KitsapCounty

Hansville Community Resiliency Project

Community Engagement Plan



Point No Point Lighthouse in Hansville.

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1. Introduction

The objective of the Hansville Community Resiliency Project is to provide the greater Hansville community with a resiliency and adaptation resource as a response to projected sea level rise and flooding conditions in the greater Hansville area. The project will provide landowners with potential resiliency and adaptation approaches, particularly for areas that were identified as having the highest risk in the County's Sea Level Rise and Vulnerability Risk Assessment.

To ensure a well-rounded and inclusive approach, County staff will engage with residents and community groups throughout the greater Hansville area. The purpose is to inform, involve, and gather input from the public to prepare the project's final report. This engagement effort will provide essential insights for project development, identify potential barriers, and inform the County's goals, policies, and strategies.

This Community Engagement Plan will guide County staff in gathering feedback and ideas related to sea-level rise and resiliency in the Hansville area. It aims to foster positive community engagement and encourage discussion around coastal flooding resiliency.

The Community Engagement Plan is a working document and will be adjusted, as needed.

2. Goals and Objectives

The objective of this Community Engagement Plan is to engage equitably and inclusively, so that the resulting report is grounded in the experience and knowledge of the public.

The Hansville Community Resiliency Report will not directly amend the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan; however, the current Comprehensive Plan guides the foundation for this work. Supported Comprehensive Plan goals, policies, and strategies are outlined in the Hansville Community Resiliency Project Charter.

3. Project Team

Name	Organization	Role	Responsibility
Scott Diener	Kitsap County	Planning Manager	Awareness, connection to DCD leadership, and provide support
Jim Rogers	Kitsap County	Project Overview	Awareness, connection to DCD leadership, and provide support
Garrett Ballew	Kitsap County	Project Lead	Project Leadership
Alicia Adler	Kitsap County	Project Support	Communications & Outreach Coordinator

4. Outreach and Engagement Approach

The County is committed to providing multiple opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage throughout the project. The County will utilize various modes of communication to inform the public, including web presence and email distribution lists.

The following tools will be employed to achieve widespread and ongoing involvement.

4.1 Project Website

The Hansville Resiliency Project webpage is where interested residents and community members may visit for updates and other project information. The webpage will be the primary repository of all project information.

4.2 Community Meetings

Meetings will be offered for the general community.

- The first will be held early in the project to share the scope of the project and invite questions and comments.
- The second will be held near the end of the project when a report is available in draft form. This event will present case studies and possible mitigation strategies.
- Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

4.3 Community Advisory Councils (CACs) and Tribal Coordination Meeting

Project information will be shared with the following:

- Suquamish CAC – Meets at Suquamish United Church of Christ
- Kingston CAC – Meets at Village Green Community Center
- Kitsap County Tribal Coordination Meeting(s)

4.4 Notifications

The County will develop notification materials sent via the “Gov Delivery” system. The existing “KC Coastal Flooding” and “Hansville Community News” mailing lists will be utilized for notification.

Interested parties will be able to sign up for electronic noticing (GovDelivery) by visiting the project webpage. Announcements will provide general information about the project, contact information for providing feedback, and times of events and presentations.

The project website will be regularly updated, including the posting of information prior to events and before presentations to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

4.5 Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners

This project will not include formal hearings or the development of Findings of Fact, as no ordinance will be adopted as a result of this project. Instead, the Department of Community Development will provide briefings with the Board of County Commissioners and the County's Planning Commission throughout the project to share progress, gather input, and refine materials. These meetings will be open to the public, consistent with applicable requirements under Kitsap County Code and state law.

4.6 Inclusive Outreach

To reach a broad range of demographic groups, the County will offer consultations with community organizations.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the County is committed to providing accommodations for individuals with disabilities. With advance notice, listening devices are available for in-person meetings held in the Board of County Commissioners' Chambers, and live captioning is provided for virtual meetings conducted via Zoom.

Requests for ADA accommodation or materials in accessible formats, including for individuals with visual impairments, may be made using the contact information provided below.

Organization	**Contact information**
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5. Project Schedule

September 2026: Initial Research and Development of Charter and Community Engagement Plan

October 2026: Scoping and Finalization of UW Studio Involvement

November 2026: Project Kickoff with the Kitsap County Planning Commission

December-January 2026: Project Kickoff with the greater Hansville Community

January 2027: UW Studio Class Field Trip to Hansville

January – February 2026: Project Briefing to the Board of County Commissioners

January – March 2027: UW Studio Project Development

March 2027: UW Studio Presentation

March – April 2027: Presentation of Final Resiliency Report to the Hansville Community