

**PSE** on bainbridge island



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Pictured: Sunrise at Puget Sound Energy's Wild Horse Wind and Solar facility.

Read on for details on WUTC approving PSE's new and expanded EV charging programs, the clean building accelerator, PSE Foundation grants and PSE support for Bainbridge Island Park and Trails Foundation. Thank you for reading!

## Investing in electric reliability and grid modernization - project updates

Electric reliability on the island needs to be improved. In finding solutions, PSE committed to exploring new technologies. Our proposed plan is a [unique solution designed for Bainbridge Island](#) – combining new technologies and grid infrastructure to ensure safe, dependable power for families and businesses for years to come. We will partner with the



Pictured: Two electric vehicle charging stations.

## WUTC approves PSE's new and expanded EV charging programs

PSE reached a milestone in realizing our vision for clean mobility when the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) approved our new and expanded electric vehicle charging programs at the end of May. The programs include Fleet & Commercial, Multi-Family, managed charging and expanded education and outreach for customers and communities.

The Fleet & Commercial program will benefit small businesses, school districts, municipalities, community-based organizations and other entities that are seeking to transition their fleets to electric vehicles, while the Multi-Family program will bring EV charging within reach for residents outside of single-family homes. The managed charging program will provide incentive credits based on the percentage of dedicated EV charging sessions occurring outside of morning and evening peak times to help mitigate load impacts to PSE's distribution system.

Our education and outreach efforts will build on existing information about vehicle

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higher barriers to electrified transportation with cocreated, culturally relevant education and marketing materials, opportunities for hands-on experience with EVs, information through trusted messengers, and application and enrollment assistance.

The Fleet & Commercial, Multi-Family, managed charging and education and outreach programs will begin customer enrollment and engagement in January 2023. Additional EV products and services, including single-family residential, public, and workplace charging, will be proposed to the UTC by the Spring of 2023 to complete the full suite of PSE Transportation Electrification portfolio. To learn more about PSE's strategic framework to advance clean mobility and drive the transition to a cleaner energy future, read our [Transportation Electrification Plan](#).



## PSE's Clean Building Accelerator Helps Commercial Building Owners

In response to the State of Washington's landmark Clean Building Performance Standard (HB1257), enacted into law in 2021, PSE is helping customers navigate their pathway to compliance through our no-cost Clean Buildings Accelerator program. Owners of commercial buildings greater than 50,000 square feet are subject to the law. The program coaches facility teams to understand the law and its components, assists in measuring energy consumption and target attainment, provides tools and templates for required submissions, and completes virtual energy scans of buildings to identify energy-saving

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State.

PSE customers are encouraged to sign up for a virtual program overview at [www.pse.com/cleanbuildings](http://www.pse.com/cleanbuildings) and enroll in one of our upcoming group trainings. During the overview, we cover the basics of the law, explain the Clean Building Accelerator program, and help you decide if joining the next cohort of participants is right for you. Our experts will also be available to answer your questions and will follow up with you as needed. We have learned that each building's path to reach compliance looks a little different. No matter where your facility teams and buildings are at, the time to act is now since compliance often takes a year or more to accomplish. Bring PSE into the conversation, and let's see how we can assist for compliance and beyond.

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## PSE on Bainbridge Island

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



***Puget Sound Energy  
Foundation***

### **Apply for the 2022 competitive grants program (now through June 30)**

For the last two years, the PSE Foundation had increased its annual budget and reformed their programs to help communities through the immediate difficulties of the COVID-19 crisis. The PSE Foundation has once again increased its budget to focus funding efforts that Empower Community Resiliency. Grant proposals that address food security, shelter,

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“We’re excited that this year’s program features funding for nonprofit staff training and development – we recognize many organizations had to adopt new practices and ways of delivering services, so community members didn’t go without. This is just another way we’re able to support these incredible community partners who never ceased operations but instead reconstructed for a stronger tomorrow,” said Andy Wappler, President and Chairman of PSE Foundation.

Nonprofit organizations and tribal governments located and providing services within Island, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Lewis, Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit, Thurston, and Whatcom counties in Washington State can apply for a grant award ranging between \$5,000 - \$15,000 which will be selected through a competitive process. Local PSE employee volunteers, who are professionally trained in grant reviewing, will assess applications received from organizations within the community where they choose to work, live, and raise their families. To apply for a grant before June 30 or to learn more visit: [www.psefoundation.org](http://www.psefoundation.org).



**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND**  
**PARKS**  
**& TRAILS**  
**FOUNDATION**

## PSE supports Bainbridge Island trails

Visit a park and you’ll find a trail too on Bainbridge Island. More than 42 miles of public trails now wind through green forests, over golden fields and along glistening shorelines, part of the island’s rich outdoor recreation scene.

Puget Sound Energy is proud to support the Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation, a leader in planning, funding, and maintaining the growing trails network. The Foundation rebranded this month, formally adding “Trails” to its name – not that the activity is new.

“Our very first fundraiser was a trail run, and trails have always been part of our mission and vision,” said Mary Meier, Parks Foundation executive director. “It’s an affirmation that

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PSE supports the Parks & Trails Foundation's annual Community Grants program for island nonprofits and clubs. Many of these clubs volunteer their time in turn, helping steward parks and maintain trails island wide – a virtuous circle that benefits all park users, islanders and visitors alike.

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## Let us know what you think

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Thank you,  
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