Department of Neighborhoods

Oversees most of the City’s on-going activities in community outreach and engagement

❖ programs that foster community partnership with government to: Build healthy communities, promote neighborhood stewardship, and promote social justice

❖ community advisory committees (legislated, neighborhood-based, and some appointed)

❖ community events (mayor’s walking tours, clean and greens, neighbor appreciation day)

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Department of Neighborhoods Programs

Neighborhood District Coordinators

Neighborhood Planning

Neighborhood Service Centers – “Little City Halls”

P-Patch Community Gardens

Historic Preservation

Major Institutions and School Use Departures

Community Advisory Committees

Neighborhood Matching Fund

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Sustainability = Community Engagement

- P-Patch Program
  - Community Gardening
  - Market Gardening
  - Food Policy
- Neighborhood Matching Fund
  - Small Sparks and Outreach
  - Small & Simple Fund
    - Climate Protection
    - Race & Social Justice
    - Youth Initiative
    - Public School Partnerships
  - Large Fund
  - Tree Fund
P-Patch Program Overview

- Community Gardens
- Community Building Programs
- Market Gardens
- Partnerships for Food Banks
- Food Policy
  - Food security

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P-Patch and our Partners

The primary success of our community gardening program lies in our partnerships:

- P-Patch Trust
- Other City and County Departments
- Seattle Housing Authority
- School District
- Private Landowners
- Volunteers

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P-Patches:
From vacant lots to community spaces
Community members & Parks Department design P-Patches to be welcoming City Parks
P-Patches fit everywhere!

- Undeveloped streets
- Land under power lines
P-Patches Foster
Environmental Stewardship

Resource recovery and soil building

Water Conservation
P-Patches Foster
Environmental Stewardship

Community gardens as venues for “green” buildings
P-Patches foster social justice and cultural diversity through market gardens.
P-Patches promote food security for low-income households & access for people with varying disabilities
Unused food currently makes up 30% of Seattle’s commercial waste stream.

Seattle Food Systems Actions

DON
Public Utilities
DOT
Economic Development
Parks
Human Services
Housing Authority
Planning and Development
Law
Sustainability and the Environment

King County
University of Washington

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Global Warming Impact for Each Plate:
Apple, Asparagus, Potato, Salmon

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Economic, Health, Hunger, and Social Justice Issues

Potential Food Insecurity

Luce Fellows, UW - Sound Food Report, 2005

Neighborhood Inequities in Access to Healthy Food

Colin Rehm, Center for Obesity Research - UW
1994 - 2000 Seattle Neighborhood Planning Process

- Growth Management Act Compliance
- Concept of Urban Villages and Urban Centers
- Neighborhood driven process
- Council recognition and Comprehensive Plan
- Implementation by government and community

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Climate Protection:

• Hosted over 150 Mayors in 2007 conference to address climate protection – over 900 Mayors have signed on to Seattle’s Mayor’s challenge representing more than 25% of the nation’s population.

• Carbon emissions cut by 680,000 tons per year = 8% reduction which exceeds original Kyoto goal.

• Seattle is the nation’s leader in green buildings.

• Mayor and Council banned styrofoam food containers and instituted a bag tax.

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