



**IPZ Partners:**

- City of Tacoma
- University of Washington Tacoma
- Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center
- Port of Tacoma
- Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County
- Tacoma Community College
- Institute for Environmental Research and Education
- GeoEngineers

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## Urban Clean Water Technology Innovation Partnership Zone Tacoma, Washington

The Urban Clean Water Technology Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ) is a collaboration of business, research, education and local government leaders designed to accelerate development of a globally competitive, research-based urban clean water cluster in Tacoma-Pierce County.

The Urban Clean Water Technology IPZ is one of 18 Innovation Partnership Zones designated by the Washington State Department of Commerce. These zones are unique economic development collaborations around research-based efforts that will lead to new technologies, marketable products, company formation and job creation.

**Goals of the Urban Clean Water Technology IPZ:**

- Retain and expand existing businesses and organizations in the urban clean water cluster.
- Recruit and attract organizations and businesses that enhance the value of the cluster.
- Establish conferences and symposia related to urban clean water that increase the cluster's global profile.

**The role of IPZs:** Washington's IPZs bring industry and the community together to develop new paths to innovation. IPZs are actively working with university researchers, developing prototypes with their private-sector partners, providing internship opportunities for university students, incubating start-up companies, developing vital training programs, and launching technologies through technology transfer. More information: [www.choosewashington.com](http://www.choosewashington.com)

**Location:** The Urban Clean Water Technology IPZ is a compact, contiguous area of about 121 gross acres bordered by the Thea Foss Waterway on the west, Commencement Bay on the north, the Middle Waterway and a right of way on the east, and East 15<sup>th</sup> Street on the south. Satellite sites incorporate the locations of the University of Washington Tacoma in Tacoma's central business district and the Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center in Puyallup.

**Zone anchor:** The Center for Urban Waters anchors the zone. The 51,000-square-foot office and laboratory building houses City of Tacoma Environmental Services labs and offices, University of Washington Tacoma researchers and the Puget Sound Partnership. This collaboration brings together environmental scientists, analysts, engineers and policymakers to develop and apply the best possible science to restoring and protecting Puget Sound.

The zone includes environmental remediation firms and businesses that depend on clean water for successful operations. The area also allows room for the expansion of the CUW into phase II on city-owned property across the street from the current facility.

**Available properties:** The zone features prime properties available for development by clean water technology-based companies. The Port of Tacoma is actively marketing two parcels (16.5 and 4.5 acres) on the Wheeler Osgood and Foss waterways, offering outstanding business locations and mixed-use development potential.

## IPZ Assets:

- The Center for Urban Waters fosters a rich concentration of environmental research, clean water management applications and policy development.
- The Washington Stormwater Center, a WSU Puyallup collaboration with the CUW, serves stormwater managers who contend with the complexities of stormwater management.
- The City's Stormwater Management Program, based at the CUW, is nationally recognized for measurably improving the quality of stormwater discharged into receiving waters.
- The Puget Sound Institute, also at the CUW, is a cooperative partnership between the UW, the U.S. EPA and the Puget Sound Partnership that provides expert advice based on the best-available science.
- The Water Partners of Tacoma is a group dedicated to developing strategies to grow the clean water technology cluster in Tacoma-Pierce County. The group is comprised of the City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University Puyallup, Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, and others.
- Education and workforce training are readily available with bachelors' and advanced degree programs at UW Tacoma, WSU Puyallup and the transfer and vocational programs of Tacoma Community College.

## Urban Clean Water Technology Zone

-  IPZ Boundaries
-  University of Washington Tacoma
-  City-owned developable parcels
-  Port-owned developable parcels

