

Energy decarbonization is happening and it's happening right here in the UD. Just last week, the U.S. Department of Energy selected WSU's [CH2ARGE](#) consortium to lead the Pacific Northwest's national hydrogen hub. Urbanova, in partnership with ZEV Co-op, also was awarded funds from Washington's Department of Transportation to launch an electric car share pilot program at Gonzaga University. This past month, Avista Utilities presented to the UD Business Committee around their [Commercial EV Charging Equipment Incentive Program](#) and the UD is now supporting the work of INTENT (Inland Northwest Center for Energy and Decarbonization) that will work to accelerate the equitable decarbonization of the power grid and energy systems in the region.

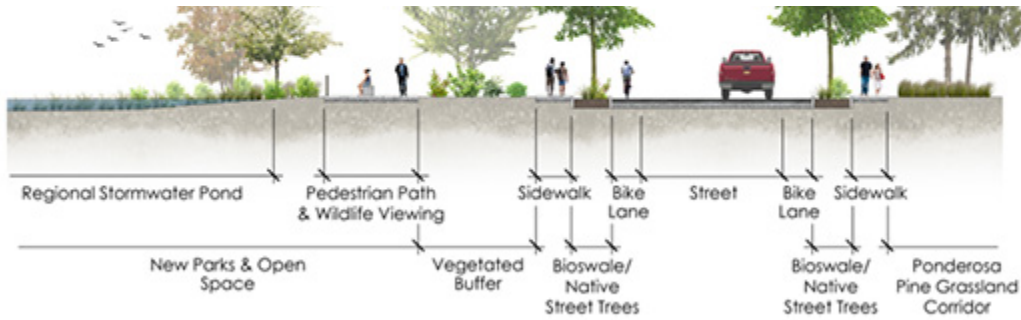


The UD also has been conducting a district-wide ecological asset study led by Greene Economics. The study aims to establish and define the district's "genius of place" through 12 ecosystem services. The study asks, how can the built environment both support human health at all levels and regenerate natural systems? The work generated so far has been engaging and thought-provoking. Greene will present at the annual retreat and I am looking forward to working with the Board on these concepts and how they can inform the future vision for the UD.

Also, a reminder to join us on November 8 and 9 for the Innovative Urbanism Symposium. We would love to see you there! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Juliet Sinisterra, CEO





Source: Cascara Land Design

*Public realm ecosystem conceptual cross-section from the UD Ecological Asset study.
Image courtesy of Greene Economics and Cascara Land Design.*



Board Focus: Erin Williams Heuter

We are pleased to welcome Erin to the UDDA board this year! Erin serves as the new Executive Director for Spokane County’s Health Sciences and Services Authority (HSSA). Erin has been working in human services and violence prevention since the mid-1990s and has been involved in the innovative training recovery work at Lutheran Community Services Northwest, most recently as its director. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pacific University, with a major in Social Work. She is a graduate of the Leadership Spokane program and has received many honors for achievements in her field.

Noteworthy Community Events



**LUNCH @
THE LOFT**





Downtown Spokane Spirit Week

October 16-19

Gather your employees and coworkers and team up for a friendly, community-based competition to bring the excitement and energy back to downtown.



Wake Up with Research

October 18

Start your day with a brain boost from WSU researchers as they share the vital connection between sleep and your well-being.



Accelerating to a Clean Future

October 19

GSI is hosting this conversation about a roadmap to sustainable transportation. Keynote speaker Charlie Allcock is an industry leader in the transition to zero-emission

Featuring Kara Odegard,
Founding Partner of Measure Meant,
Specializing in B Corp Certification

October 18th, Noon - 1 pm
@ The Ignite Loft, 518 W. Riverside

Space is limited. RSVP to
startups@ignitenorthwest.com



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Lunch at the Loft with Kara Odegard

October 18

This course on B Corporation certification is a professional certificate program offered in partnership with the Gonzaga Center for Climate, Society, and the Environment and the Gonzaga Center for Lifelong Learning.



Free Food Boxes for Students

October 19

Four Roots Farm provides healthy fresh food boxes to students monthly at alternating locations in the UD. Up first is Gonzaga on Oct 19 followed by EWU/Catalyst Building in November and the UW/GU Health Partnership Building in early December.



technology to move people and freight.



Center for
**Climate,
Society, and the
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Hydrogen Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Storage Technologies: A Primer

October 27

This lecture at GU will introduce the science and engineering of hydrogen fuel cells and how they may be used in industrial and consumer applications, including cars.



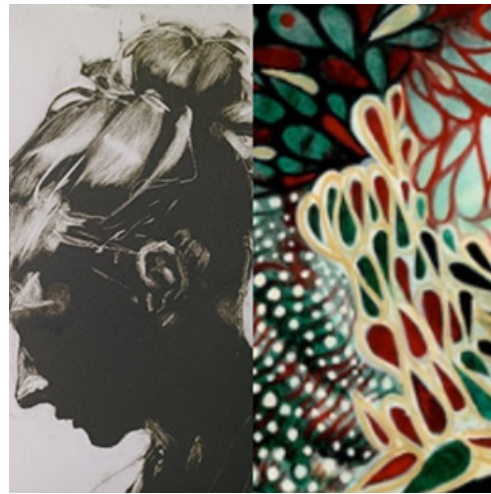
Yuletide Indoor Holiday Market

November 3-5

Injustices in Higher Education

October 25

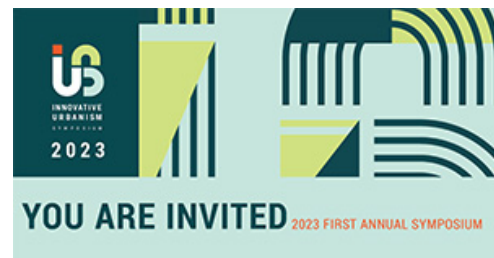
Author and journalist Paul Tough will speak at GU on injustices and inequities in higher education as part of the Provost Speaker Series.



Saranac Art Projects

Through October 28

Works by Mary Farrell and Tobe Harvey.



Innovative Urbanism Symposium: Housing

November 8-9

Spokane Art School is hosting Yuletide, its juried, indoor holiday art market featuring handcrafted goods in a variety of mediums.

Hosted by the UD and AIA Spokane, this event features experts in the economics of housing, community-informed housing design, and innovations in housing ownership and affordability.

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