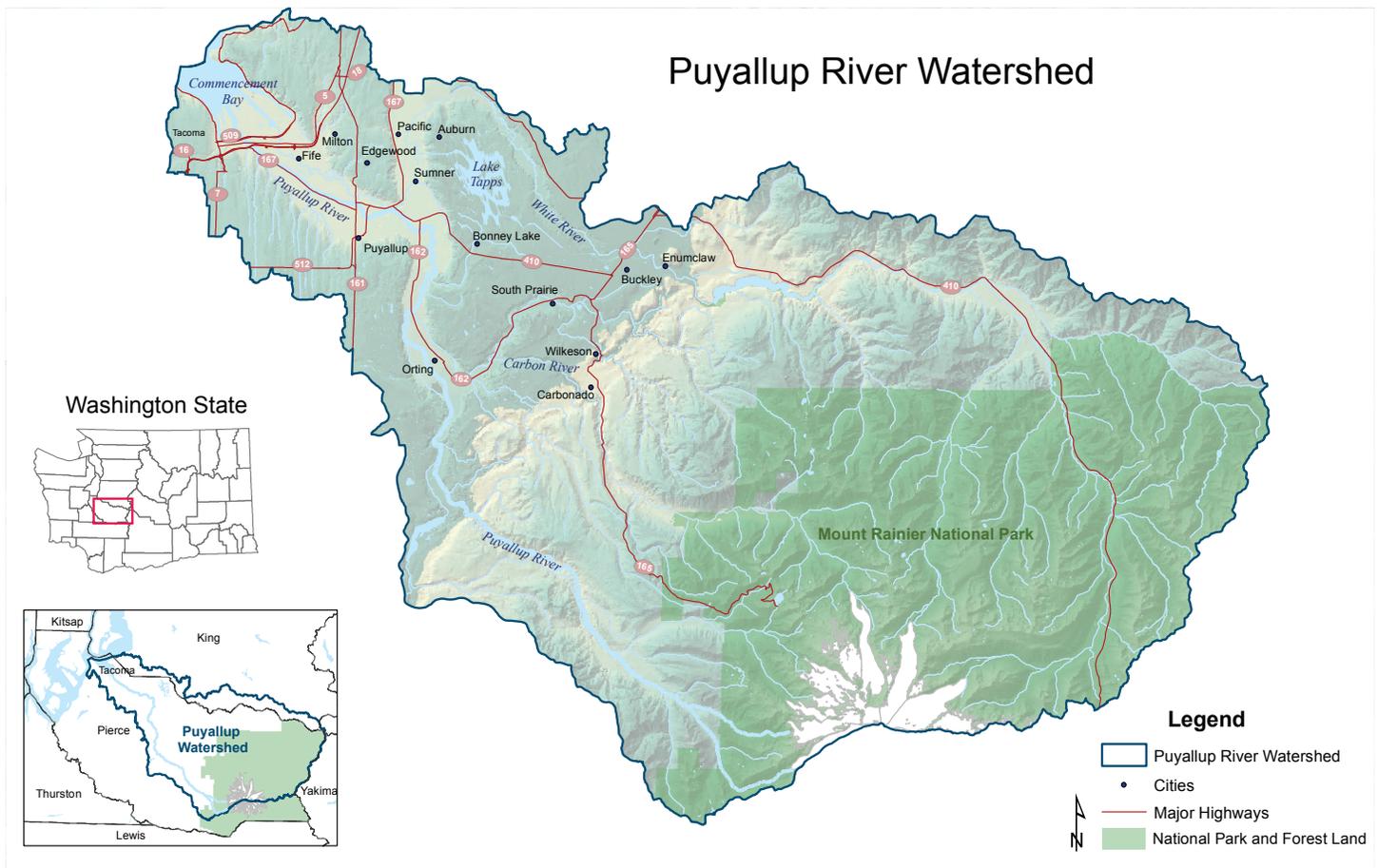


Welcome to Your Puyallup River Watershed

What is a watershed?

Wherever you live, work, play or go to school, we are in a watershed. It is the area of land that drains down to the same body of water, such as the Puyallup River and Puget Sound.



Puyallup River Watershed Facts

- The Puyallup watershed is approximately 670,000 acres (1,053 square miles) in size with an estimated population of 419,660.
- The watershed's boundary stretches from the crest of the Cascade Mountains and the summit of Mount Rainier, at 14,410 feet, to Commencement Bay and the City of Tacoma at sea level.
- The Puyallup River, the largest river in the watershed, begins on Mount Rainier and flows 46 miles to Commencement Bay. Its two main tributaries are the White and Carbon Rivers. There are more than 728 miles of streams and rivers in the watershed. Altogether this system drains 60% of Mount Rainier.
- The name "Puyallup" is derived from the Salish word S'Puyalupubsh which translates as "generous and welcoming," referring to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' reputation for generous dealing with friends and strangers.
- The Puyallup watershed is also identified as Water Resource Inventory Area 10 (WRIA 10), a salmon recovery planning unit at the watershed scale.

Get Involved

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”
- Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

Here are a few ways that you can make a difference:

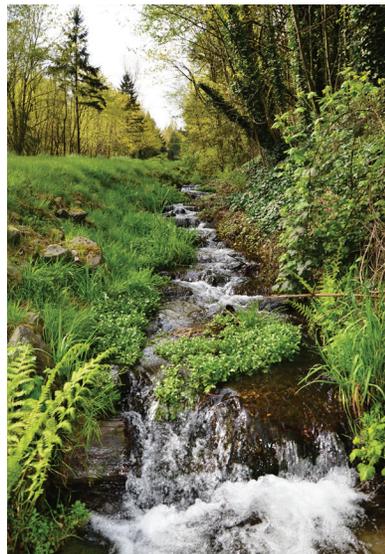
Volunteer with a Local Watershed Group

- Puyallup Watershed Initiative: www.pwi.org
- Puyallup River Watershed Council: www.theprwc.org
- Pierce Conservation District: www.pierccd.org
- Citizens for a Healthy Bay: www.healthybay.org/
- Friends of Swan Creek Watershed: swan creek@prodigy.net
- Green Puyallup Partnership: www.forterra.org/greencities



Learn More

- Puget Sound Starts Here: www.pugetsoundstartshere.org
- How healthy is the stream in your neighborhood? Find out at www.piercecountywa.org/watershedhealthdata



Upcoming Events

Fourth Thursdays *most* months Watershed Council Meetings - Puyallup City Hall 3 - 5 p.m.

Oct. 6 Salmon Homecoming Celebration at Puyallup Fish Hatchery

Dec. 7 Puyallup Watershed Science Symposium - location TBD

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