BUILDING
GOVERNMENT-
COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS
## Moving Towards Partnership

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<td>• Stop focusing on self-proclaimed leaders and start providing communities with leadership training as well as assistance with outreach and networking</td>
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<td>• Recognize that community members have valuable expertise</td>
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<td>• Make information accessible to the community and provide educational opportunities</td>
<td>• Keep government informed and coach staff on working effectively with the community</td>
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<td>• Appreciate the unique character of different neighbourhoods and cultures</td>
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STEPS TOWARDS EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS
Do No Harm:

• Don’t distract the community from its own priorities.
• Don’t take people’s time without providing a return.
• Don’t make the community dependent.
• Don’t undermine the community. Follow the Iron Rule.
Remove Governmental Barriers to Partnerships:

- Centralized decision making
- Cookie cutter programs and regulations
- Rigid silos
- Inaccessibility (location, language, hours, runaround)
- Bureaucratic red tape
- Know-it-all attitude
Build Community’s Capacity for Partnership

Assist with:

• Leadership development
• Outreach
• Networking
• Matching funds
Neighbourhood Matching Fund
To get your Undriver License:

- Make a pledge to UNDRIVE in October. Challenge yourself to try a new way of getting around for a specific activity you'd normally drive to.
- How necessary is a car for each of the trips you take?
- Get creative. Many Undrivers have discovered the many benefits of Undriving, some of them surprising: fresh air, exercise, community connections, saving money, less stress, even more time.

BE CREATIVE! Take the Undriving Challenges. Make a pledge that's do-able but also a stretch. Here are some thought starters for your:

- Limit your driving to 50 or 100 miles for the month.
- Commit to not driving on Sundays and Thursdays.
- Bike to work two days a week.
- Form a carpool to get to church or a regular meeting.
- Use an electric vehicle or bike to get to school or work.
- Use the King County Metro Transit School Bus to get the kids to school.

We are Undriving Ballard!!
BALLARD UNDRIVER LICENSE

NAME: JULIA FIELD

ISSUE DATE: SBFE07

NO EXPIRATION

ENDORSEMENT(S):

X WALK  X BIKE  X BUS  X SCOOTER  X SAIL
X SKATEBOARD  X ELECTRIC VEHICLE  X VANPOOL
X CARPOOL  X ROW  X ROLLERBLADE  X SWIM
X HANG-GLIDE  X OTHER  X TELEPORT

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Neighbourhood Planning

Seattle's Neighborhoods at Work

It's time for Neighborhood Planning.

Get involved today to shape tomorrow.

Call 684-3398 or sign up for Neighborhood Services.
An unprecedented, bottom-up, neighborhood planning program
“We’re letting the genie out of the bottle and we’ll never get it back in.”

— Seattle Mayor Norman B. Rice, 1995
Over 30,000 Seattle residents involved
38 neighborhood plans: over 5,000 specific recommendations
Existing resources were refocused

Six sector managers

Community stewardship groups

Interdepartmental teams
$464 million in voter-approved bond and levy measures:

1998: Libraries: $196 million

1999: Community Centers: $70 million

2000: Parks: $198 million
Tripled the Neighbourhood Matching Fund
HALLMARKS OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Neighbourhood/Community-Focused:

- Accessible
- Culturally appropriate
- Holistic
Asset-Based:

• Focus on community’s strengths
• Make underutilized agency resources available
Community-Driven:

• Promote inclusive, democratic associations
• Empower community in planning, decision making, implementation, and evaluation