NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TO ACKNOWLEDGE HISTORIC PUYALLUP TRIBAL LANDS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA CAMPUS

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The University of Washington Tacoma campus is situated upon traditional ancestral land belonging to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. For the University of Washington and its community to show respect, recognition, and stewardship towards the land and the Puyallup Tribe, our group proposed a plan to create a recognition garden on the campus that would support native plants that have a significant meaning to the Puyallup Tribe and the Pacific Northwest. Beyond honoring the historical presence of the Puyallup Tribal lands, this garden would also expand accessible greenspace on campus, help increase student, staff, and faculty engagement, help drive more sustainability-oriented projects and push towards more social environmental, and economic sustainability on campus.