

PSE on bainbridge island



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Pictured: Enjoy the island's natural beauty this winter and year-round!

Photo credit: PSE employee and Bainbridge Island resident, Karen Brubeck

Read on for more information about PSE's off-site mitigation for the Winslow Tap Transmission Rebuild, how participants in Peak Energy Rewards can receive \$75 annually, a new EV-charger coming to Bremerton, our "Powerful Partner" Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center, and IslandWood's Dine & Discover event!

PSE Updates



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Off-site mitigation for the Winslow Tap Transmission Rebuild

PSE is committed to providing safe, reliable, and efficient electric service on Bainbridge Island. We are investing in a collection of energy infrastructure projects that will make the island's electric grid more reliable and resilient. The [Winslow Tap transmission line rebuild project](#) will include upgrading and replacing aging infrastructure, as well as managing vegetation, along the existing Winslow Tap transmission line corridor. This project is designed to improve reliability and reduce the frequency and duration of power outages for about 3,900 customers on the island.

We've done our best to identify opportunities to minimize the impacts of the Winslow Tap transmission line rebuild through project design and construction planning. Where impacts to wetlands and buffers are unavoidable, PSE is required to provide compensatory mitigation. In considering options for mitigation, we identified an opportunity with a trusted, respected, local community organization with extensive experience in science-based conservation – the Bainbridge Island Land Trust.

“We approached the Land Trust because it is an organization with a proven track record of success in conservation on the island,” said Karen Brubeck, PSE's Senior Community Engagement Representative. “PSE's goal is to ensure the mitigation is implemented in a way that meshes with current work on the island, so it ultimately advances the Land Trust's conservation mission and results in benefit to the ecosystem and the overall

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Prior to PSE approaching the Land Trust about mitigation opportunities, the organization had identified and acquired the 10-acre forested and wetland parcel on the North Fork Manzanita Creek. Acquiring this property aligned with the Land Trust's conservation values and is consistent with their strategy to expand existing protected areas by connecting wildlife and stream corridors. After extensive discussion, the Land Trust and PSE determined that enhancement of wetlands and buffers on this 10-acre parcel was consistent with the Land Trust's restoration and stewardship vision for the property and would also satisfy PSE's mitigation requirements.

When permit approvals from the City of Bainbridge Island are received for the Winslow Tap Rebuild, PSE will work with the Land Trust to implement proposed enhancement on this property. PSE's planned activities will provide valuable enhancement to degraded areas on a portion of the 10-acre site to ensure long-term conservation success. This holistic approach exceeds the City's compensatory mitigation requirements. PSE is grateful for the opportunity to work with the Land Trust to advance their conservation mission while ensuring we can continue to provide safe, dependable power for years to come.



Join Peak Energy Rewards and receive \$75 annually

Puget Sound Energy is piloting a new energy-efficiency program for Bainbridge Island customers who heat with electricity - called Peak Energy Rewards. Peak Energy Rewards

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You can help! Participants receive \$75 annually and will be eligible for higher rebates on heating equipment, weatherization and more. It is a part of PSE's unique hybrid solution to ensure safe, dependable power for families and businesses on Bainbridge Island for years to come.

How it works

You can join by enrolling a qualifying smart thermostat.* If you don't already have one, you can get one installed through the program with a \$350 rebate to help cover costs. PSE will then lower your temperature set point by a few degrees during demand response events and may raise your temperature set point ahead of time. You'll stay warm, and you can always opt out of an event by manually adjusting your thermostat.

How to join or request a speaker

To join, visit pse.com/peakenergyrewards and sign into your PSE account. If you have questions or would like us to speak at a community meeting or table at an event, please contact us at peakenergyrewards@pse.com or 1-833-203-1947.

**Must have an AMI meter installed to participate*



Pictured: The PSE Up & Go Electric public charging station in Kent.

Bremerton

Among the PSE Up & Go Electric public charging locations we'll be opening this year are two new stations in Sumner and Bremerton. These charging stations at Sumner's Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse and a 76 gas station off State Route 3 will provide fast, convenient and reliable charging for all EV drivers.

The Bremerton and Sumner stations join Up & Go Electric public charging stations already in operation in Lacey, Bellingham and Kent, as well as a Downtown Olympia station coming soon. In addition to these public charging stations, we've opened 83 Up & Go Electric charging stations at workplaces, multifamily properties and community service providers throughout our service area.

Learn more about PSE's [electric charging stations](#) and sign up for our [EV newsletter here](#).

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PSE feels strongly about being a good neighbor. One way we do this is through our philanthropic commitment and partnerships with the nonprofits and organizations in the communities we serve.



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to working with organizations that are taking steps to address their own sustainability goals while doing amazing work in their communities. This year PSE will distribute \$125,000 across 10 nonprofit organizations within its 6,000 square-mile service area.

Congratulations to Bainbridge Island Senior/ Community Center, one of the Powerful Partners this year! Find out more about this year's [Powerful Partners here](#).



Join IslandWood at Dine & Discover on March 18

Join IslandWood on their Bainbridge Island campus for the perfect evening of live music, a beautiful meal, complimentary wine pairings, and an optional hike through their 250 acres of trails.

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dinner in June, September, and December.

[Learn more and purchase tickets here.](#) To stay in the know about other IslandWood community events, [sign up for their newsletter.](#) PSE is proud to support this event and IslandWood!

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