

Washington's Coastal Hazards Organizational Resilience Team (COHORT)

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What is COHORT?

The Coastal Hazards Organizational Resilience Team (COHORT) was developed in response to coastal communities' request for the state to help address the growing severity of natural hazards, which include flooding, erosion, sea level rise, landslides, and a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami event.

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COHORT is an Interdisciplinary Team to Address Coastal Hazards Across Entities



COHORT Mission

COHORT aims to work collaboratively with diverse communities and interests in the co-creation of projects designed to enhance capacities that address current and future challenges arising from changing coastal systems.



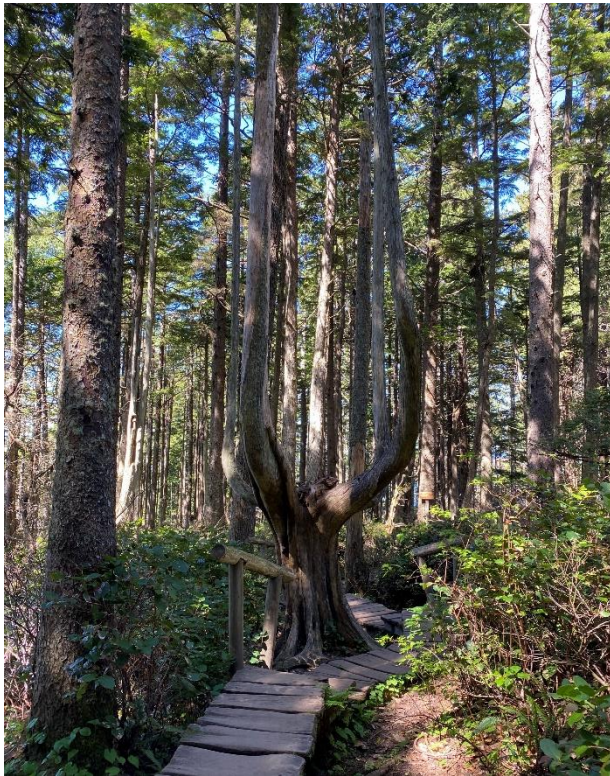
COHORT Goals

Short Term:

- Attend community events and identify needs.
- Connect community partners with resources.

Long Term:

- Develop trusting and mutually beneficial relationships.
- Provide technical assistance to scope and design projects.
- Enhance long-term, community-centered capacity.



WSU Extension Wahkiakum County COHORT Project

Engagement of Wahkiakum County Citizens & Leaders in Coastal Hazards Mitigation Projects

- Compile hazard-related priorities document.
- Deliver educational public presentations.
- Coordinate site visits to view successful flood and erosion mitigation projects.

WSU Extension Peninsula COHORT Project

Expansion of Beach Naturalists Volunteer Training Program

- Implement new outreach plan targeting marginalized and underserved populations.
- Add additional Coastal Resilience topics to existing training and increase professional development opportunities for trained volunteers.

WSU Extension King & Pierce Counties COHORT Project

South Puget Sound Coastal Resilience Pilot Projects

Vashon Nature Center Project

- Salmon recovery data collection pre- and post-bulkhead removal.

South Park Duwamish River Project

- Flood preparation education and recovery efforts.

WSU Extension Island County COHORT Project

Coastal Resiliency and Sea Level Rise

- Provides outreach education to elderly citizens in low-lying coastal areas.
- Education will address public health and safety concerns regarding the impacts of flooding on aging septic systems.

Engaging with COHORT

- WSU Extension is a member of the Coastal Hazards Organizational Resilience Team (COHORT).
 - We want to hear from you! What are your needs and project ideas?
 - We want to help connect you with COHORT programs and services.
 - Please complete our short survey so we can connect!

Collaborate with COHORT!

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Thank You!

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