



# 10 Years

of extraordinary accomplishments  
made possible by working together

## A letter from the Board of Directors

In 2002, a group of colleagues at Immunex, a local biotechnology company, decided to start a foundation focused on the Puget Sound region and built on the company's flourishing culture of interdisciplinary expertise, creativity, and collaboration.

The foundation was set up as a Group Philanthropy: people pooling resources, sharing expertise, learning together, and creating a philanthropic impact much greater than any one person could accomplish alone. Many people stepped forward to help create this foundation by donating their time, treasure, and talent to benefit the community.

Ten years and two name changes later, Sustainable Path Foundation is a successful, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We have expanded to include diverse interests and skills, all focused on promoting sustainability and health in our region through collaborative approaches informed by scientific understanding and systems thinking. At the heart of our mission is the recognition of the deeply interconnected nature of systems in our world and the vital need to work together on our path into the future.

**We are a passionate group of partners committed to finding smart solutions to difficult problems. This year we are delighted to celebrate 10 years of Group Philanthropy, community engagement, and results. As we cross the threshold into our next 10 years, we invite and welcome you to work with us on the path to a more sustainable, resilient, and harmonious future! Thank you for a remarkable 10 years!**

**The 2012 Board of Directors**



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# Our Grants Program: Strategic Investments in Game-Changing Projects

Since 2003, Sustainable Path Foundation has invested over \$1.1 million in the Puget Sound community through the award of grants to non-profit organizations working on a fascinating array of projects. While diverse, all these projects employ approaches informed by science and whole systems thinking. They encompass projects that explore links between natural systems (e.g., environment) and human systems (e.g., economy, health, community), projects that provide opportunities to expand scientific literacy and inquiry skills, and projects that bring together diverse people and organizations to tackle complex problems. They embrace collaborative approaches, seek to address root causes of barriers to achieving sustainability, and find opportunities for systemic change and durable impact. Sustainable Path Foundation's unique focus, and enthusiasm for discovering and funding small organizations with new, innovative approaches to sustainability issues has built us a reputation as a highly valued philanthropic funder in this region.

What do we fund? Our 2012 grant recipients provide a great example of the diverse projects that have inspired us over the past 10 years. Learn more about these and previous projects at [www.sustainablepath.org](http://www.sustainablepath.org):

- 21st Century Utility Initiative
- Beacon Hill Food Forest
- Citizen Wildlife Monitoring Program
- Community Water Management Transition Project
- Forest Monitoring Team
- Growing the Seeds for a Sustainable Community
- Northwest Biocarbon Initiative
- Toward Zero Waste Initiative

Have the organizations and projects we funded had an impact in this region? Absolutely! Here are two examples of successes we are proud of:

### Washington Toxics Coalition: Science Driving Policy Change

In 2003, Sustainable Path Foundation's first grant provided funding for the Toxics Indicators for Action project — a collaboration between Washington Toxics Coalition (WTC) and Northwest Environmental Watch (now Sightline Institute) to measure toxic chemicals in breast milk. Additional grants to WTC in 2004 – 2009 allowed the organization to build on this initial research with projects such as Pollution in People and Earliest Exposures. These studies used a powerful approach to frame the issue of toxic chemicals around their widespread presence in our everyday lives, from mother's breast milk to a wide array of children's products to persistent accumulation in adults.



Sustainable Path Foundation's support of WTC research has been a catalyst for tremendous change. Along with effective engagement of activists, partners, and policy makers, WTC used our funding to leverage even more support for research, education, and campaign work at local and national levels. The result is a growing list of policy accomplishments in Washington State, from the nation's first legislation to ban the class of chemicals called PBDEs (in 2007) to the 2010 Safe Baby Bottle Act banning the use of bisphenol A (BPA).

### Climate Solutions: New Models for a Sustainable Future

Recognizing that local success has often led to national action, Sustainable Path Foundation provided grants in 2008-2011 to Climate Solutions for their New Energy Cities program. This project, which aimed to catalyze clean energy innovation in small to mid-sized northwest communities, has grown from a concept into a high-performing program that demonstrates city-led clean energy solutions transitioning communities from fossil fuel dependence into a clean energy economy. The New Energy Cities program demonstrates a whole systems approach to an integrated energy system — one that embraces very efficient and intelligent buildings, smart power grids, plug-in electric vehicles and energy storage, and renewable power sources such as wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass.

Sustainable Path Foundation's early grant funding supported research, policy, and outreach efforts that were critical to the successful launch of this program. The results of that initial work and the timing of the largest clean energy investment in history through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act sparked the growth of the project, broadened interest in the New Energy Cities concept, and attracted support from additional funders. Today, Climate Solutions is providing expertise to ten pioneering cities as the New Energy Cities program is catalyzing them to take charge of their energy future and drive investment toward a clean, renewable, super-efficient energy system that generates significant local economic development.

# 10 YEARS A DECADE OF IMPACT

2002  
Group  
Philanthropy  
Over \$482,000 pooled from  
116 founding donors



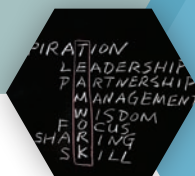
2003  
Science and  
Whole Systems  
Thinking  
Informs our first grants  
and seminar programs



2004  
Opportunity Fund  
Established for nimble,  
responsive funding. Sponsored  
Seattle Library Film Series



2005  
Shared  
Leadership  
Adopted co-chair model for  
board and committees



2006  
Convening  
Explored by hosting two  
Imagine Cascadia events



2007  
Collaboration  
Sustainability Confluence: a creative  
approach to community funding



# Expanding Knowledge in our Community:

## Seminar Series, Idea Club, Convening, Opportunity Grants

**Sustainable Path Foundation believes that collaborative approaches lead to creative problem solving, and a diversity of expertise and experience promotes insights and wise solutions. With this in mind, the Foundation supports a variety of programs that create opportunities for both community members, and the Foundation's Group Philanthropy Partners, to learn and share ideas. These programs also inform, augment and integrate with our core grant-making work.**

Since 2004, the Foundation has hosted an annual seminar series (currently held at Town Hall) that presents timely and provocative topics exploring linkages between our health, our environment, our economy and our communities. To promote both learning and community connections, these seminars are preceded by a reception, organized as conversations between two or more speakers with diverse expertise and perspectives, and structured with ample time for audience participation. Peruse the list of yearly seminar titles to gain an appreciation for the quality, breadth and evolution of this popular on-going series!

In addition to the seminar series, the Foundation hosts Idea Club meetings that provide an opportunity for people to come together in a smaller, informal setting for conversation and learning about a range of topics relevant to our region.

The Foundation also periodically hosts or collaborates on larger convening events and workshops, such as organizing and hosting two Imagine Cascadia events, and collaborating on the Sustainability Confluence. The work of the Foundation is extended even further by maintaining and utilizing an Opportunity Grant Fund — money that allows nimble responses to smaller, intriguing and timely opportunities and can be granted quickly. In particular, this Fund has allowed Sustainable Path Foundation to grant sponsorship money for a wide variety of seminars, conferences and events that align with the Foundation's goal of providing opportunities that expand community knowledge.



### Sustainable Path Foundation Seminar Series Titles:

2004

**A New View on Toxic Chemicals and How They Impact Our Health  
 Pollution Gets Personal: Tracking Toxic Chemicals in Our Bodies  
 Breast Cancer: Are Environmental Toxins a Major Factor?**

2005

**Enduring Legacies: How Pollutants Shape Brain Development  
 Herbicides and Human Health: Are Frogs Our Canaries in the Coal Mine?  
 Air Pollution and Children: Not Breathing Easy**

2006

**Urban Lifestyles and the Built Environment: Healthier by Design  
 Plastic Promises: Better Living or Bodily Harm?  
 Climate Change: Implications for our Health**

2007

**Seeking Solutions: Green Chemistry  
 Seeking Solutions: Nanotech & Precaution  
 Seeking Solutions: Biofuels  
 Seeking Solutions: Sustainable Systems**

2008

**Principles of Ecological Economics: Guidance for a Sustainable Society  
 The Future of the Puget Sound Region:  
 Applying Ecological Economics to Our Area  
 The Future of Energy: Applying Ecological Economics to Global Issues  
 Economics for the 21st Century: Creating a Collective Vision  
 for a Sustainable Future**

2009

**Energy and Water in the West: Priorities for a Healthy Washington  
 Climate Change and Water: Local Perspectives on a Global Problem  
 Exploring Energy and Design: Smart Solutions for the Built Environment**

2010

**Seeking Sustainable Systems: A Conversation about our Food and Eating  
 Seeking Sustainable Systems: A Conversation about a Green Economy  
 Seeking Sustainable Systems: A Conversation about Sustainable Design**

2011

**Biomimicry and Biophilic Design: Pathways to Connect People and Nature  
 Who Has the Right? Expanding the Rights of Individuals, Communities,  
 and Nature as a Key Strategy for Sustainability  
 Dissolving Before Our Eyes: The Acidification of Our Oceans,  
 and Why It Matters to All of Us**

2012

**Beyond Nature vs. Nurture: Our past becomes our Children's Future**





Thank you—for  
 more than \$2.3  
 million in donations  
 and countless  
 volunteer hours:  
 working together for  
**10** years of impact!

**We are poised for the next 10 years of bringing people together to identify critical problems and find solutions.**

Sustainable Path thanks the generous and passionate people who contribute great ideas, knowledge, skills, energy, and funds so we can do this work.

**The strong organization we have built over our first ten years provides a great foundation to explore evolving issues. The challenges we face are great, but we are optimistic about the future and the possibilities when we work together, each contributing in our own way.**

**As we celebrate our first decade, consider helping us plan for the next 10 years. Please join our other Group Philanthropy Partners by making a contribution today! A gift to Sustainable Path Foundation is directed to a pooled fund that supports innovative projects and advances science-based solutions to regional sustainability problems. Thank you for your past and future support!**

### Leverage your giving

**We all want our dollars to go to the most worthy causes and have the biggest impact possible. A Group Philanthropy is a great way to do just that by working together and leveraging your donations with others.**

### There are lots of ways to make a difference

**You can join a committee, attend a seminar, join the conversation at Idea Club, and make a donation. Your dollars will support worthy projects that have been carefully selected to have the greatest impact in our community.**

**You're responsible for many of the projects we've funded in the Puget Sound Region that are changing the discussion around key sustainability issues. We are forever grateful for your support and belief in this work.**

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