

NISQUALLY COMMUNITY FOREST
VISION AND GOALS
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Vision

The Nisqually Community Forest is an ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable forest managed for the benefit of the people of the Nisqually Watershed.

Goals and Actions

Goal One: Create and sustain local living wage jobs throughout the entire forestry sector from management and harvest through primary and secondary manufacturing to end product sales.

Actions:

1. Maintain a “working” forest that provides a range of forest products
2. Explore and exploit diverse revenue streams, such as:
 - Ecological-services markets
 - Certified and value-added forest products
 - Nisqually Community Forest “branding”
3. Explore opportunities for investment by the community

Goal Two: Create ample opportunity for both active and passive forest recreation.

Actions:

1. Provide public access for outdoor recreation
2. Provide healthy recreation opportunities

Goal Three: Create a living laboratory for school aged through adult educational programs.

Actions:

1. Offer outdoor classroom opportunities for educational programs and functions
2. **Other actions?**

Goal Four: Provide a full suite of environmental services including but not limited to carbon sequestration and water quality.

Actions:

1. Generate clean air and cool, clean, and plentiful water
2. Realize social, environmental, and financial value across the Forest’s full range of ecological services and increase that value over time

Goal Five: Provide habitat for forest dependent species with an emphasis on threatened and endangered species.

Actions:

1. Protect and enhance wildlife and habitat
2. Conserve and protect environmental attributes
3. Protect the forest
4. Manage for resilience in the face of climate change
5. Support and promote biodiversity
6. Complement the larger conservation goals of the Nisqually River Watershed

Goal Six: Design a management entity capable of creating and executing the policies and practices necessary for integrating economic success, environmental protection, and community interests.

Actions:

1. Balance development of the forest's economic resources with maintenance of conservation values and respect for community interests
2. Build accountability and transparency into the management system
3. Operate the forest according to sound financial principles and practices
4. Protect community assets (i.e., viewsheds, "sacred" sites, traditional practices)
5. Complement community plans
6. Local management (needs rewriting as an action)
7. Personal involvement (needs rewriting as an action)

Elements deleted from original brainstorming:

- Put community interests first
- Local ownership