

**Tacoma's Parks and Open Space System**

This map depicts Tacoma's existing and planned system of parks and open space land and facilities. The term "open space" means different things to different people - in its simplest, broadest definition, it is land which is unoccupied with buildings.

This map shows public open spaces valuable to the people of Tacoma for the habitat and/or recreation benefits they provide - including parks, habitat areas, schools and community gardens (as well as private open spaces including cemeteries and golf courses). The map also shows Tacoma's public recreation facilities and trails.

**Legend**

Park Facility	Road To Be Modified	Habitat Area	Recreation Area Boundary
Aquatic Facility (Bathing)	Trail	Designated Open Space Corridor	Cemetery
Community Garden	School	Golf Course	Public Facility
Waterway	Neighborhood	Regional Park System Planning Unit	
Boundary			

**Map Location**

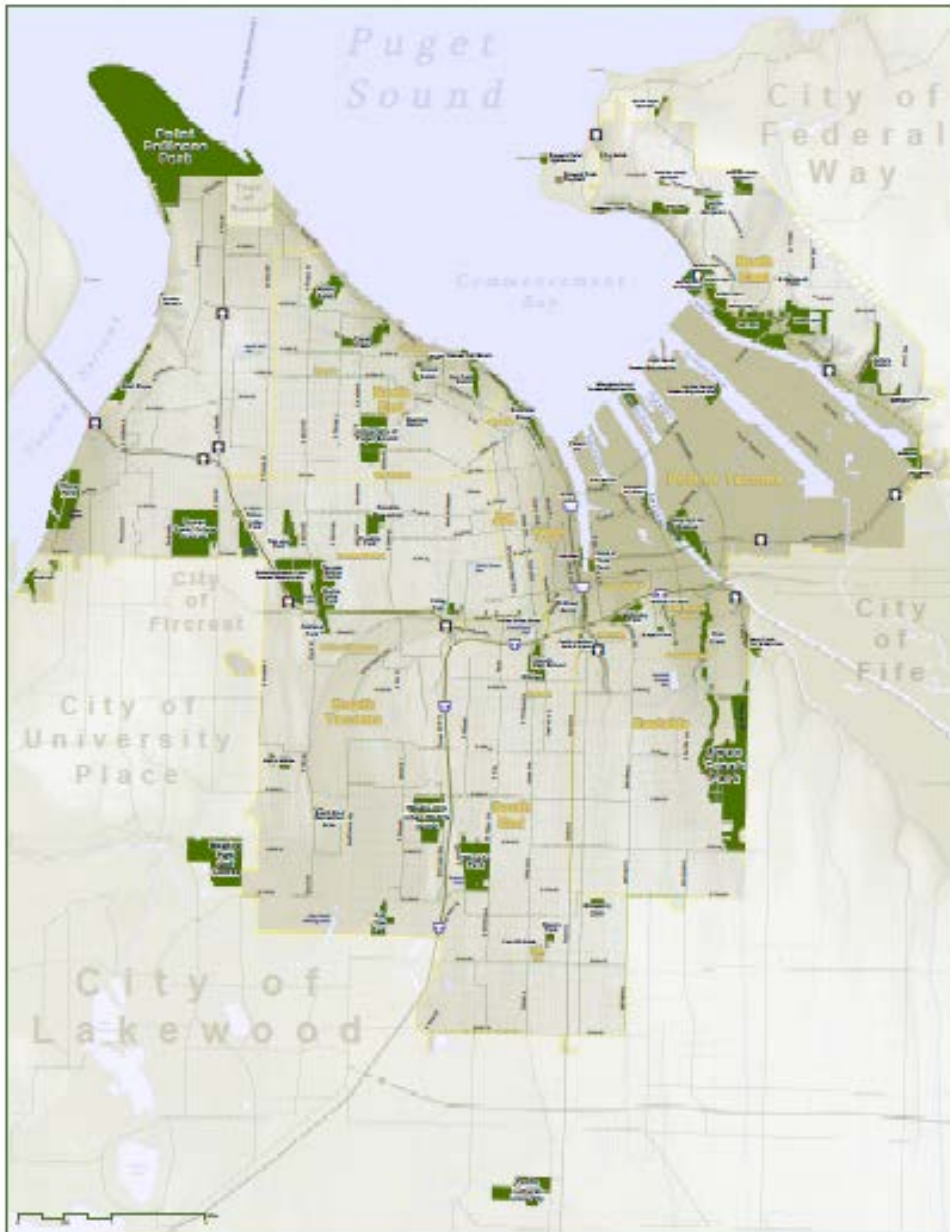
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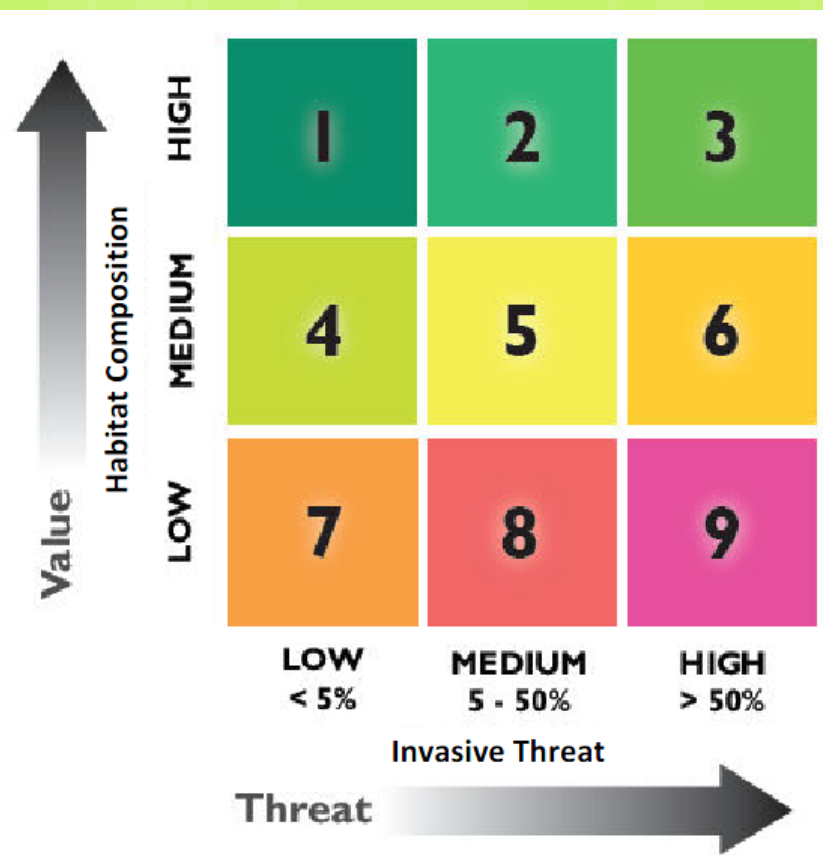
# Habitat Restoration Areas

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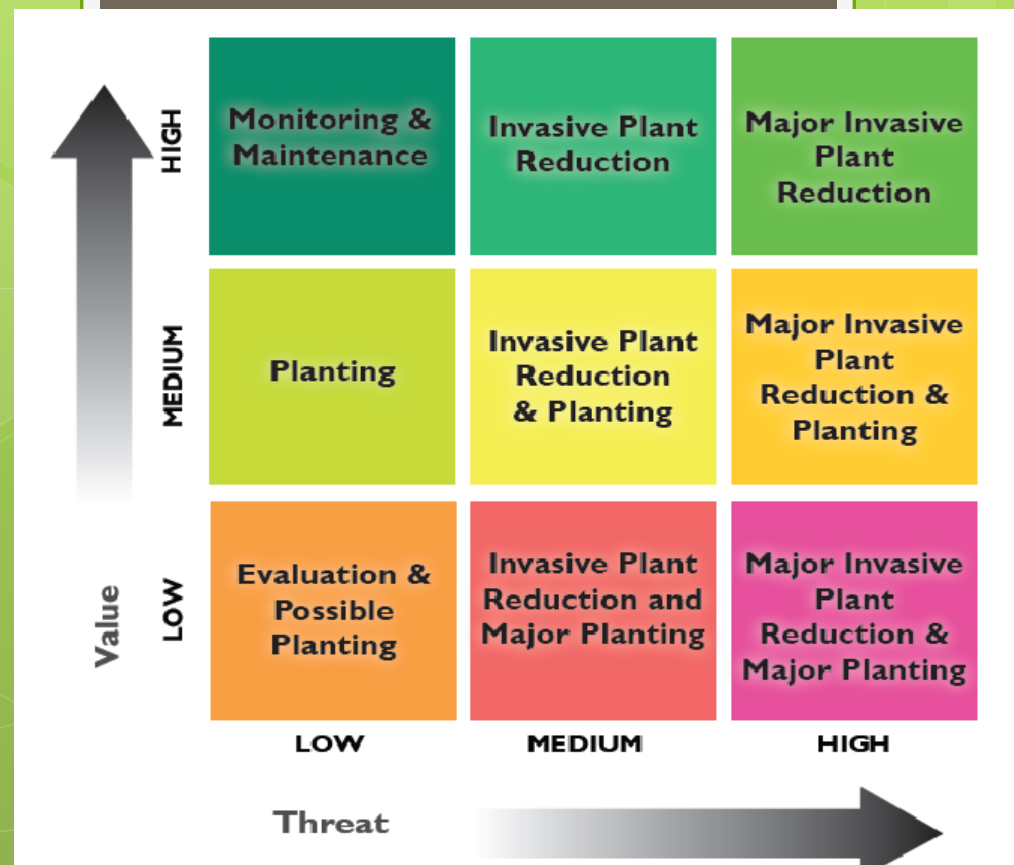


## Green Tacoma Partnership

- Metro Parks
- City of Tacoma
- Port of Tacoma
- Volunteers
- Businesses
- UPS and TCC



## Habitat *Tree-iage* Model



# Strategies for Invasive Plant Removal

- Identify Priority areas
- Recruit and Train Habitat Stewards
- Volunteers
- Professional Crews
- Park Staff



# Volunteers!



# Professional Crews



# Park Staff

- ◉ Knows the site
- ◉ Goals consistent with Agency Values
- ◉ Use Best Management Practices
- ◉ Capable of all Tasks
- ◉ Ultimate Responsibility
- ◉ Most Expensive

# Challenges and Opportunities

- Plant and Establish Native Plant Communities
- Issues in Critical Areas
- Too much “Edge”
- Educating Citizens



# Reestablish Native Plant Communities



# Critical Areas and their Buffers

- Critical Area Protection Ordinance
- Strict Regulation on vegetation management
- Often not appropriate for volunteers
- Habitat Management Plans act as Programmatic Permits



Too “edgy”





# Environmental Education Needed





# 11 Acres at Titlow Park





Mosaic Wetlands, Stream and Shoreline Buffers  
Programmatic Permit Required  
Multiple Crew Funding Mechanisms  
Successful Melding of Many Restoration  
Strategies  
Staff Monitor and Maintain  
Directed use of Large Volunteer Groups





