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Billy Frank Jr. embodied the kinship values of service to one's community and dedication to the principles of human rights and environmental sustainability. The Institute honors the unique history of Billy Frank Jr. and the State of Washington overcoming an adversarial past to partner for positive outcomes for future generations of all Washington citizens.

In 2026, a statue of Billy Frank Jr. will be installed at the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington D.C., a monument to Billy's profound legacy. The full-scale, nine-foot-tall statue will be the first in the collection to depict a contemporary Native American.

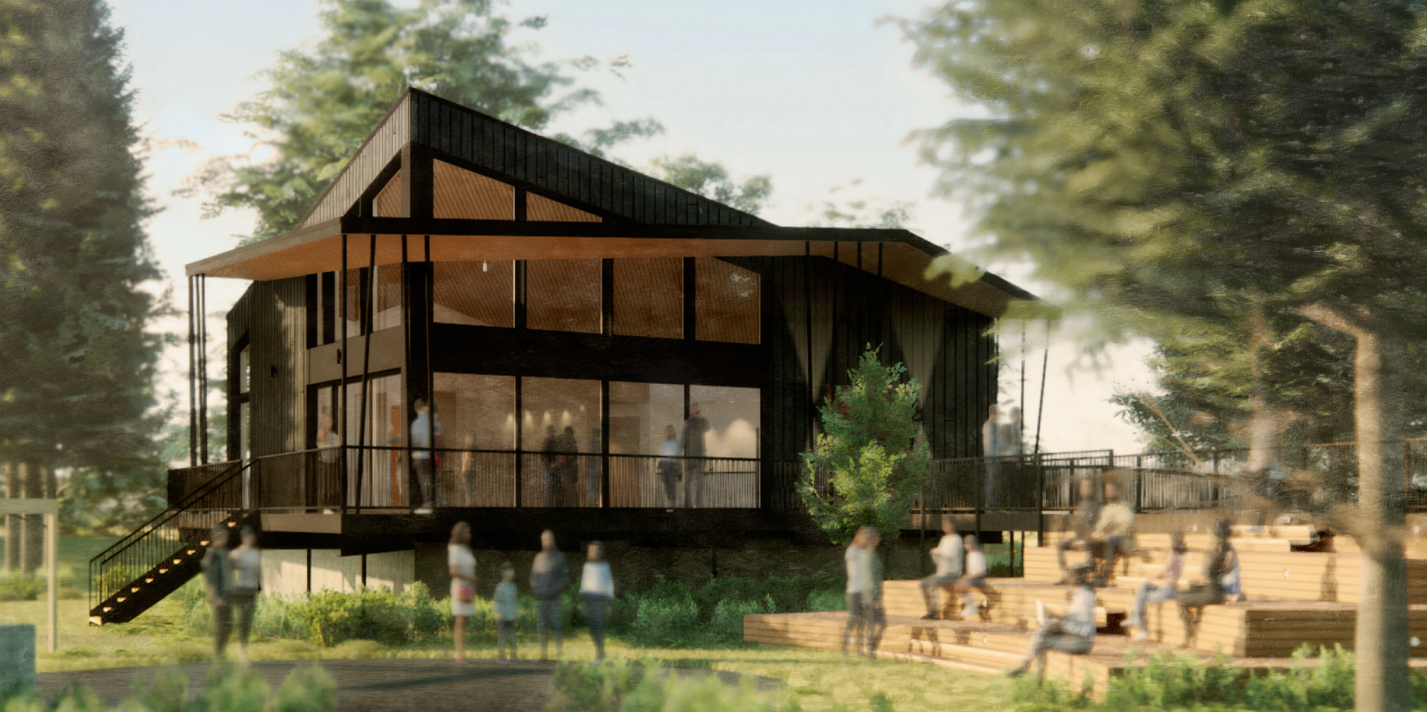


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THE BILLY FRANK JR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Teach them the Pride of Great People...
A time will come again when they will
together celebrate with joy.
Chief Leschi



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A LEGACY BUILDING AT A STORIED SITE

Just off I-5, 10 minutes north of the State Capitol, the Billy Frank Jr. Leadership Institute offers visitors the opportunity to immerse and be re-stored by the natural beauty of the site and to engage in educational events, presentations, and research.

The Institute is designed to earn Passive House certification, one of the world's most prestigious standards for energy-efficient buildings. Built to withstand floods, it achieves net-zero energy through a blend of science-backed solutions such as solar panels, Heat Recovery Ventilation (HRV) systems, triple-paned windows, and locally sourced natural materials.

Inspired by the traditional longhouse, showcase windows capture light from the east, views of expansive outdoor community spaces, and the Institute's natural surroundings.

The site will be a hub for activities such as:

- Training and education on sustainable fisheries management
- Archives documenting the Fishing Wars and the history of State/Tribal co-management
- Permanent & rotating native art installations
- Meeting and collaboration space for Native and non-Indian elected leaders

ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Billy Frank Jr. Leadership Institute is in development in Thurston County on the banks of the Nisqually River, storied site of the Fishing Wars, on land originally secured at the turn of the 20th century by Willie Frank, the last Nisqually language speaker. The Billy Frank Jr. Leadership Institute is a Native-led non-profit embodying the values passed down from Grandpa Willie: kinship, community, and the sharing of traditional knowledge. The Institute will house the archives documenting the work of Billy Frank Jr. and others who fought for and won their treaty fishing rights.

At this crucial time, when the salmon and other species are under such pressure to survive and thrive, the Billy Frank Jr. Leadership Institute will be a gathering place that will share history and resource management insights with regional tribes and our non-Native friends and neighbors, capturing wisdom from our common past and turning our history into institutional knowledge that will benefit all future generations

FUNDING THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Leadership Institute is currently seeking support for a Community Project Capital Budget Request. Reach out for more information about sponsorship opportunities.

Full Budget Estimate: \$4,228,000

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