



Regenerative Whidbey Principles

1. Rooted in Place

We act from the reality of this island—its forests, fields, aquifers, shorelines, and the Salish Sea—not from abstractions. We listen to the land and water first.

2. Honoring Indigenous Presence and Wisdom

We recognize that this is Indigenous land, and we seek guidance, partnership, and alignment with Indigenous sovereignty, knowledge, and leadership wherever possible.

3. From Less Harm to More Life

We aim not just to reduce damage, but to leave places more alive, diverse, and resilient than we found them—ecologically, culturally, and socially.

4. Working with the Whole System

We look at connections—between water, soil, forests, food, housing, economy, and culture—rather than isolated problems. Regeneration means healing relationships across the whole.

5. Centering Care and Reciprocity

We ask: “What does this place need from us?” as much as “What do we need from this place?” We design so that giving back becomes normal in how we live, work, and visit here.

6. Many Voices, Shared Stewardship

Everyone who lives, works, and learns here has a piece of the picture. We invite youth, elders, renters, landowners, workers, farmers, and visitors into co-stewardship.

7. Equity and Belonging

Regeneration is not real if some people or places are left behind. We pay attention to who is most affected by ecological and climate changes, and we prioritize their safety and thriving.

8. Learning Our Way Forward

We treat every project as a chance to learn. We try things, listen, adjust, and share what we find so the whole island can grow wiser together.

9. Long View, Near-Term Action

We hold a long horizon—generations ahead—while taking practical steps now. Each action, however small, is chosen for how it can ripple out over time.

10. Weaving What’s Already Good

We build on the many good efforts already happening on South Whidbey. Our role is to connect, align, and strengthen them, not to reinvent or compete.

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