

Bainbridge Prepares is readying our community to withstand natural disasters by fostering a collaboration among individuals, organizations, and local government, enhancing the resilience of our island community through mutual aid. Together we strive to establish Bainbridge Island as the most resilient town in Washington State and beyond.



The Bainbridge Prepares Partnership

The Bainbridge Prepares partnership has made Bainbridge Island the leading prepared community in Washington State. Our volunteer-led emergency preparedness network was voted the Volunteer Organization of the Year by the International Association of Emergency Managers in 2022.

Since launching in 2011, our 501c3 nonprofit has worked in partnership with the Bainbridge Island Fire Department (BIFD). The City of Bainbridge Island (COBI), which includes our town's police and emergency management departments, joined our partnership in 2016.



Our shared mission is to ensure our town and surrounding communities will be resilient in the face of natural disasters. Our approach is community-based: **We view community preparedness through a lens of love rather than fear.** During a disaster such as an earthquake, our courageous first responders will focus on the core infrastructure of our town, leaving our neighborhoods to rely on themselves. This is where the strength of our community becomes crucial, with neighbors uniting to support one another through a shared objective of community care.

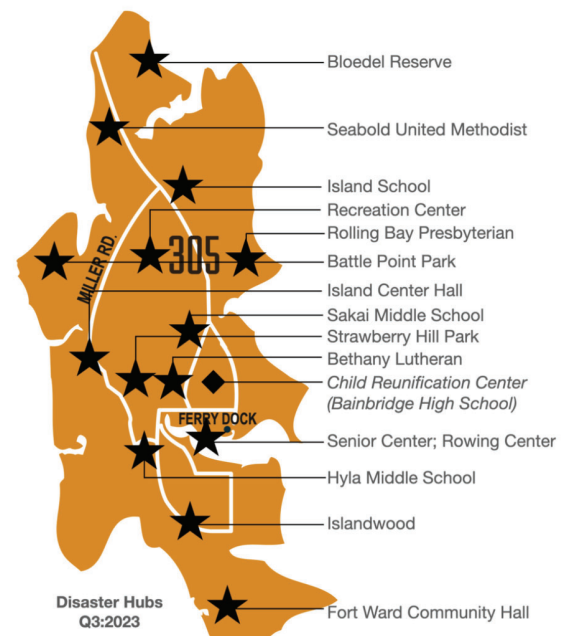
Learn More

Learn more about our work in this presentation our Executive Team gets to deliver regularly to audiences around the country. It includes a timeline of our growth detailing key partnerships, the fiscal sponsorship followed by our 501c3 registration, and our first paid positions.

The presentation also includes an organizational chart of our 20+ teams, showing when these teams are activated, and their roles both pre- and post-disaster. You can learn even more about how our teams activate post-disaster at bainbridgeprepares.org/hubs.

Expanding Our Model Beyond Bainbridge Island

Our sense of community extends beyond Bainbridge Island as well. We offer other communities a simple way for individuals, neighborhoods, and organizations to get prepared through checklists of emergency gear and supplies, best practices, templates, and guides.



We're also developing a completely free to use kit-in-a-box for community organizers and emergency management professionals so they might replicate our efforts more efficiently. The kit offers 80% of what you need so you can customize the final 20% for your specific community.

Apply now for early access in 2025 at bainbridgeprepares.org/model.