

Community Engagement Fellows Design Clinic – Troy Olsen and Shirley Williams, kastlmut@gmail.com
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Whiteswan Environmental, WE (One Mind for the Purpose of the Work). Mission: To support community healing through the natural, cultural and historical restoration to the Salish Sea for 7th generation sustainability as a measure of ecological health protection.
Indigenous-led 501(c)3 since 2015.

Examples of Recognition:

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| <p>White House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Obama acknowledged our work and shared commitment to the environment and putting our children’s future first. | <p>Signed Letter of Support and Signed Proclamation 8947</p> | <p>2016</p> |
| <p>Social Innovation Award \$5,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For our 1st Spirit of the Sxwo’le – Coast Salish Mini University proposal, WE were able to eightfold the amount through in-kind partnerships, accomplish our mission and culminate our efforts with a storyboard dedication to the San Juan Island National Parks Service 100th Centennial Anniversary on August 25, 2016 on behalf of Lummi and Saanich Nation | <p>Potlatch Fund
 Native Student Success Grant - \$50,000 to \$400,000 in 1 year</p> | <p>2016</p> |
| <p>Friends of the Year Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For facilitating unprecedented unions in the archipelago of the Salish Sea; strengthening relationships between native and non-native organization to support creating healthy spaces for the youth and Coast Salish communities to experience their ancestral homelands in the San Juan Islands. | <p>Friends of the San Juans</p> | <p>2015</p> |
| <p>Roots of Wisdom Exhibit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work with our youth and community was acknowledged in the “Taking Care of Our Homelands and Culture” traveling exhibit. “WE believe that by integrating and respecting our Schelangen (way of life) and the Western science/STEAM curricula, there will be intergenerational indigenous education on the ecological health issues of the past, present and future, therefore creating a resurgence of the Keepers of the Tradition and Protectors of the Circle of Life or the next generation of historians and conservationist.” | <p>Oregon Museum of Science and Industry</p> | <p>2015</p> |

What:
Short-Term: “Coast Salish Mini University” - is hands-on field program for youth that builds upon the spirit of cooperation between treaty tribes and the federal government, non-government organizations, academic institutions to support ecological health and community healing.



Long-Term “Coast Salish Tribal Heritage Field Institute” Vision Keepers: Potential sites for 7 long houses in the San Juan Island and 7 long houses Gulf Islands for a Indigenous-led, Mountain to Sea, 13-Moon, K-Ph.D., curricula. “There is a lifetime of curricula in learning the old ways.” Troy Olsen

Gulf Islands

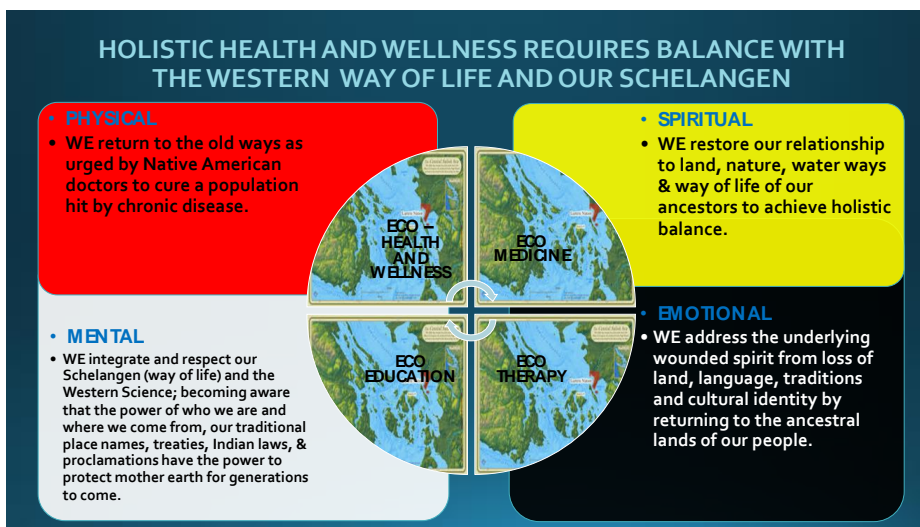
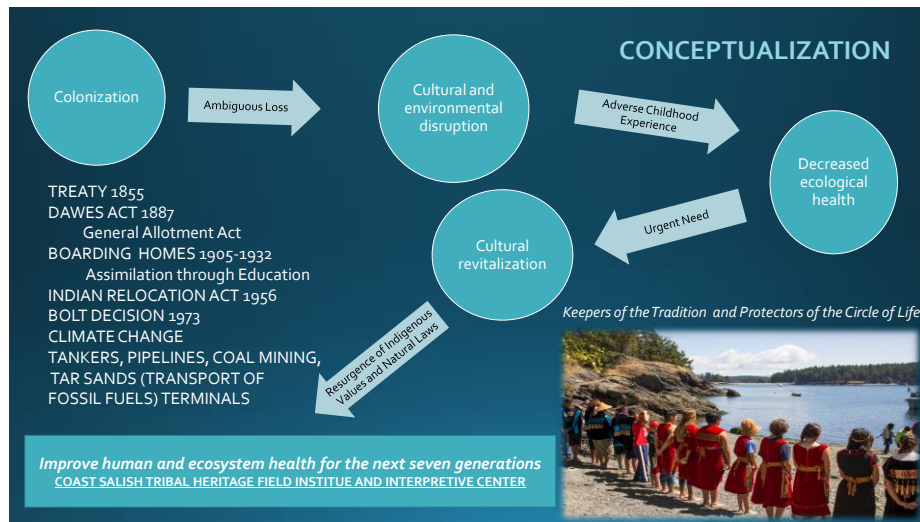


San Juan Island



Why?

- As respected elders have said, the first part of any healing process is to know who you are and where you come from and as neuroscience, epigenetics, adverse childhood experience and resilience is now showing memory is stored in DNA.
- As respected elders have said, the Creator gave us the sacred responsibility to the land, water, reef-net, salmon and language that belongs to it and if it is not supported it is cultural spiritual genocide.



Question:

1. If Walt Disney can dream up Disney Land can Coast Salish dream of restoring our longhouses to our ancestral homelands to restore our Indigenous ways of knowing and natural laws? (Resource Management Goals of Proclamation 8947)
2. Like prior design clinics, our needs are similar: donors, partners, grants, equity. How can WE, with your help support the knowledge democracy of the first peoples of this territory?
3. Do you think upholding Truth and Reconciliation/United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples/Treaty Rights/Senate Bill 5433/UN Sustainable Development Goals/Historic Places/UN Law of the Sea at a legislative level, in alliance with our Canadian First Nation relatives, Aboriginal Title, can help protect our ecological health and help prevent epistemicide?

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