



Northwest Thriving Communities TA Center

Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Working Group
Meeting

May 31, 2023

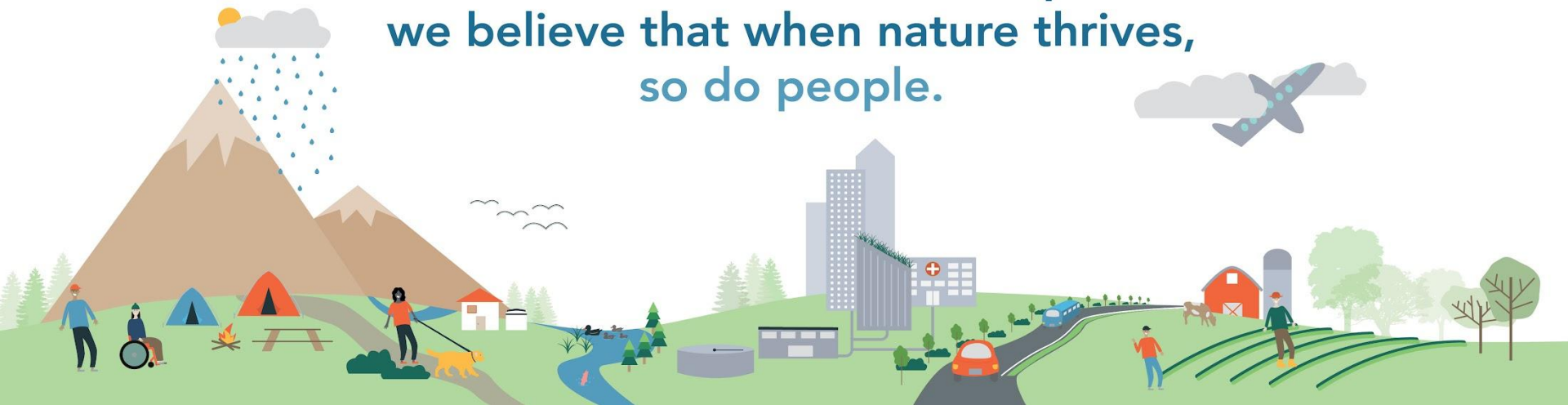


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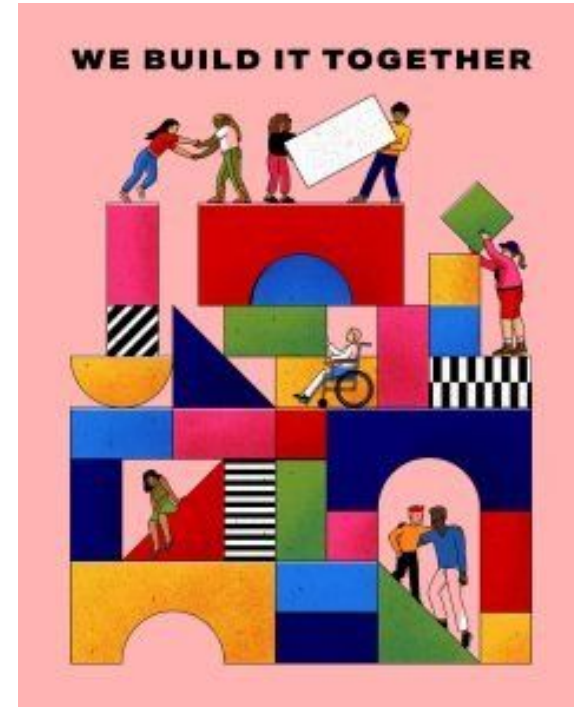
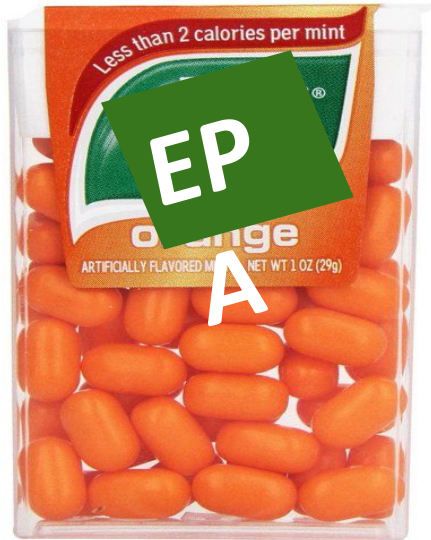


Who is Willamette Partnership?

At Willamette Partnership,
we believe that when nature thrives,
so do people.



What's a TCTAC?



“We Build It Together” by Kim Nguyen for OBI x Fine Acts

Critical Time for Investments

- Coastal towns and villages are facing erosion and flooding
- The 2021 extreme heat event killed nearly 800 people in the Pacific Northwest
- Western states and Tribal nations are feeling the impacts of record-breaking flooding and drought



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Critical Time for Investments

Our region already has the

- Community leadership
- Knowledge
- People

We are ready to work with frontline communities for social mobility, environmental and energy justice, and climate resilience.



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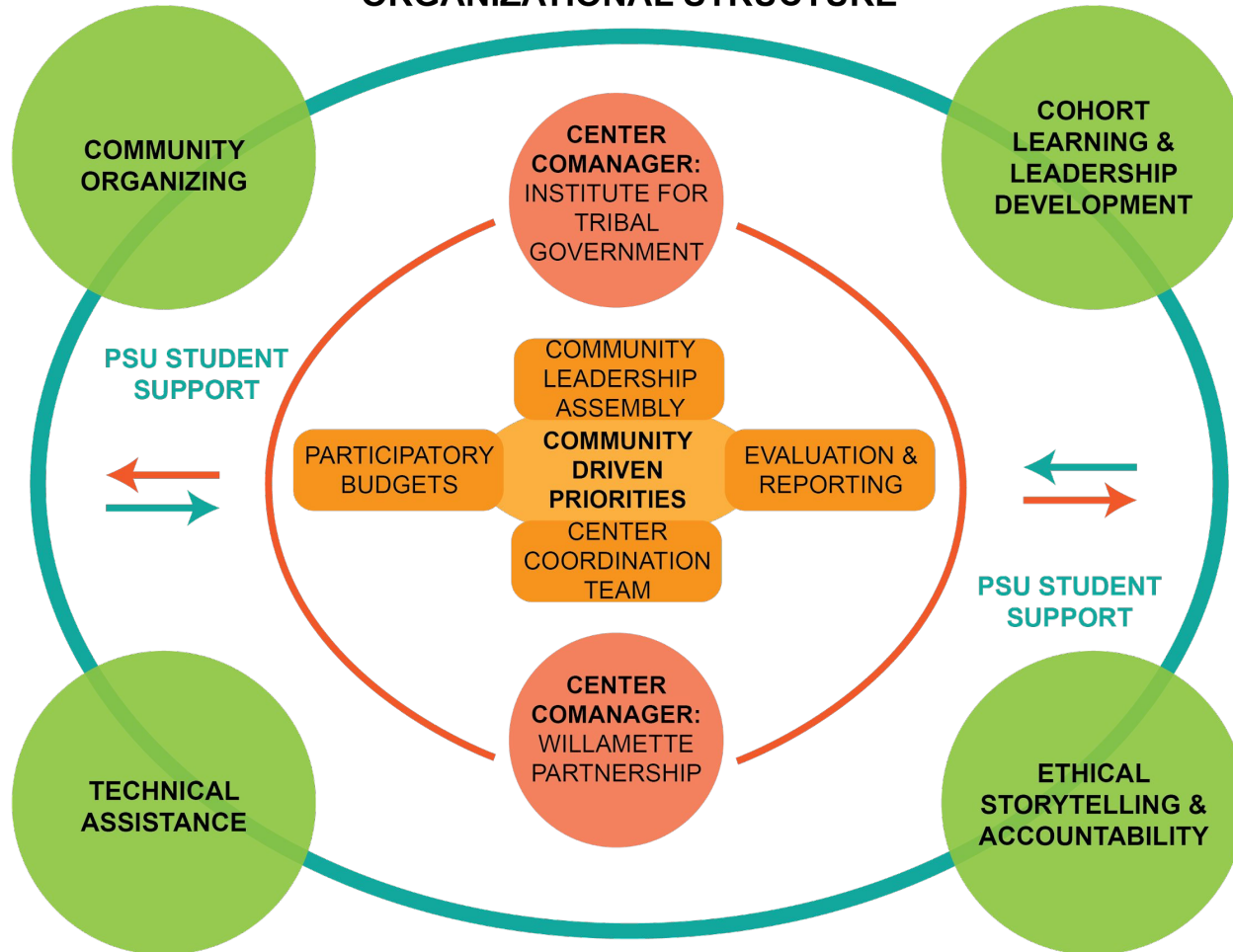


- Alai Community Consulting
- Oregon Public Health Institute
- Verde
- Boise State University's Hazard and Climate Resilience Institute
- Kearns and West
- Linguava
- Community Engineering Corps
- Environmental Protection Network



Student walking at PSU's Native American Student and Community Center, credit to NashCo

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Center Overview

Next 4 weeks

- Finish negotiations with EPA
- Sign award
- Paperwork, contracts, and SOWs for subawardees and contractors

First 3 months

- Hiring
- Create Website
- Community Outreach
 - Create Community Engagement Plan
 - Landscape scans and outreach
- Early TA requests

First year

- Develop systems for training, resources, and TA intake
 - Listening and learning from communities
 - Set up community leadership assembly
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How can you be involved?

- Unprecedented funding: how can we all work to make sure it goes to where it's needed most?
- Unprecedented attention: how can we make sure to capitalize on this moment to make generational change?
- Uplifting work: how can we invest, support, amplify EJ work that already has been happening for a very long time

Please let the tribes, EJ communities and leaders you work with know this is an available resource and we will be launching this summer!

You can sign up for our mailing list here to stay up to date:

<https://willamettepartnership.org/ej-tctac/>

We can't wait to kick this off!

- Foundational and transformative
- Support Tribes, communities on the frontlines of climate, energy, and environmental issues to implement their projects, ideas, and vision for a just future

