

# UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

# Habitat Protection and Restoration in Spokane River Watershed

Spokane River Forum April 23, 2025

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# **TODAY'S AGENDA**

- Spokane University District
- Converging Crises
- Generosity of Nature
- Nature-Positive Urban Design
- How We Design
- Salmon Safe Certification



















# **Built for Collaboration**

### INNOVATING TOGETHER

The University District is where business and education grow together. Community partners are connected through geographical ecosystem and strong commitment to collaboration with a focus on four key areas:

HIGHER ED AND UPLIFT OPPORTUNITIES



MEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES



**BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** 



ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY







# The Bioregion as Eco-Tone



- – COUNTY BOUNDARIES
- SPOKANE CITY
- HIGHWAYS
- ----- RAILROAD
- URBAN AREA
- 🗱 NATIVE LANDS
- FOREST GRASSLANDS
- TOPOGRAPHY, 100 FOOT CONTOURS
- -- ECOREGION BOUNDARY

- UD BOUNDARY
- OWNTOWN SPOKANE
- ♣ SPOKANE AIRPORT
- SURFACE WATER BODIES
- PARKS



# A Traditional Crossroads

- What today is the University District was intersected by important native trails linking the area to the fisheries in the east, the winter camps in the west and trails connecting north to fisheries near Kettle Falls, an intertribal gathering place attracting as many as 10,000 natives at the height of the fishing season
- Cayuse, Palouse and Nez Perce would have traversed through the UD on their way to Kettle Falls, trading with the Spokanes, along the banks of the River









# The Rise of the UD

- EXPO 74: Removed railroads from downtown, cleaned up decrepit factories, flop houses and tenements along the River
- Momentum 87: Paul Redmond, WWP; Bill Cowles, Cowles Publishing; Mike Murphy, Central Pre-Mix and Dave Clack, ONB
- 1992 masterplan for the Riverpoint Campus (joint between WSU and EWU)
- 1994: SIRTI opens
- 1996: Phase One Building
- 2002: Health Sciences Building
- 2004 UD Strategic Masterplan
- University District Development Association created in **2009** (501c3)
- University District Public Development Authority in
   2011









# Spokane University District: People

## Demographic overview

### Total population City of Spokane 228,989

Source: US Census Bureau 2020

University District ≈3,548 Source: US Census Bureau Blocks 2020

### Addiction State of Emergency

18% increase in overdose deaths 2023-2024

Overdose responses clustered around Division and Brown

### Traffic Safety



Hot spots along Division, Brown, and Hamilton, arterials which carry 20,000-40,000 ADT (2018)

## Housing Crisis

### >2,000 people experiencing houselessness

Jan 2024 point in time count; 54% decrease in unsheltered houselessness; 10% increase in sheltered houselessness; 15% decrease in overall houselessness

### SOCIAL VULNERABILITY INDEX

Susceptibility of social groups to the adverse impacts of natural hazards, including disproportionate death, injury, loss, or disruption of livelihood.



Fig. 14 FEMA National Risk Index 2022

### HEALTH SUPPORTIVE NATURE

NatureScore: Amount and guality of natural elements.



Score 42.2

Balanced mix of natural and built environmental elements. Modest effort required for immersive nature exposure opportunities.



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Score 11.9

Low density of natural elements. Effort required for immersive nature exposure opportunities.

Fig. 15 NatureQuant LLC 2024

### HEALTH DATA ASTHMA

Estimated prevalence of current asthma among adults aged 18 and older.



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13.7% tract 145

Fig. 11 CDC ACS 2021

### OBESITY

Fig. 12 CDC ACS 2021

Vulnerability.

Estimated prevalence of obesity among adults aged 18 and older.

### PHYSICAL INACTIVITY

No leisure-time physical activity during the past month among adults aged 18 and older.



Fig. 13 CDC ACS 2016 - 2019



Spokane University **District: Place** 



### Poverty Percentage of persons living below 150% of the poverty level.

US Census Bureau 2022: 19.1% Source: ACS 2017 - 2021



## Heat Afternoon heat temperatures comparison Source: Gonzaga Center for Climate, Society, and the Environment, 2022



### Tree canopy Percentage of tree canopy

Source: USA NLCD Tree Canopy 2021



< 1% 1 - 19% 20 - 49% 50 - 79% 80 - 100%

Impervious surfaces Percentage of impervious surfaces

Source: USA NLCD Impervious surfaces 2021

# **Climate Impact and Environmental Justice**

Climate change is increasing the frequency of days with wildfire smoke. **Since 2015**, **Spokane has averaged eight unhealthy smoke days per year, up from zero** between 1999 and 2011

In recent years, the number of days in Spokane over 90 degrees has increased: in 2019, 13 days; in 2020, 20 days; in 2021, 44 days; in 2022, 44 days; in 2023, 34 days

In 2021, the Pacific Northwest experienced a heat dome event that killed 112 people in Washington State, including 19 in Spokane

	Census Block Group 530630145002		Census Block Group 530630145004	
EJScreen, Supplemental Index	State Percentile	National Percentile	State Percentile	National Percentile
Particulate Matter 2.5	98	99	99	99
Diesel Particulate Matter	97	97	99	99
raffic Proximity	99	96	99	99
litrogen Dioxide	99	98	99	99
.ead Paint	98	95	99	99
Superfund Proximity	97	97	99	98
lazardous Waste Proximity	99	96	99	98
Asthma	99	97	95	94
leart Disease	90	71	99	95
Persons with Disabilities	99	99	99	99
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### Table 1. EJSCREEN Environmental and Health Burden Data





# **Polycrisis/Metacrisis**

"Climate change is a big problem but it is a subset of the larger problem of overshoot. We have exceeded the carrying capacity of the planet. Continued economic and material growth based on renewable energy does not begin to resolve that fundamental reality." - Arthur Berman, Energy Geologist

"Even if emissions drop to zero in a timely fashion, easing the planet back down toward its natural average temperature will require removing greenhouse gasses from the atmosphere. That will take huge amounts of forest and ecosystem restoration for natural storage of carbon, but also likely technological versions not yet ready for prime time."

– Arancha Gonzales, IPCC Commissioner

STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DEPLETION

> ATMOSPHERIC AEROSOL LOADING

### he risk of climate tipping points is rising rapidly as the world heats up obal heating needed to pass tipping point temperature

Northern permafrost abrupt thaw

Northern forests expansion · North

East Antarctic ice sheet collapse

# Our Global Commons. Big biophysical systems that we all depend on for the stability of the planet

image from Johan Rockstrom, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research







GLOBAL

CARBON project



Sinks Sources 18.9  $GtCO_2/yr$  $35.3 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$ 47% 88% 31%  $12.3 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$ 12%  $4.7 \, \mathrm{GtCO}_2/\mathrm{yr}$ 26%  $10.4 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$ 

### Budget Imbalance: (the difference between estimated sources & sinks)

4%  $-1.6 \text{ GtCO}_2/\text{yr}$ 

## Fate of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (2013–2022)

Source: Friedlingstein et al 2023; Global Carbon Project 2023

### EU climate monitor warns global temperature rise breached 1.5 degrees Celsius for first time in 2024

Story by Paul Godfrey • 3w • 🗇 3 min read





Image from Johan Rockstrom, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research



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# Climate change-fueled extreme weather could cost real estate market \$1T-plus: Study

Story by Zack Budryk • 4h • ① 2 min read

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## **38,000,000,000,000 USD/year** in 2050 **GLOBAL ECONOMY** Facing **18% loss in GDP** by 2050

373.7K Followers

Image from Johan Rockstrom, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

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# **Global Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

## Global fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: 37.1 ± 2 GtCO<sub>2</sub> in 2022, 63% over 1990 Pojection for 2023: 37.5 ± 2 GtCO<sub>2</sub>, 1.1% [0.0% to +2.1%] higher than 2022

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When including cement carbonation, the 2022 and 2023 estimates amount to 36.4 ± 2 GtCO<sub>2</sub> and 36.8 ± 2 GtCO<sub>2</sub> respectively The 2023 projection is based on preliminary data and modelling. Source: <u>Friedlingstein et al 2023</u>; <u>Global Carbon Project 2023</u>

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## Gasoline accounts for 45% of U.S. refined products in 2021 If U.S. consumes <u>less</u> gasoline because of EVs, it will still be produced Cannot produce diesel, jet fuel, ethane or propane <u>without also producing gasoline</u>

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# Using a Wider Boundary Lens Source: Nate Hagens, The Great Simplification

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\* 80 million babies born per year

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"We live in a competent universe, we are part of a brilliant planet, and we are surrounded by genius. Nature is incredibly generous, and it has learned to live gracefully on this planet for billions of years."

> – Janine Benyus, Founder, Biomimicry Institute

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# How we are Destabilizing the Planetary Water Cycle

Industrial Agriculture Impermeable Surfaces Destructive Forestry Practices

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- 56% of World's population lives in cities
- Cities account for more than 70% of global CO2 emissions
- Cities are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to Impervious Surfaces
- Impervious Surfaces in the US: 43,000 square miles (14% of total land) 1/3 of the above is buildings 2/3 is pavement; 4 million miles of roads

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# Cities Helping Nature capture Carbon

- Soils globally sequester **1.5 gigatons** of carbon
- Trees and other types of vegetation sequester 7.9 gigatons
- Wetlands: 3% of earth's surface but contain **2x carbon as all forests**
- Estimates are that we could capture an additional **20 gigatons** via regenerative agriculture, urbanism and carbon farming.

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# What is Nature Positive Urban Design?

"The Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations stress the importance of local ecosystems and suggest that all aspects of a city - its buildings, infrastructure, and natural surroundings - should actively contribute to environmental health. This includes maintaining clean air and water, healthy soil, sequestered carbon, cycled nutrients, reduced erosion, reduced heat, and supporting biodiversity."

Dayna Baumeister and Nicole Miller,Innovation for Ecological Transformation

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## Design Premise: Ecological Context and Historical Indigenous Practices

- The Spokane River is **the center of life** for region
- Four distinct ecosystems present in the region encompassed: pine/ponderosa savanna, shrub-steppe grassland, riparian corridor, and floodplain.
- River provided food, water, a means of transportation and a meeting place for **indigenous people**
- The system is characterized by grassy-floored open forests with ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, western larch, western white pine, and quaking aspen
- System provided water retention, flow regulation, carbon sequestration, erosion control, soil warming, microbial activity and pollinator habitat
- The dominant native trees species, Ponderosa pine supports 116 bird species, 70 mammals and 17 species of reptiles and amphibians
- Coniferous Forests, Ponderosa Pine, historically sequestered up to 260 metric tons of carbon per acre

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## **UD Core Ecosystem Services**

- 1. Air Filtration
- 2. Biodiversity
- 3. Carbon Sequestration
- 4. Energy Provision
- 5. Fire Adaptation
- 6. Nutrient Cycling

- 7. Pollination
- 8. Stormwater Management
- 9. Temperature Regulation
- 10. Waste Generation and Management
- 11. Water Cycling
- 12. Human Health and Wellbeing

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# **Ecosystem Service**

# Target

Air filtration	AQI $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10}$ in t
Biodiversity	Environmental restorat original landscape.
Carbon Sequestration	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from e productivity (Mg C/ha/ become feasible, and/o
Energy Provision	Energy produced by ro equivalent net primary
Fire adaptation	Plant and maintain nat reduce the incidence o like the Ponderosa barl
Nutrient Cycling	Open space areas sho enhance nutrient inter areas can also be used
Pollination	UD vegetation should communities represent
Stormwater Management	Zero percent imperviou
Temperature Regulation	The amount of shade i savanna. Shade targets distributed equitably, a
Waste Generation & Management	The ecosystem assets a that all waste created v
Water Cycling	Water withdrawals sho recharge rates.
Human Health & Wellbeing	The ongoing developm indigenous people whe

the urban core should not exceed that of native ponderosa pine savanna (in fire-free conditions).

tion activities will use species native to the ecosystem in appropriate locations in ratios similar to the

energy generated from fossil fuels and building construction should not exceed the net primary /year) of the surrounding landscaping/vegetation including any engineered sequestration that may or offset credits.

oftop solar and other distributed energy sources (geothermal and wind) should produce the productivity of a mature ponderosa pine savannah.

ive fire-adapted vegetation that produces a fuel load similar to savanna grasses that burns quickly to f and/or damage caused by catastrophic fire. Structures should have fire -retardant outer materials k, and vegetation should emulate the quick-burning grasslands.

uld have the same ratio of trees to shrubs and grass as the ponderosa pine savanna ecosystem to rception by roots and protect the system against nutrient losses. Artificial media in non-vegetated to absorb and retain nutrients.

I mimic native perennial grasslands by including plant species known to host native pollinator ted in ponderosa pine savanna.

us services or equivalent.

in the developed urban ecosystem should be the same as what was provided by the ponderosa pine s could be met by both vegetation plantings and built structures. In addition, shade trees should be as low-income areas tend to have fewer trees, and arguably less income to pay for air cooling.

and features of the pre-development UD site would have managed waste in a closed loop, meaning would have been decomposed and recycled back into the ecosystem.

ould be calibrated to protect the aquifer and limit water withdrawal to support historic aquifer

ent theme is to preserve the "winter camp" status of the area, as it was a meeting place for ere people come to share knowledge and food and culture.

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# **Riparian Ecosystem Conceptual Cross Section**

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### Chief Gotry Park.

# Next Generation Conceptual Plan 2065

Mithun, Seattle

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### A Bold Reimagining of How Communities Grow

Just Communities is helping neighbors and practitioners worldwide co-create more just, liberatory, and green communities.

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### **CENTERING RACIAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE**

The Protocol starts with an unwavering commitment to Racial Equity and Climate Resilience in every phase of organizing, planning, and implementing neighborhood-scale community development. We call these our Just Communities Pillars and they form the key imperatives that every community must address. The legacy and impact of structural and spatial racism and environmental injustice in land use policy and development – in the form of segregation, disinvestment, and displacement – has led to trapping millions of Black and historically disinvested communities of color in generational poverty (while others sustain wealth and privilege) and at constant risk from the growing impacts of climate change. This framework seeks to begin the important and necessary task of putting justice at the center of community development.

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### POWERFUL METRICS TO SHAPE EQUITY AND **RESILIENCY OUTCOMES**

The Protocol includes a set of seventeen comprehensive Just Communities Commitments organized into the five essential categories - Belonging, Opportunity, Wellbeing, Mobility, Environment – to help communities tackle the most entrenched and complex challenges facing communities today – poverty, blight and deteriorating infrastructure, lack of economic opportunity, environmental pollution, climate disruption, and health inequities.

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### FOUR IMPLEMENTATION PHASES TO ADVANCE THE WORK

The Protocol includes seventeen discrete and practical Just Community Actions organized into four implementation phases. Each action includes guidelines, engagement tips, and templates to help stakeholders move community-scale projects from vision to reality. They include: 1) Groundwork, 2) Governance, 3) Roadmap, and 4) Implementation.

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# Main Takeaways from the WHY to Inform the HOW

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# **NATURE-BASED STRATEGIES PALETTE**

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### Coulee (Blue-Brown) Water

Urban coulee streets for water conveyance, xeriscaping, and basalt gardens, with potential for deep-infiltration wells

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### Blue-Green Infiltration and stormwater

infrastructure including greenways /curbless streets/ rain gardens and permeable pavement

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### Energy Independent Buildings

Electrification and battery islanding which can be combined with resilience hub elements

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### Shared Energy Systems

Geothermal and ground coupling of water pipes to facilitate heat and cold transfer and reduce waste

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### District Renewable Energy Clean Soil Parks and Production

District renewable energy and micro-grids, solar on land or buildings

## Trails

Bioremediaton of brownfield areas highlight phytoremediation of soils with artist program and research innovation

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**Rainwater Harvesting** Water efficiency programs at buildings/sites

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### **Urban Forests**

Areas for planting Ponderosa Pine groves, or micro forests such as Miyawaki Tiny Forests

### **Clean Water Parks**

Accesible stormwater parks that slow the stormwater and reduce combined sewer overflows

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Microgrids Renewable energy including community solar

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management

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### **Biodiverse Corridors**

Connect people, pollinators, animal habitat, and flyways for birds to and from the river and to parks

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**Pixelation Across the** District

Green factor code infrastructure for planting both on land and buildings

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Street Tree Canopy Using silva cells or planters on

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Water Storage Aquifer recharge ponds

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Recreation Active park improvements. Play areas, Kayak launch, basketball courts, pickle ball and active sports

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**Mobility Hubs** Micromobility stations, EV charging stations

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# EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING STRATEGIES PALETTE

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Inclusive Childcare Early education and childcare choices including home based, care centers and education for all

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Inclusive Housing Choices

More housing choices including rental, ownership, multigenerational, affordable, and middle housing

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Multi-Cultural Gathering Inclusive gathering spaces with arts and culture, public realm improvements both indoors and outdoors, with shade structures for people of all ages, abilities, and cultures to meet

### Multi-Cultural Market Multi-vendor marketplace, or pop-up markets for place-making and community connection. Could be day or night

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### **Community Resilience Hub**

A network of community-serving facilities to support residents, distribute resources, coordinate communication, and reduce carbon pollution for both ongoing social connection and emergency support services

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### Inclusive Wayfinding + Storytelling

Placekeeping in the public realm with public art, signage, furnishings, new plazas and viewpoints. May include multi-cultural and indigenous representation or interpretive storytelling.

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Food Growing and Access

Individual and community gardens, urban agriculture, and access including fresh food markets, CSO pick ups serving. multi-cultural needs

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### **Community Engagement** and Research Center Community-serving facility to

support civil participation and community based research advancing district goals

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### Inclusive Services and Shelter for All

Inclusive arts and culture

community organization events

Festivals and Events

**Inclusive Workforce** 

historically marginalized

Wellness Festival

As part of the U Vision 2044

Job training programs prioritizing

Development

populations

Arts, culture, education and

Healthcare, childcare, early childhood education, shelter for people who are houseless, and other services and programs

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### Programs For businesses, community

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Inclusive District Business Arts, culture, education, and business directory and marketing programs with a facus on enabling networking opportunities for small and stortup businesses

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**Inclusive Educational** Opportunities education

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**Equitable Business** Incubator Life sciences and institutional partnerships supporting marginalized business enterprises

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Inclusive Public Realm

Public spaces that encourage social mixing advance economic opportunities and community restience

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### Rehabilitation and Infill

Existing building retrofits and vacant lot infill to support and complement existing businesses and community orgs including energy, sustainability, public art upgrades

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### Food Production and Distribution

Multi-cultural food production and distribution opportunities for small businesses, job training, and workforce development

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### Placekeeping

Focus on enabling social connections with ample wayfinding, arts and culture elements, street furniture, wider sidewalks for outdoor uses, and universal design / complete streets

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organizations, and residents

Programs, schools, and lifelong

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### **Blue-Green Infrastructure**

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City of Vancouver, Canada Photo credit: City of Vancouver

### Coulee Green Infrastructure

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21st Street Redesign, Paso Robles, California Photo credit: MIG/SVR

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Alberta Street, Vancouver, Canada Photo credit: City of Vancouver

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21st Street Redesign, Paso Robles, California Photo credit: MIG/SVR

**Clean Soil Parks and Trails** 

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Hunters Point Park, Brooklyn, New York Photo credit: Hunters Point Park Conservancy

### **Clean Water Parks**

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San Francisco, California Photo credit: Nazanin Mehrin

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Sunset Park, Vancouver, Canada Photo credit: City of Vancouver

## REWILD AND RECHARGE THE RIVER GREEN BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE, HABITAT, AND PUBLIC REALM

Purpose: Heal the Spokane River and improve the health of Spokane. Create more space for stormwater cleaning and infiltration to recharge the aquifer and create more people, flora, and fauna habitat and access to the river.

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**Blue-Green Streets** 

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**Biodiverse Corridors** 

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Building Integrated Green Infrastructure

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Clean Soil Parks and Trails

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**Urban Forests** 

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## **REVIVE WITH COULEE SYSTEM URBAN SPILLWAYS AND WATER CONVEYANCE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Purpose: Create a new system to transform the South UD scablands into a more productive place for people and planet to thrive with physical, social, and economic networks and connections.

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**Blue-Green Streets** 

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Coulee (Blue-Brown)

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Placekeeping

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**Building Integrated Green** Infrastructure

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## Certification:

Urban Development Corporate and University Campuses Golf Courses Infrastructure Parks and Natural Areas Vineyards Farms

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## SALMON-SAFE PROVIDES HIGH VALUE INSIGHT AND INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PRACTICES ADVANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCY.

As a leading U.S. ecolabel, Salmon-Safe offers peer-reviewed certification programs for farms and vineyards, urban development, transportation infrastructure, municipal park systems, and other large-scale land management and development.

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# Salmon Safe Review: UD Next Generation Plan

## Support for existing plan

Bioretention ponds; **returning the land to hydrologic functions and proposed Stormwater Park** along Trent and Hwy 290. Supports riparian and habitat restoratio

Restoring Sprague Way into a reforested Trail; eliminating vehicular traffic from existing roads and waterways

"Rewilding" – remove unnecessary impervious surface and proposes nature-based infrastructure

**Green open space doubles** from 127.5 acres to 231 acres (NIC university open space)

	Additional Recommendations
t on	<ul> <li>Water conservation:</li> <li>Additional vegetation recommended to be drought tolerant</li> <li>Reutilize all stormwater and wastewater (grey and black)</li> </ul>
	Riparian Corridors: Look to <b>expand buffers</b> where possible
ces	<b>Avoid materials that contaminate run-off</b> : uncoated copper, zink, galvanized steel and pressure-treated wood
	Ensure all contractors commit to adhering to <b>Salmon</b> Safe's zero sediment runoff goal
	Operations and Management: Review, amend and adopt integrated pest management and pesticide free practices

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# Thank you!

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