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Squamish Nation

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“Indigenous environmental design and stewardship strategies led by Indigenous people, who are experts in our fields and territories, is the way forward.”

—Sierra Tasi Baker



S7ulh a'ysaych Our Territory

The total area of the Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych (Squamish Territory) is 6,732 square kilometres (673,200 hectares).

The Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) consists of 23 villages encompassing 28.28 square kilometers (2,828 hectares). These parcels of land are scattered from Vancouver to Gibsons Landing to the area north of Howe Sound.

Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych is located in the Lower Mainland region of British Columbia. Prior to and following the arrival of Europeans in the late 1700s, the lands and waters we used and occupied, either exclusively or jointly with our First Nation neighbours, spanned from Point Grey in the south to Roberts Creek in the west; then north along the height of land to the Elaho River headwaters, including all of the islands in Howe Sound, the entire Skwxwú7mesh Valley, and Howe Sound drainages; then southeast to the confluence of the Soo and Green Rivers north from Whistler; then south along the height of land to the Port Moody area, including the entire Mamquam River and Indian Arm drainages; and west along the height of land back to Point Grey.

Our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych includes some of the present-day cities of Vancouver, Burnaby, and New Westminster; all of the cities of North Vancouver, West Vancouver, and Port Moody; and all of the District of North Vancouver, the District of Squamish, and the Municipality of Whistler. These boundaries embrace all of Howe Sound, Burrard Inlet, and English Bay, as well as the rivers and creeks that flow into these bodies of water. In addition, we used and occupied the various islands located in Howe Sound.

Our historical links to these lands and waters are numerous. Skwxwú7mesh place names exist throughout Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych. In many instances, a location has distinct meaning to our people because of the existence of oral traditions that explained that place in the Skwxwú7mesh universe and in our relationship to the land. In addition, the land bears witness to the settlements, resource sites, and spiritual and ritual places of our ancestors, including villages, hunting camps, cedar bark gathering areas, rock quarries, clam processing camps, pictographs, and cemeteries. Some of these village sites date back 3000 years.

Chet kw'enmántumiwit

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“I want there to be a natural world that has ancient and old-growth forests and clean oceans, free of chemicals, sea lice, and other harmful elements that are killing the oceans and all the wild creatures, for future generations.”

—Cease Wyss





Yewáń syétsem Background

Our strategy for advancing climate action in our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych (Territory) articulates our vision and desire to take meaningful action on climate within our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych, in order to ensure a sustainable and thriving environment for those who come after us. Climate Legacy aligns with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) requirements for a stable climate (net zero emissions by 2050). The initiation of Climate Legacy was made possible by a July 2019 Council motion that declared a climate emergency and established initial climate commitments. This motion also mandated the development of a comprehensive Climate Legacy Strategy to address policies and projects within our community and Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych. In Fall 2021, a project team was hired to lead this effort under the Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsarń. Over the course of two years, a comprehensive community engagement process was facilitated, data analysis was conducted, and the Climate Legacy Strategy was developed.

Climate Legacy was created to meet and exceed existing best practices in climate action in the Territory in alignment with existing governmental climate strategies. Governments, industries, and institutions are encouraged to use Climate Legacy to guide their relationship with the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to advance climate action. Climate Legacy, its implementation, and the priorities of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw must be understood as the means by which the Skwxwú7mesh People assert their Indigenous Rights as articulated by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

The visions, goals, actions, and eleven associated Quick-Starts outlined in Climate Legacy mark the beginning of our work on climate action. Following this, a detailed implementation plan with corresponding timelines, workplans, and budgets for this strategy will be developed.

Kw'úlhutsu Quick-Start Actions

Recognizing the climate emergency in which we find ourselves and the associated threats posed to our community, the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw is introducing eleven (11) Quick-Start Actions. These Actions intend to address the climate emergency with the urgency required, as we continue the longer-term development of our Climate Legacy Implementation Plan.

We acknowledge that isolated initiatives are limited in impact. As such, these Quick-Start Actions mark only the initial phase of our commitment to climate action. They serve as a call to action and a source of inspiration for our people, our staff, other First Nation communities, and all levels of government. These actions will be referenced in the Climate Legacy Strategy introduced below.

01 No New Industrial Fossil Fuel Projects in the Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych

Implement a policy to prevent approvals of future industrial fossil fuel projects (oil, coal, and natural gas) in the Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych. This could include but is not limited to pipelines, processing facilities, refineries, and extraction.

02 Climate Action Standard for New Buildings

Implement a Climate Action Standard to apply to all new buildings on Skwxwú7mesh reserves and fully Skwxwú7mesh-owned developments. This standard will serve as best practice for external government and industry.

03 Low-Carbon Transportation Plan

Develop a low-carbon transportation plan and hire dedicated staff, such as a transportation planner, to support implementation of transportation work.

04 Plant 1,000 Trees in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw

Plant trees across community lands, including erosion control sites, to increase shade on reserves, sequester carbon, reduce impacts of flooding, and connect people to the land.

05 Dedicated Green Space on Reserve Land

Create and implement a policy to dedicate a portion of total area as green space through land-use planning for all new developments on reserve land.

06 Expansion of the Guardianship Program

Hire additional staff as Guardians to expand the program in the Squamish Valley and increase our ability to protect the land in alignment with our Xay Temixw (Land-use Plan) and Xay Shkwen (Marine-use Plan).

07 Expansion of Food Security Infrastructure

Develop and implement a plan to increase our ability to provide food to community members in North Vancouver and the Squamish Valley through our food pantry program and other food services.

08 Zero-Waste Operations Policy

Develop and implement a zero-waste operations policy for Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw government offices and events.

09 Protection of Skwxwú7mesh Homes from Wildfires

Complete FireSmart BC wildfire prevention and mitigation measures for all existing homes and community buildings on reserve at risk of impact by wildfires.

10 Community Emergency Supplies

Deliver 72-hour emergency preparedness kits to each household.

11 Launch the Skwxwú7mesh Climate Warriors Program

Develop and launch a permanent Climate Warriors Program for climate change education and training, community grants, land-based learning, and stewardship opportunities.



Our Climate Legacy Strategy

DUAL VISION OBJECTIVES

Wa cht timásteñamut Our Jurisdiction

Encapsulates our aspirations for
Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw
by 2050.

Ta skwelkwálwen cht wa k'álenstaswit Our Co-Jurisdictional Influence

We will use and extend our influence beyond
our immediate jurisdiction to foster a broader
impact, ensuring that proactive actions lead
to transformative change in our entire
Skw̓xwú7mesh Aysáych to support
our 2050 goals.

FOUR PILLARS

Wa cht iyímen ta átskiwílhmin

Our Low-Carbon
Infrastructure

Wa cht lháwat ta k'ek'sín ti syatshen

Our Land & Water

Wa cht iyimen ta s7ulh nek'ilus wenlh ts'its'áp' cht

Our Green Economy

Wa cht lháwat ta úxwumixw

Our People
& Community

Reading the Climate Legacy Strategy

The Climate Legacy Strategy (the Strategy) is built upon Four Pillars. These pillars represent the key areas where we must focus our efforts and strategies to attempt to rebuild a healthy and resilient climate. Each pillar encompasses specific visions, goals, and actions. A crucial aspect of the Strategy is the distinction between areas within our jurisdiction and those where we can act through our co-jurisdictional influence.

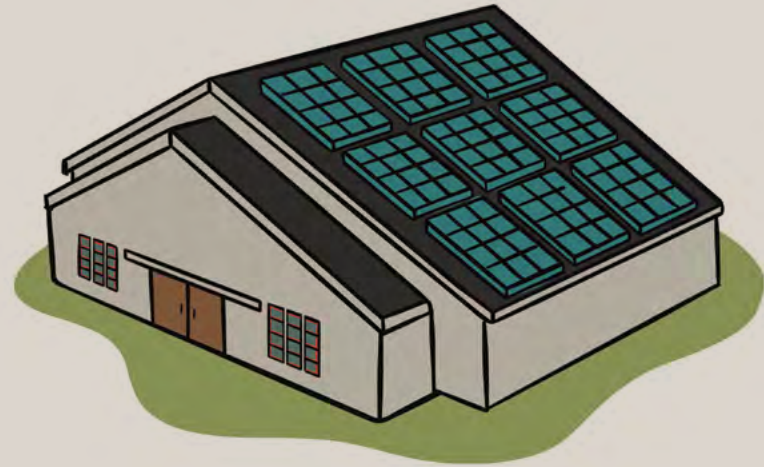
The vision statements and goals for each of the Four Pillars will serve as the foundation for future climate action development, to be detailed in our updated department plans and implementation plan. These elements will also be incorporated into future strategic plans and updates to the recently adopted Úxwumixw 2050: Skw̓xwú7mesh Generational Plan.

Ultimately, the purpose of the Strategy is to inspire both our community and our external partners in the urgent context of the climate emergency. Its scope extends beyond our internal government structure to include other governmental bodies, institutions, academia, and society at large. By integrating our Skw̓xwú7mesh teachings and traditional land stewardship knowledge, the Strategy offers an aspirational approach to pave the way for progressive climate policy within our Skw̓xwú7mesh Aysáych and beyond.

PILLAR 1

Wa cht iyí'men ta átskiwílhmin

Our Low-Carbon Infrastructure



OUR VISION

The Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw buildings, transportation, and energy systems are in harmony with the environment and are adapted to climate change.

Through our co-jurisdictional influence, we guide development of complete and resilient communities in our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych.



AREA 1
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

S7ulh kexáwtxw
Buildings

CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 1 ➤

Work towards implementing requirements for all buildings in our S̓kw̓xwú7mesh Aysáych to be zero-carbon with high energy efficiency, to pursue high sustainability standards, and to be resilient to climate change by 2030.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 1.1:

Assess and implement policy options for **sustainability and climate resilient standards for new and existing buildings** in the S̓kw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw and our S̓kw̓xwú7mesh Aysáych.

- In line with Quick-Start #2 Climate Action Standard for New Buildings



CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 2 ➤

Work towards reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in existing buildings in Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw through retrofits and energy-saving measures by 50% over 2021 baseline levels by 2030.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 2.1:

Assess and implement opportunities for **retrofitting Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw buildings** to meet sustainability and climate resiliency considerations.

ACTION 2.2:

Educate and support our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh People to make informed decisions on **energy- and cost-saving opportunities** in their homes.

“Climate Action is important to me because I want my children and my children’s children to experience our Territory like I have and have a sense of pride in protecting it.”

—Sierra Tasi Baker



AREA 2
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

Welh nékwentsut cht
Transportation

CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 3 ➤

Work towards increasing the share of trips made by active, public, and shared transportation in our Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Aysá'yich by 50% by 2030.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 3.1:

Assess and implement opportunities to **increase public transit access** in the Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Aysá'yich.

ACTION 3.2:

Assess and implement opportunities to **enhance transportation services** offered by the Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (potentially including but not limited to shuttles and ridesharing programs).



ACTION 3.3:

Assess and implement opportunities to **improve active transportation infrastructure** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych (potentially including but not limited to bicycle paths and street lighting).

ACTION 3.4:

Assess and implement opportunities to **expand shared micromobility programs** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych (potentially including but not limited to bicycle sharing programs).

ACTION 3.5

Explore opportunities to **develop walkable and complete communities** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw through our community planning.

ACTION 3.6:

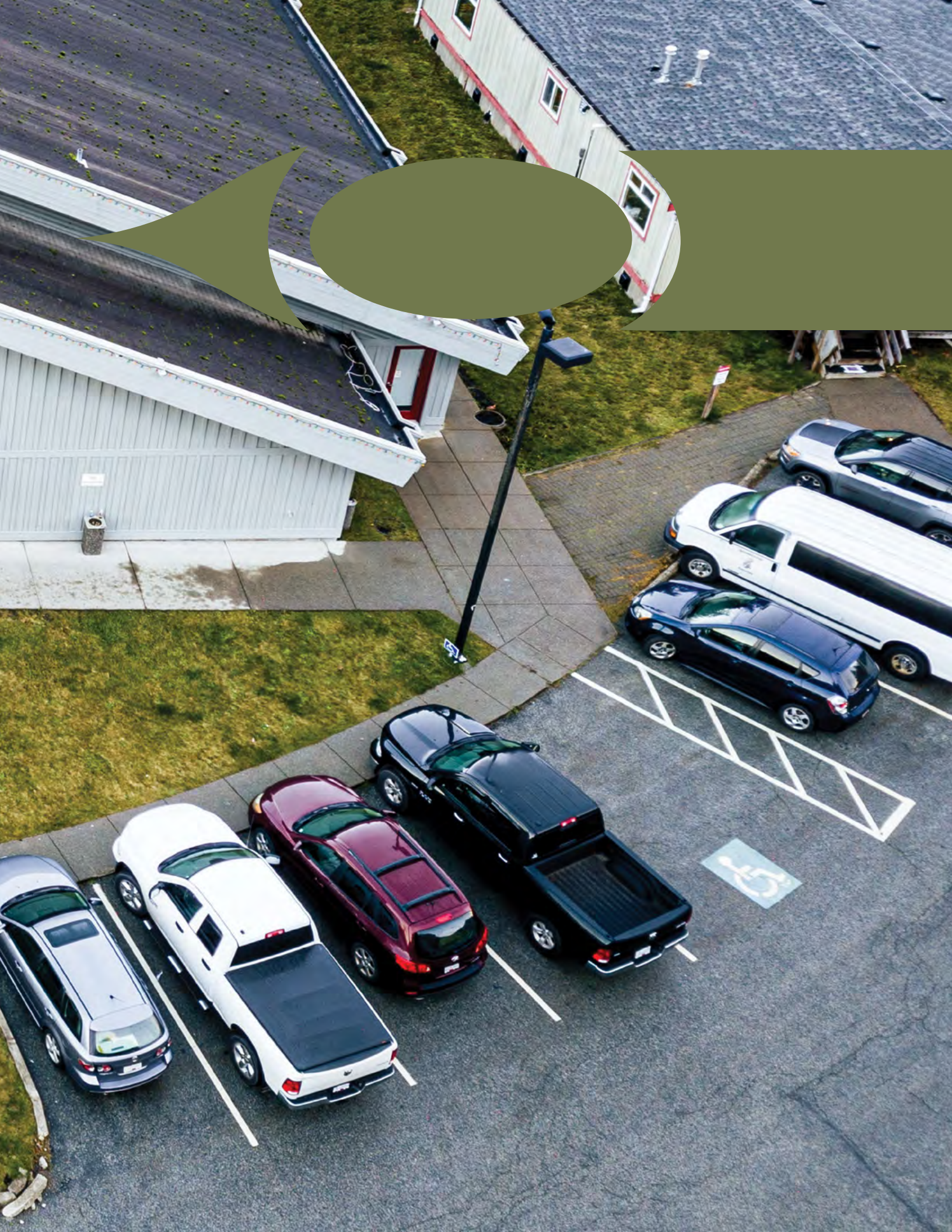
Educate and support our staff and Skwxwú7mesh People on **active, shared, and electrified transportation opportunities** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych.

— All in line with Quick-Start #3
Low-Carbon Transportation Plan

“We have such a beautiful and rich traditional Territory that holds our knowledge and stories within it, and it is important to protect and share those stories with each other.”

—Myia Antone





CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 4 ➤

Work towards electrifying our fleet and creating sufficient charging infrastructure in the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw by 2030.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 4.1:

Assess and implement the **installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure** in all relevant commercial, community, and government buildings to support the electrification of transportation in the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw.

ACTION 4.2:

Explore the development of new Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw **policies for purchasing and replacing fleet vehicles with electric alternatives.**

“I have children, you know, I worry about what those places are going to be like, what are we leaving for them? What is our footprint going to be like, for their generation?”

—Lenore Baker

AREA 3
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

Ta wa lh7iyím
Energy

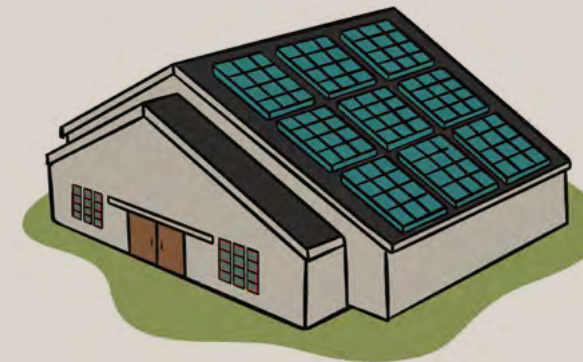
CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 5 ➤

Work towards developing our own sources of renewable energy to cover core community needs and to pursue energy sovereignty in the Sḱwḱwú7mesh Úxwumixw by 2050.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 5.1:

Assess the feasibility of renewable energy alternatives and evaluate opportunities for integrating renewable energy sources to enhance energy sovereignty in the Sḱwḱwú7mesh Úxwumixw.



PILLAR 2

Wa cht lháwat ta k'ek'sín ti syatshen

Our Land & Water



OUR VISION

Our land and waters are stewarded and protected by our people, and the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw is food-secure and sovereign, in alignment with our traditional teachings.

We assert our inherent rights and title to address the ecological decline brought about by the climate emergency and to restore our ecosystems, ensuring the well-being, stability, and resiliency of our people and all living creatures within our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych for generations to come.



AREA 4
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

**Ta temíxw iy ta stákw
wa nseyxni7tem**
Land & Water

CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 6 ➤

**Work towards protecting 30% of our
Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych by 2030.**



ACTIONS:

ACTION 6.1:

Assess existing protected areas to **determine a baseline of protected land and waters** in our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych.

ACTION 6.2:

Explore opportunities to **increase protected land and waters to meet the 30% target** in our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych.

ACTION 6.3:

Assess and implement opportunities to create and support policies that **ensure the protected areas in our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych remain protected.**

CLIMATE LEGACY

GOAL 7 ➤

Work towards ensuring that at least 30% of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine ecosystems in our Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Aysá'ych are under effective restoration by 2030.

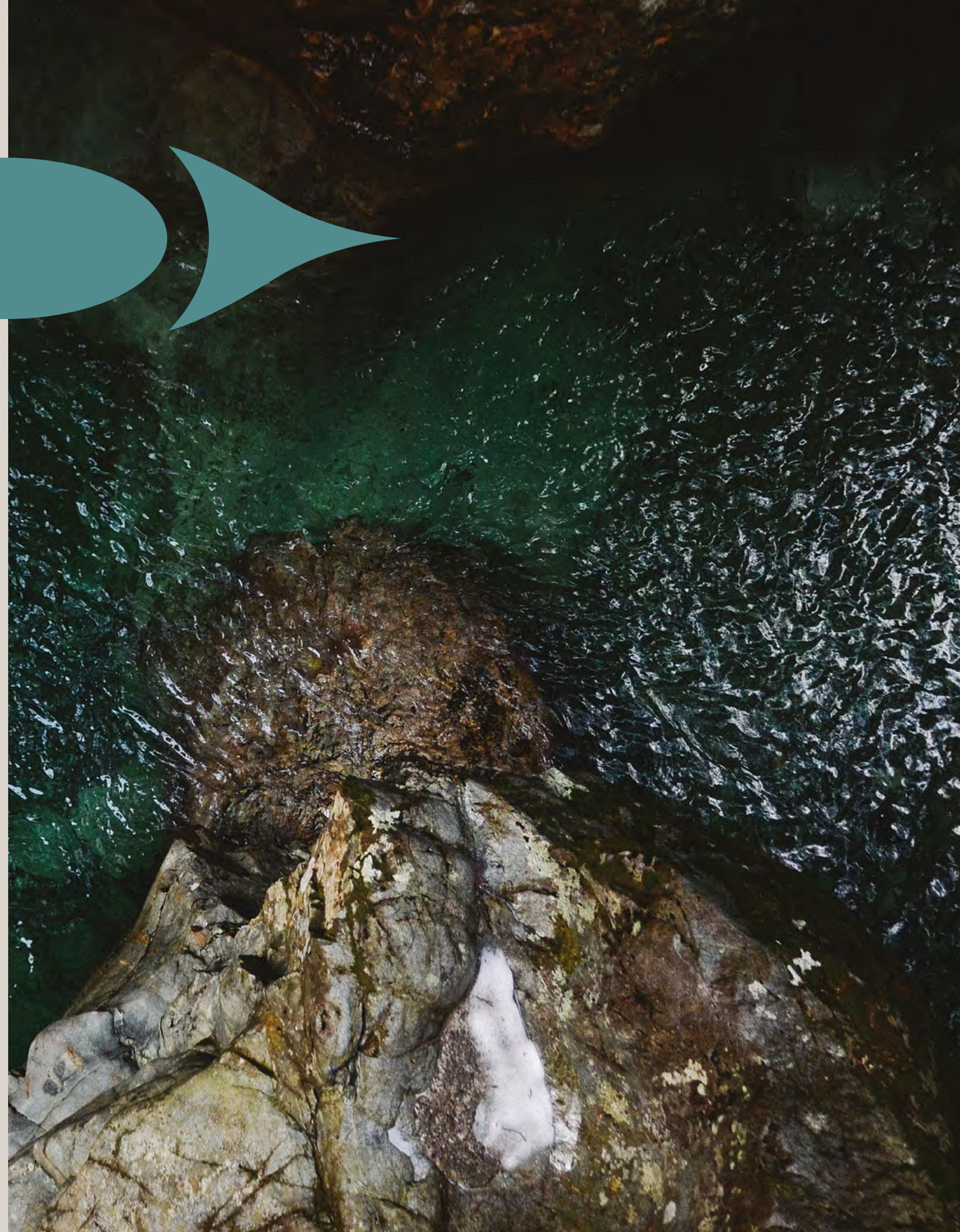
ACTIONS:

ACTION 7.1:

Explore opportunities to **complete restoration projects across our Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Aysá'ych land and waters** to mitigate and respond to the impacts of climate change.

ACTION 7.2:

Explore opportunities to **create and support policies that pursue restoration projects** to mitigate and respond to the impacts of climate change across our Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Aysá'ych.





CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 8 ➤

Work towards sustainably managing and promoting resilience in 100% of our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Aysáych by 2050.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 8.1:

Assess and implement opportunities to **expand the protection and management of our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Aysáych** to mitigate and respond to the impacts of climate change.

- In line with Quick-Start #6
Expansion of the Guardianship Program

ACTION 8.2:

Educate and support our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh People in **continuing to practice Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh traditional ways of caring for the land and waters** in the context of climate change.

ACTION 8.3:

Assess and implement opportunities to **monitor and respond to the impacts of climate change** on our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Aysáych land and waters **and the resulting impacts on our culture.**

ACTION 8.4:

Explore opportunities to **address the impacts of climate change on biodiversity**, prioritizing species of cultural significance in our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Aysáych.

ACTION 8.5:

Explore opportunities to **prevent and mitigate the impacts of climate change on the cultural and archaeological sites** in our Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Aysáych

AREA 5
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

**Wa cht k̄exwiḥ
ta s7ilhen cht**
Food

CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 9 ➤

Work towards increasing food assets and services by a minimum of 50% over 2024 baseline levels in the S̄kw̄xwú7mesh Úxwumixw by 2030.



ACTIONS:

ACTION 9.1:

Explore opportunities to **expand community food-sharing programs** in the S̄kw̄xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (potentially including but not limited to meal delivery programs).

ACTION 9.2:

Explore and expand opportunities to **grow food in the S̄kw̄xwú7mesh Úxwumixw to support the food sovereignty** of our S̄kw̄xwú7mesh People (potentially including but not limited to greenhouses and community gardens).

ACTION 9.3:

Educate and support our Skwxwú7mesh People in food sovereignty practices such as traditional hunting, gathering, fishing, preparation, and preservation.

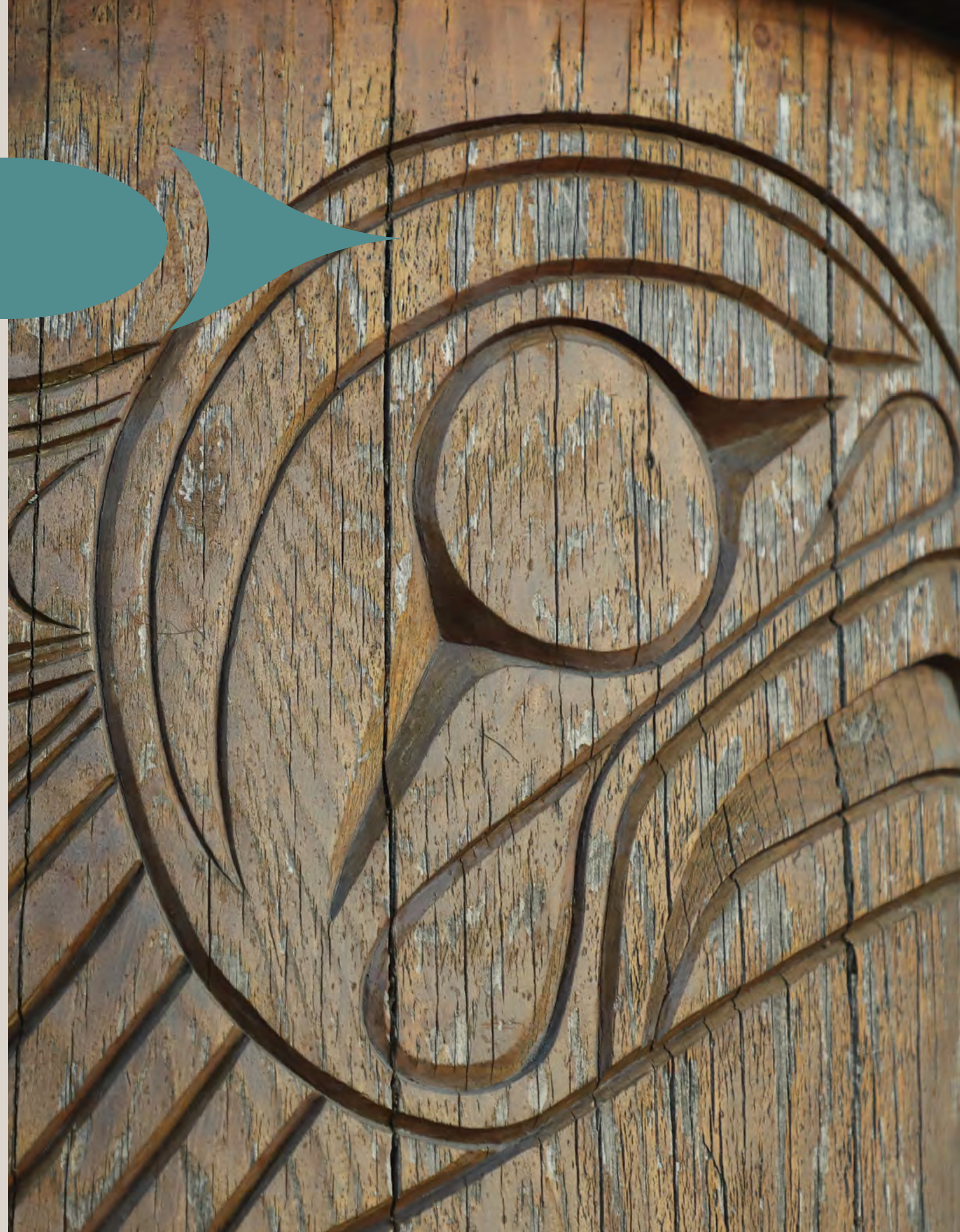
ACTION 9.4:

Assess and implement opportunities to **expand existing food programming** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to improve the food security of our Skwxwú7mesh People.

- In line with Quick-Start #7
Expansion of Food Security
Infrastructure

“I’m 74 years old. And I’ve seen a lot of change in my lifetime, and certainly from our parents’ lifetime. But I understand that change happens, you know, things change, things evolve. The concern I have is at what expense and at whose expense.”

—Anonymous Elder



PILLAR 3

Wa cht iyimen ta s7ulh neḵ'ilus wenlh ts'its'áp' cht

Our Green Economy



OUR VISION

Our Sḵwḵwú7mesh Úxwumixw has strong economic independence supported by Sḵwḵwú7mesh-led sustainable economic development initiatives that provide green employment opportunities to our Sḵwḵwú7mesh People.

We lead economic growth in line with the protection of our Sḵwḵwú7mesh Aysáy'ch.



AREA 6
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

**Wa cht iyimen ta s7ulh nek'ilus
wenlh ts'its'áp' cht**
Green Economy

CLIMATE LEGACY

GOAL 10 ➤

Work towards supporting and strengthening the participation and leadership of our Skwxwú7mesh People in the green economy by doubling the number of green jobs in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw over 2024 baseline levels by 2040, prioritizing a just transition.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 10.1:

Explore opportunities for a just transition that provides pathways for Skwxwú7mesh People seeking to shift employment from extractive to green industries.

ACTION 10.2:

Educate and support our Skwxwú7mesh People in acquiring the necessary skills to **transition to climate resilience and sustainability positions.**



CLIMATE LEGACY

GOAL 11 ➤

Work towards divesting financial assets of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw from fossil fuels by 2040.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 11.1:

Explore opportunities for the **divestment of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw financial assets, pension plans, and banking** from fossil fuels.

“There's no such thing as perfect in zero-waste, but we need to adopt it as a practice, which means it needs to be implemented as a policy.”

—Charlene Seward





CLIMATE LEGACY

GOAL 12 ▶

Work with industry and other governments operating in our S̄kw̄x̄w̄7mesh Aysáych to ensure alignment with Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) emissions reduction goals.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 12.1:

Explore opportunities to develop policies that **support the transition of new and existing industries** operating in our S̄kw̄x̄w̄7mesh Aysáych, **to ensure alignment with IPCC emissions reduction goals.**

- In line with Quick-Start #1 No New Fossil Fuel Industrial Development in the S̄kw̄x̄w̄7mesh Aysáych

ACTION 12.2:

Explore opportunities to **develop agreements with other governments** operating within our S̄kw̄x̄w̄7mesh Aysáych **to ensure alignment of their planning, policies, and procedures with IPCC emissions reduction goals.**

ACTION 12.3:

Work to ensure that, in alignment with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the **S̄kw̄x̄w̄7mesh Úxwumixw has meaningful participation and decision-making authority on climate policy matters** across our S̄kw̄x̄w̄7mesh Aysáych.

ACTION 12.4:

Explore opportunities to **create policies that support the implementation of Climate Legacy** in our S̄kw̄x̄w̄7mesh Aysáych.

AREA 7
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

Tsetsiyákwustaý ta es7átetemcht

Waste Reduction & the Sharing Economy

CLIMATE LEGACY

GOAL 13

Work towards applying circular economy principles to enable a 50% reduction in waste-related emissions over 2021 baseline levels in our S̄kw̄wú7mesh Aysáych by 2030.



ACTIONS:

ACTION 13.1:

Explore **policy options for circular economy solutions** to reduce waste in the S̄kw̄wú7mesh Úxwumixw and our S̄kw̄wú7mesh Aysáych (potentially including but not limited to composting and the reduction of single-use items).

— In line with Quick-Start #8
Zero-Waste Operations Policy

ACTION 13.2:

Educate and support our S̄kw̄wú7mesh People on **circular economy solutions** in the S̄kw̄wú7mesh Úxwumixw (potentially including but not limited to sharing programs and repair workshops).

PILLAR 4

Wa cht lháwat ta úxwumixw

Our People & Community



OUR VISION

By aligning our emergency preparedness, health services, community operations, and governance to climate action, we guarantee the health and resilience of our Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw.

We lead the way to ensure the Sḵwxwú7mesh Aysáych is healthy and resilient in the face of the climate emergency.



AREA 8
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

**P'áyaqalhenumuh chat ek' wa
p'etxnumuh kwi key stam**
Community Resilience &
Emergency Preparedness

CLIMATE LEGACY

GOAL 14 ➤

Work towards assessing climate hazards every five years and implementing adaptation solutions to manage the projected natural hazards resulting from climate change in the S̓kw̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 14.1:

Assess and implement opportunities to **respond to drought risks and impacts** in the S̓kw̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw and our S̓kw̓x̓wú7mesh Aysáych (potentially including but not limited to emergency water storage).

ACTION 14.2:

Assess and implement opportunities to **respond to extreme heat risks and impacts** in the S̓kw̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (potentially including but not limited to cooling centers and check-ins for vulnerable populations).

- In line with Quick-Start #4
Plant 1,000 Trees in the
S̓kw̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw



ACTION 14.3:

Assess and implement opportunities to **respond to river, rainfall, and sea level rise flood risks and impacts** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych (potentially including but not limited to flood mapping, erosion management, and infrastructure upgrades).

ACTION 14.4:

Assess and implement opportunities to **respond to wildfire and smoke risks and impacts** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych (potentially including but not limited to removing hazardous vegetation and installing smoke filters).

- In line with Quick-Start #9 Protection of Skwxwú7mesh Homes from Wildfires

ACTION 14.5:

Educate and support our staff and Skwxwú7mesh People in **understanding and accessing our emergency response and climate resilience programs.**

- In line with Quick-Start #10 Community Emergency Supplies

ACTION 14.6:

Assess and implement opportunities to **respond to other extreme weather and climate change disasters** in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych.

ACTION 14.7:

Explore opportunities to **support and expand emergency planning and response to manage the impacts of climate change on the cultural and archaeological sites** in our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych.



AREA 9
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

Nexwáyetsut
Health

CLIMATE LEGACY
GOAL 15

▶ **Work towards ensuring that all our Skwxwú7mesh People have adequate access to our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych land and waters to support their health and wellness by 2030.**

ACTIONS:

ACTION 15.1:

Explore opportunities to create and support policies, community planning, and services to ensure that our Skwxwú7mesh People have **access to our Skwxwú7mesh Aysáych land and waters** to support their health and wellness.

- In line with Quick-Start #4
Dedicated Green Space on Reserve Land



CLIMATE LEGACY

GOAL 16 ►

Work towards assessing mental and physical health impacts resulting from climate change on our Skwxwú7mesh People every five years and implementing solutions to manage these impacts.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 16.1:

Assess climate change health impacts and explore the **expansion of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw health services** to respond to these impacts.

ACTION 16.2:

Educate and support our staff and Skwxwú7mesh People in understanding **climate-related health impacts and available health services.**

“I am so grateful that I was taught at a very young age where our territories are, where our villages were. [To] have a sense of belonging and ownership over this, and [over] how to treat the land, is how to be a person of this land.”

—Paula George



AREA 10
CLIMATE LEGACY GOALS

Nch'ú7mut
Engagement & Education

CLIMATE LEGACY GOAL 17 ➤ **Work towards providing a clear pathway for every individual, group, association, department, entity, and body in the Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw to be engaged in climate action.**



ACTIONS:

ACTION 17.1:
Integrate Climate Legacy in all existing and new planning, policies, projects, and procedures of the Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw.

ACTION 17.2:
Ensure that Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw **subsidiaries and entities are in alignment** with Climate Legacy.

ACTION 17.3:
Explore opportunities to **align our external partners** with Climate Legacy.

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GOAL 18 ►

Work towards ensuring that all our Skwxwú7mesh People have access to education on our traditional and sustainable ways of being, in line with climate action.

ACTIONS:

ACTION 18.1:

Offer **ongoing climate change education** programs to our staff and Skwxwú7mesh People.

ACTION 18.2:

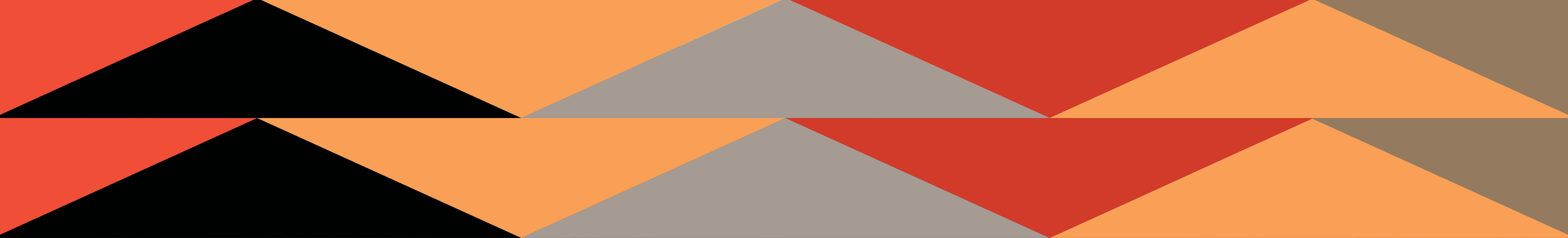
Expand Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw **land- and water-based education** programs.

- In line with Quick-Start #11
Launch the Skwxwú7mesh Climate Warriors Program

“My mom told me that our responsibility as Indigenous people is to the land, you know, that we are the land and the land is us and we have a responsibility to protect the land, and to care for the land.”

—Charlene Williams







Skw̓w̓w̓7mesh Úxwumixw
Squamish Nation