



**the demand for restoration in seattle is on the rise.** there are over three hundred and fifty projects currently registered with the city database. many of these projects receive some sort of **public support**. it is in everybody's best interest to improve the capacity for **communication** between the people and agencies responsible for these projects. effective communication between practitioners helps to reduce redundancy of experimentation, drive down error, reduces the risk of project failure and increases the efficiency and efficacy of installation. historically there has been **no single source** for restoration information for the city of seattle. currently information is located within a host of different media from pamphlets to individual agency websites. this makes it difficult for most practitioners to really understand the context in which they are working as well as understand the specific techniques they can employ to ensure success along a broad matrix of values.

**we propose to develop a communication tool for use by restoration practitioners working in seattle.** this tool will be familiar to most users as it will be a combination of many of the technologies they are already using in their everyday lives to communicate with family and friends, find their way around the city, go shopping or schedule a community event. it will be a web-based **clearing house** for best management practices as well as a **forum** for open communication. it is our hope that if practitioners are able to identify their project successes and associated techniques others with similar goals can benefit from that understanding. considering the tremendous effort on the part of the restoration community of seattle, as well as the commitment by the city itself, it is important to provide all of the tools possible to ensure **consistent repeatable success**. it is our belief that communication is at the root of every strong community.

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