Capital Projects Fund, and may be designated to one or more of its components.

Gifts can be made in any of these ways: cash or check, VISA/MasterCard, matching gifts, real estate or securities or estate gifts.

Selected project components will be available for naming opportunities for gifts at higher levels. The Foundation would be happy to discuss naming arrangements with you or your professional advisors.

All donors will be recognized in an honor registry kept at the Museum and Arts Center.

Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and will be used to support the Suquamish Foundation's campaign for culturally significant projects.

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