### Proactive Ports: Keys to Sustainability

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#### Imagine your sustainable port in 20 years...



# What would be your vision of success in the future?



### What is sustainability?

"Meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

> United Nations-General Assembly Resolution December 1987

#### a.k.a Triple-Bottom Line



What does it mean to be a sustainable port?

Sustainable ports proactively manage their risks and opportunities through a holistic, coordinated, long-term vision that improves the triple-bottom line.



### Consider this...

How does any decision, action, investment or policy that my Port makes effect its ability to...

- sustain and grow its economic stability?
- be protective of the environment and the natural capital assets it influences and relies on?
- creates a marked enhancement of its community?



# Sustainability is unique...

 to each community's competitive advantage, business conditions, values, and environmental characteristics,

will vary from port to port,

But should always be a consideration in planning, building, and operating your port.



#### Practical sustainability strategies for...

#### BUILD Asset Management Green Infrastructure Smart Growth Low Impact Development

Community Partners & Public Outreach Tenant Relations Facility Condition Assessment Environmental Compliance

**OPERATE** 

PLAN Effective use of limited resources Incorporate TBL

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# Planning: Traditional Components

Mission and Vision
 Organizational Information
 SWOT Analysis
 Financial and Economic Assessment
 Long-term Goals and Strategies



### Planning: Sustainable Components

 Good opportunity for holistic thinking; practice using your TBL-lens

Consider

- Smart Growth
- Green jobs, green industry clusters
- / Green infrastructure



### Planning: Sustainable Components

#### Funding

- / Infill or brownfield redevelopment
- / Public-private partnerships
- / Link to statewide/regional economic plans
- Show broad public benefits
- Green infrastructure

#### Assistance

- Governmental-templates and technical resources
- / Look at other port programs



### Planning: Sustainable Components

 Include community goals (environmental, economic, social service)

Articulate your environmental and community efforts

 Borrow from Corporate Sustainability Reports—innovative approach and techniques (corporateregister.com)



# Sustainable Building Practices

Facility Condition Assessment & Asset Management
Current conditions
Life expectancy
Management Considerations
Replacement costs
Decision tools (repair or replace)
Maintenance Schedules
Funding



### Sustainable Building Practices

- Assess the 'greenness' of your facilities
   Include in RFP scope
- Identify metrics to track and communicate progress
  - Align with existing accounting and maintenance tracking tools

Consider green building certifications
 If market analysis supports, ROI is good, or will be attractive to an anchor tenant

### Sustainable Building Practices

Green Infrastructure and Site Development

- Green Building
- / Brownfield Redevelopment
- / Smart Growth
- / Low Impact Development
- / Reuse of Existing Infrastructure
- / Efficient systems and/or equipment



# What Is Green Building?



# Sustainable Operations

#### Tenant & Operational Strategies

- / Infrastructure Needs
- / Supply Chain and Consumer Pressure
- / Tenant workshops
  - Great examples from around the region
- / Green lease
  - Ensures both tenant and port managers are operating/managing infrastructure as it was intended
- / Compliance tracking



# Sustainable Operations

Community Partners & Public Outreach

- / Outreach in Planning Process
- / Leverage investment
- / Broad community support
- / Transparency in sustainability messaging



# Relevant Industry Sustainability Initiatives



### Port-Related Sustainability Programs

#### Clean Marina

AAPA Sustainability Initiative
EPA Sustainable Ports Strategy
Green Ports-Puget Sound Partnership
National Clean Diesel Campaign
HUD Sustainable Communities
Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy
At-Berth Clean Fuels
Fast Freight



## Clean Marina

#### Provides transparency, credibility, BMPs and potential for funding

http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/initiatives/funding.html



# EPA Strategy for Sustainable Ports

One of many EPA programs
 Environmental and partnership strategies
 Useful metrics

Goods Movement Actions	
	Develop a transportation supply chain approach to reducing air pollution from freight movement that recognizes the critical role the ports play in goods movement and allows shippers to choose cleaner methods to move goods.
	Utilize existing EPA programs, such as the National Clean Diesel Campaign, Regional Diesel Retrofit Collaboratives & SmartWay Transport, to promote emission reductions in the supply chain.
	Develop a supply chain model to help shippers & carriers quantify the environmental footprint of goods movement & establish corporate improvement goals for emissions performance by December 2008.
	Develop a tiered set of emissions reductions goals for major ports responsible for a significant percentage of U.S. international trade, focusing on port operations/expansion, intermodal fleet modernization & key maritime sources.
	Work with ports to encourage their business partners to establish meaningful (LEED-like) agreements with SmartWay Transport Partners (e.g., freight owners) to reduce the impacts of shipping goods by using cleaner fuels and more efficient routes, operations & technologies.

### Green Ports—Puget Sound Partnership

Support and funding for clean marina and green port initiatives, may include:

- / Habitat
- / Tenant practices
- / Stormwater
- / In-water and upland materials management
- / Air quality
- / Accountability



### Green Remediation of Brownfields

- Federal- and State-level initiative
- EPA voluntary certification program
- Prepare properties for sustainable development or green building
- May reduce cost of remedial actions



Green Remediation: Incorporating Sustainable Environmental Practices into Remediation of Contaminated Sites

### HUD Sustainable Communities Program

Partnership EPA, HUD, DOT
Align funding and programs; infrastructure, transportation, housing
Leverage investment
Promote Smart Growth and sustainability
Grant funding for planning and projects—coming soon!!





# What's next?



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