

Clark County Clean Water Commission

August 6, 2025



Agenda



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON
PUBLIC WORKS
CLEAN WATER

CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

CWC Members:

Tracy Ceravolo
Gee Creek Watershed

John Chatel
Whipple Creek Watershed

Alejandra Cortes
Salmon Creek Watershed

Glen DeWille, Vice Chair
Loomis Watershed

Ted Gathe, Chair
Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed

Emily Hess
Vancouver Lake / Lake River Watershed

Allison Schweitzer
West Slope Watershed

Rudy Salakory
Vancouver Lake / Lake River Watershed

Vacant
TBD Watershed

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2025 Regular Meetings:

Feb. 5, 2025
April 2, 2025
June 4, 2025
Aug. 6, 2025
Oct. 1, 2025
Dec. 3, 2025

The public is encouraged to participate in this hybrid meeting in following ways:

- Attend in person
- Submit comments by 12pm on 8/06 to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov
- By phone +1 (213) 262-7043 (toll free)
Meeting ID: 826 149 879#
- By computer: [Click here to join meeting](#)

** Motion Needed

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - 6:00 pm
Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Gathe
2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Approve June 4 and July 16, 2025, Meeting Summaries **
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. BUSINESS / ACTIONS
 - a. Clark County Comprehensive Plan Presentation – Jenna Kay
 - 1) Climate resilience unique element
 - 2) Community outreach and engagement efforts
 - b. Joint Meeting with CoV's Urban Forestry Commission
 - 1) Meeting debrief
 - 2) Next steps
 - c. Work Group Updates
 - 1) Climate Change Implementation (Salakory)
 - 2) Community Engagement & Inclusion (Cortes)
 - 3) Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium (Chatel)
 - 4) Rate Study Implementation (Gathe)
 - 5) SMAP (DeWille)
 - 6) Bylaws Update (Alice)
 - d. Approve three (3) grant application letters of support **
 - 1) NE Hazel Dell Ave. (78th to Cougar Creek)
 - 2) NE 99th St (I-5 to East of Hwy 99)
 - 3) Bioretention Facility CBP3 Implementation (Phase 2)
5. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES
 - a. Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - 1) Updates and direction for 2025 - 2026 events / topics
 - 2) Commissioner recruitment
 - 3) Upcoming RFP opportunities
 - 4) Miscellaneous updates
 - b. Manager's Update – Devan Rostorfer
 - 1) Answer any questions regarding Clean Water Division Digest
6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
 - a. Updates from Commissioner on work in the community, upcoming events and announcements (3 minutes each)
 - b. Agenda building for future meetings
7. ADJOURN – Chair Gathe

Note: An audio/video recording of this meeting will be available through the county website at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>



Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

June 4, 2025

July 16, 2025



August 6, 2025

Public Comment



Business / Actions



Clark County Comprehensive Plan Presentation

**Focus on:
Climate Element
Community Engagement**

by: Jenna Kay



Clark County Comprehensive Plan

Implementing New State Climate Change Planning Legislation in Clark County

Clark County Clean Water Commission

Jenna Kay, Clark County Community Planning

Aug. 6, 2025, Public Service Center Room 698 and Teams



Presentation plan

- What is a comprehensive plan?
- Climate project background
- Definitions and data
- Proposed policies
- What's next?
- Q&A



What is a comprehensive plan?



The Comprehensive Plan

- Plan is a long-range policy guide to manage population growth and development over a 20-year period
- Growth Management Act (GMA) is the state law with comprehensive planning requirements
- Clark County originally adopted a comprehensive plan in 1994 and last updated in 2016



Growth Management Act Goals

GMA Goals

(RCW 36.70A.020)

- Concentrated urban growth
- Sprawl reduction
- Regional transportation
- Affordable housing

- Economic development
- Property rights
- Permit processing
- Natural resource industries
- Open space and recreation
- Environmental protection

- Early and continuous public participation
- Public facilities and services
- Historic preservation
- Climate change and resiliency
- Shoreline management (RCW 36.70A.480)



Comprehensive Plan Elements

- Land Use
- Housing
- Capital Facilities
- Utilities
- Rural (for counties)
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Shoreline
- Annexation
- Climate
- Optional elements (schools, historic, community design)



20
YEAR

Comprehensive Growth
Management Plan
2015-2035



Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, 2025-2045

Project initiation



Early 2023-
Early 2024

- ☒ Public Participation Plan and Scope of Work
- ☒ County Population Projection
- ☒ County Employment Projection
- ☒ Countywide Planning Policies and Population Allocation to each urban area (adoption of updated policies, if needed)

Shape the plan



Early 2024-
Fall 2025

- ☒ Hire environmental analysis consultant
- ☒ Property owner submittal for comprehensive land use changes
- ☒ Outline/Scope the range & types of issues studied for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- ☒ Review and select Growth Alternatives for Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- ☐ Input on County Comprehensive Plan text and policies & Title 40 revisions, if needed

Review & Refine



Fall 2024-
Fall 2025

- ☐ Draft Environmental Impact Statement Review
- ☐ Selection of Preferred Alternative
- ☐ Preferred Alternative Analysis work (*Update urban and rural land capacity estimates, Capital Facilities Plan, Capital Facilities Financial Plan, and Transportation Analyses*)
- ☐ Issue Final Environmental Impact Statement
- ☐ Public Review of Comprehensive Plan Update Materials (*Plan text, Title 40, Capital Facilities Plan, Capital Facilities Financial Plan*)

Adoption Process



Fall 2025-
Late 2025

- ☐ Washington Department of Commerce 60-day review submittal
- ☐ Planning Commission work session
- ☐ Planning Commission hearing
- ☐ County Council work session (review Planning Commission recommendations)
- ☐ Council hearing
- ☐ Final Adoption of Plan on or before Dec. 31, 2025



Climate project background



HB 1181

- Climate change and resiliency goal in Growth Management Act (GMA)
- Climate Element in Comprehensive Plan
 - **Resilience**
 - **Greenhouse gas reduction**
- Themes: Environmental Justice, Best Available Science, Commerce Guidance
- Due date: December 2025



Resilience sub-element

- Identify, protect, enhance natural areas
- Identify, protect, enhance community resiliency
- Address natural hazards
- Prioritize actions that benefit overburdened communities



Greenhouse Gas Reduction Sub-element

- Reduce GHG emissions
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita
- Prioritize reductions that benefit overburdened communities

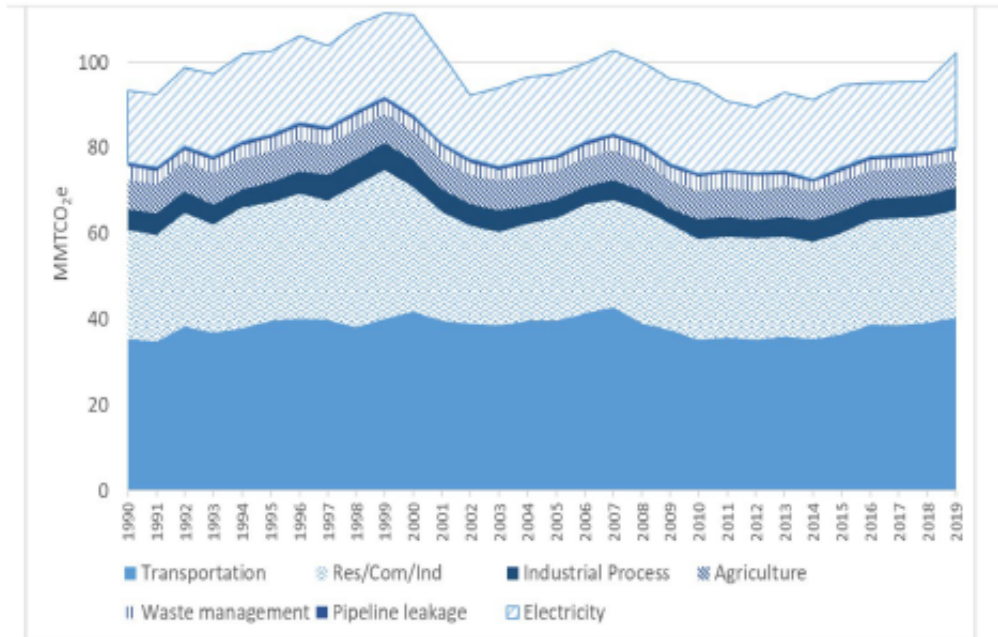


Figure 1. Washington's total GHG emissions 1990-2019 in MMT CO₂e

Timeline



Project advisory groups

- **Community Advisory Group (CAG)**
 - Recommended list of goals and policies for county to implement 2025-2045
 - Consistent with HB 1181
- **Environmental Justice Coalition (EJC)**
 - Collect feedback from overburdened communities and populations vulnerable to climate impacts and advise county and CAG how to address what heard
 - Guide development of equity lens for evaluating policies
- **Partner Agency Team (PAT)**
 - Technical review and support





High quality, dense housing that is well connected to schools, groceries, and other community services while being affordable for everyone.



Sakura 39ers Youth

PRESENTS

CHUUKESSE YOUTH & FAMILY ART NIGHT

SATURDAY II MAY 2024
6:00pm

La Casita
ART GALLERY & CULTURAL CENTER

205 E 16TH STREET, VANCOUVER 98661

Featuring our Chuukese artist Nely Philip

Also featuring Chuukese vendors:

- Chuukese Beauty
- Sakura 39ers Chuukese Sewing Class
- Pwipwi & Jolene & Donna Moya

CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT

EL PASO COUNTY, WASHINGTON

FECHAS: 5/31/24, 6/15/24, 7/31/24

Afecciones del Clima Extremo

Le invitamos a participar en una encuesta sobre el clima extremo y las afecciones en nuestra salud y vida cotidiana.

Haga click en el enlace

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1e/1E3lpQL5jIKn6->

*** Comparta sus experiencias**

*** La encuesta es completamente voluntaria y anónima**

*** Haga su voz ser escuchada**

*** Habrá rifa de tarjetas de regalo por su participación**

*** Preguntas: Favor de llamar al: (360) 583-0792**

Environmental Justice Coalition Discussion

Register

When- May 24

Time- Both lunches

Where - Career Center

Clark county is counting for current and future climate impacts to our community we are inviting students to share their experiences with severe weather events

Snacks & Gift Cards For all Participants!

CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT

KHÁO CỨU VỀ TÁC HẠI CỦA BIẾN ĐỔI KHÍ HẬU

Biến đổi khí hậu ảnh hưởng sức khỏe và đời sống của chúng ta. Để tìm hiểu về các tác hại này, quận hạt Clark muốn Cộng Đồng chúng ta giúp diễn văn đơn khẩn cầu.

Xin tải đơn xuống và điền rồi chuyển về điện thư vietclurkecounty@gmail.com

Collaboration, Connection & Caring

May 25th

July 20th

September 7th

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fourth Plain Community Commons

3101 E 4th Plain Blvd. Ste. 101 Van

ACTIVITIES

- Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Healing Circle
- Introduction to Doughnut Economics
- Create through art or fill out

Definitions and data

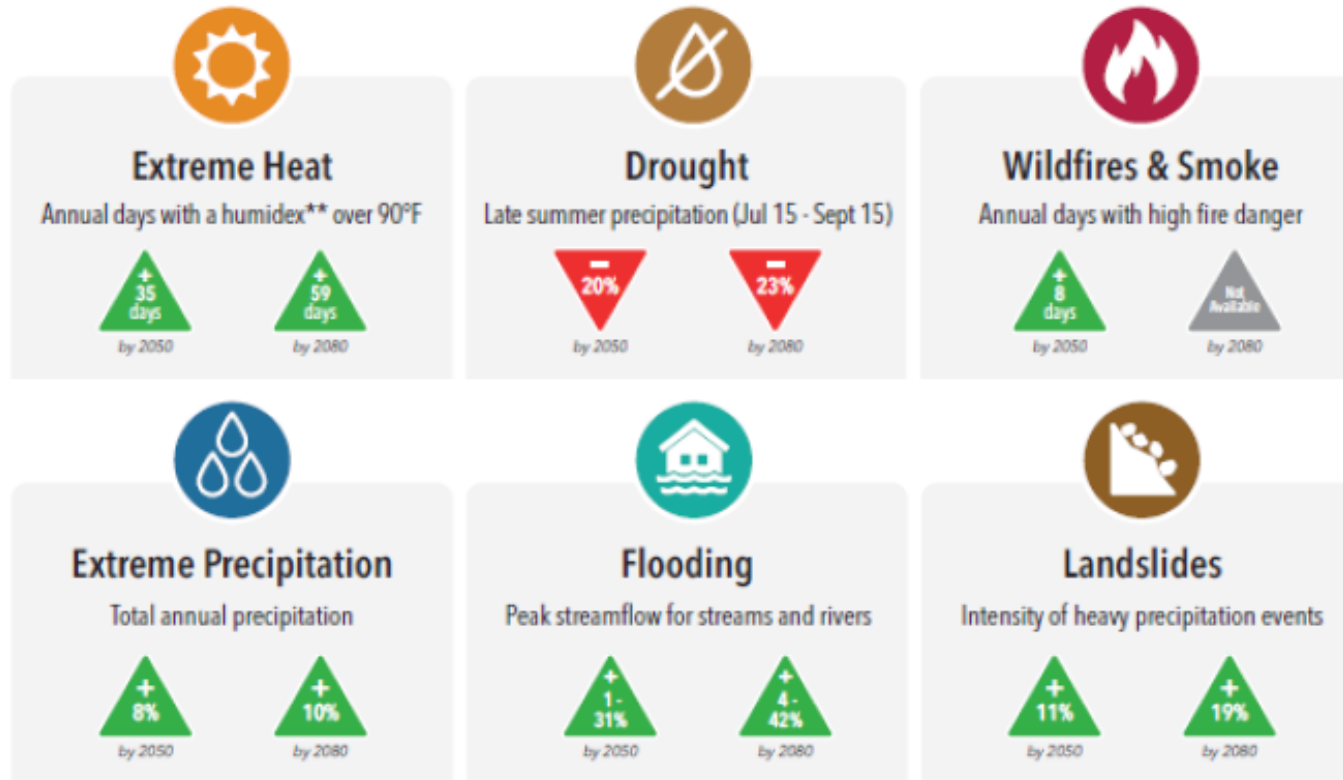


Resilience

Climate resilience means the ongoing process of anticipating, preparing for, and adapting to changes in climate and minimizing negative impacts to our natural systems, infrastructure, and communities (RCW 70A.65.010).



Climate Projections for Clark County



Data source:
University of
Washington,
Climate Mapping
for a Resilient
Washington
webtool,
<https://data.cit.uw.edu/climatemapping/>

Projections are
based on a
“business as
usual” emissions
scenario called
RCP 8.5

Research and
graphics by:
CAPA Strategies



Exploring Climate Impacts

- Climate impacts serve as the basis for defining the “problem we’re trying to address” with comprehensive plan goals and policies for the resilience sub-element
- Summary of climate impacts. Examples:
 - Overwhelmed stormwater drains lead to localized flooding or stormwater runoff into local waterways
 - Reduced water quality from heat and/or pollution runoff



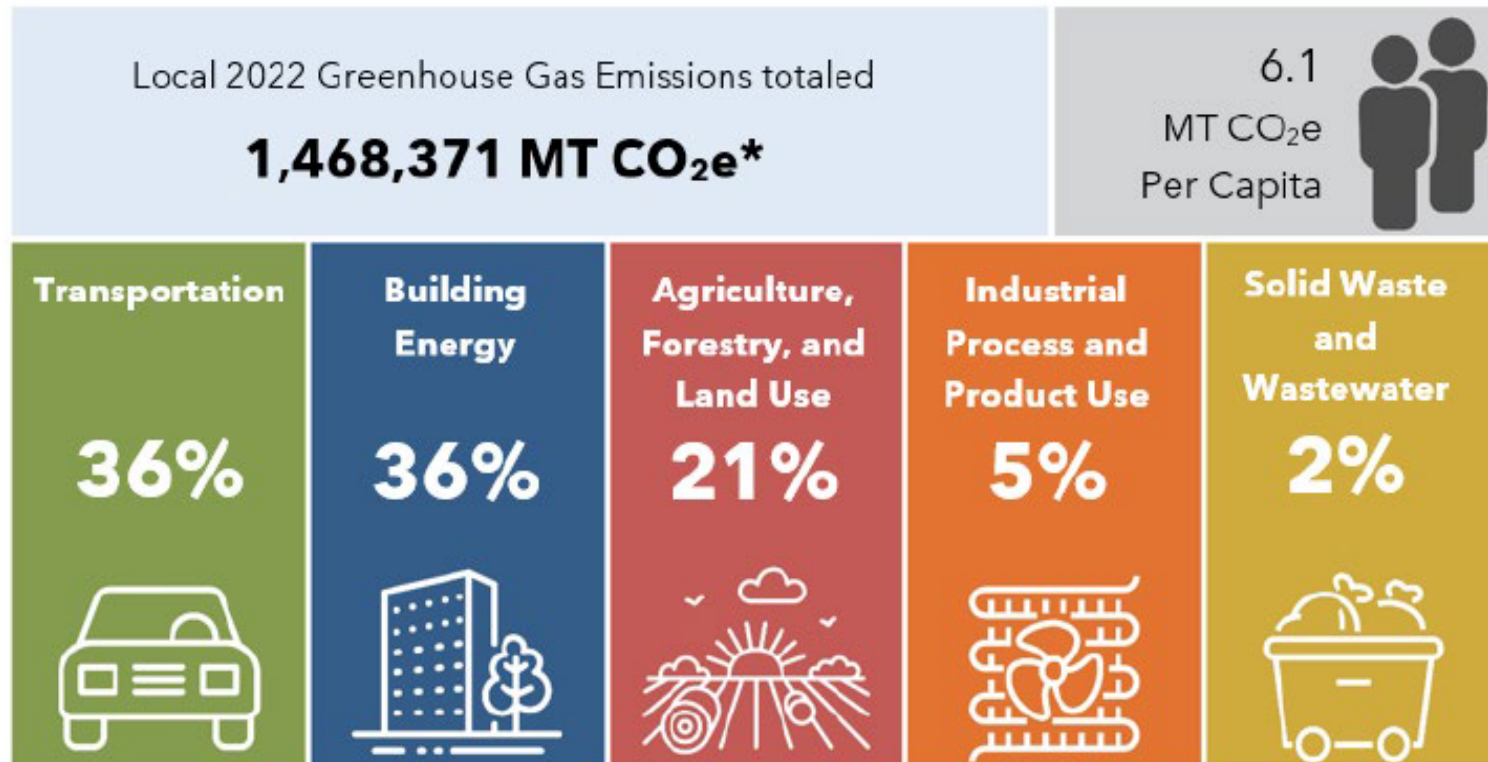
Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Greenhouse gas emissions reduction means actions taken to reduce or eliminate the emissions of greenhouse gases (present and future) in order to reduce the rate and extent of climate damage.

(WA Dept. of Commerce Climate Element Guidance)



Unincorporated Clark County Local Emissions - 2022



*MT CO₂e is a metric ton of CO₂ equivalent, a way to add up all greenhouse gasses
1 MT CO₂e is roughly equivalent to 113 gallons of gasoline burned
or the carbon sequestered by 1.2 acres of forest



Environmental Justice

Vulnerable populations

Population groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms (RCW 36.70A.030)

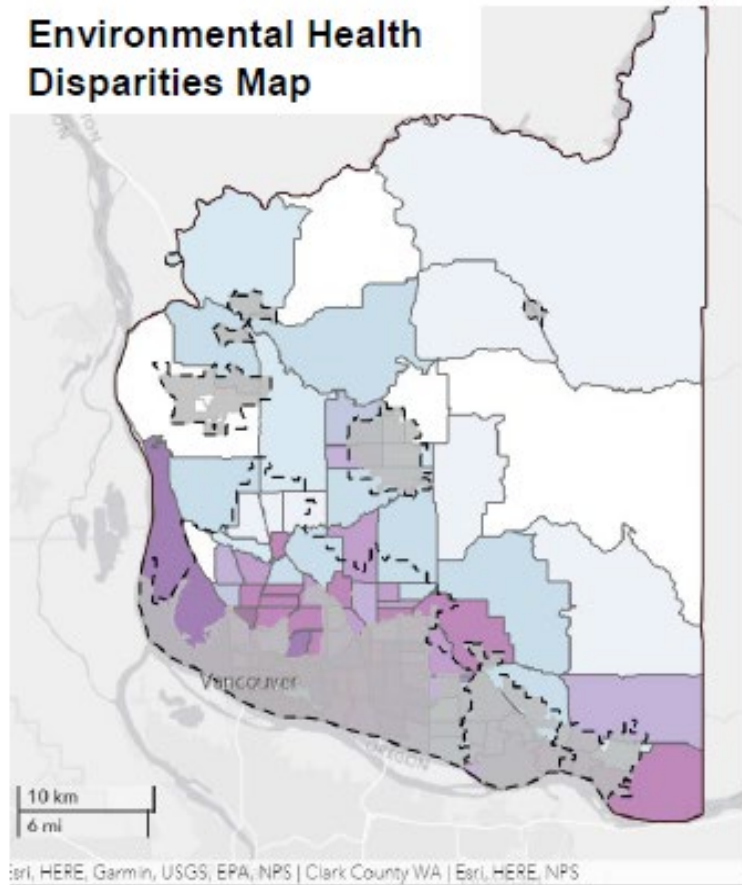
Overburdened community

A geographic area where vulnerable populations face combined, multiple environmental harms and health impacts (RCW 36.70A.030)

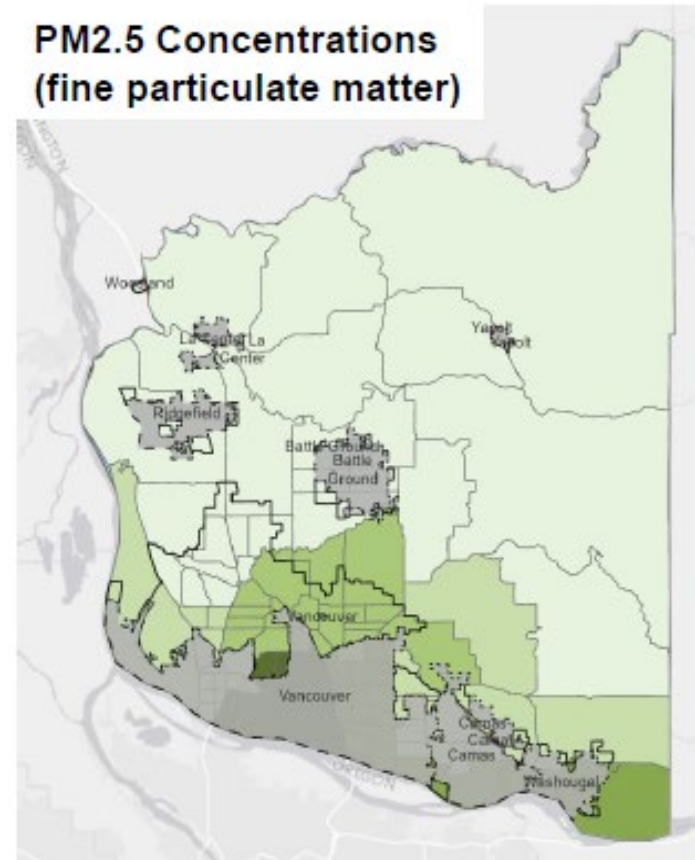


Overburdened Communities & Air Quality Data

Environmental Health Disparities Map



**PM2.5 Concentrations
(fine particulate matter)**



Equity and EJ Lens

The Equity and EJ Lens includes three overarching questions to aid analysis of policy concepts:

- Who is most impacted by this issue or decision? (positively or negatively)
- What does the data tell us? (consider qualitative and quantitative data)
- What are the ways in which a policy recommendation could be modified to enhance positive impacts or reduce negative impacts?



Proposed policies



Climate Element – Goal Topics At A Glance

Health & Well-being	Green Jobs	Ecological Stewardship	Transportation & Land Use	Building & Energy	Waste Management	County Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Just transition• Advance environmental justice• Ensure most vulnerable communities don't bear disproportionate impacts• Consultation with Cowlitz Indian Tribe, regional Tribal governments, and culturally-specific groups• Food economies• Agriculture and landscaping• Housing• Air quality• Outdoor recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic development and job generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trees• County plantings and greenspaces• Environmentally critical areas and open space• Forestry• Salmonids• Water resources• Stormwater• Public education on environmental topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)• County vehicles• Electric vehicles (EVs)• Resilience of transportation system• Resilient development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy efficient buildings• Clean, renewable, and diverse building energy options• Emissions from county buildings and facilities• Green building and sustainable building practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waste reduction, composting, recycling• Emissions from county purchases• Use less and support maintenance, repair, and resale economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy implementation• Resilience of county operations



Example Draft Climate Element Goals

- 4.7: Protect the waters of the county through a stormwater management program that minimizes impacts from stormwater run-off. [RES] (Note: this is an existing comp plan policy.)
- 4.8: Manage water resources sustainably to meet the needs of the public and ecosystems under changing climate conditions. [RES]
- 14.9: Protect and plant more trees in rural and urban areas and equitably increase tree canopy cover through targeted planting and maintenance support. [GHG, RES]



What's next



Timeline



Growth Management Act Goals

Thank you!

Comments and questions



Project webpage: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/climate-change-planning>

Project contact: Jenna Kay, jenna.kay@clark.wa.gov



Recap of Joint Meeting with Urban Forestry Commission



Vancouver Urban Forestry Commission

July 16, 2025

Urban Forestry Commission



The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council on local and regional tree-related issues. The commission assists the city to develop good management practices to conserve the city's trees and forests, educate community members on the importance of urban trees and organize tree plantings.

Joint Urban Forestry Commission Meeting

- **Meeting Debrief**
- **Next Steps**



Work Group Updates



2025 Work Group Updates



Climate Change Implementation – Salakory Leader



Members: Ceravolo, Chatel, Cortes*, Salakory



Meetings: June 23

Update:

- Met with Don Steinke about Comp Plan's Climate Element
- Interest in writing a CWC letter of support?
 - If yes, Climate WG could draft letter for Oct. 1 approval
- Will decided next steps after Jenna Kay's presentation
- Cortes resigned effective 7/28



2025 Work Group Updates



Community Engagement & Inclusion – Schweitzer



Members: Cortes*, Chatel, Hess, Schweitzer



Meetings: June 23

Update:

- Will be updating past presentations with a focus on CWC and ways to protect water quality
- Identifying local target audience groups
- Cortes resigned effective 7/28



2025 Work Group Updates



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium – Chatel



Members: Ceravolo, Chatel, Gathe, Schweitzer



Meetings: June 5, July 9, July 24

Update:

- Significant work on agenda
- Staff coordinating logistics (room, catering, etc.)
- Sending “Save the Date” mailers mid-late Aug



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium Agenda

Proposed Agenda:

- **Part One:** Welcomes, County's historic & projected development
- **Part Two:** Identifying Issues
 - Water quality standards and trends
 - Focus on thermal impacts, refuges and status of local water bodies

LUNCH BREAK

- **Part Three:** Solution-based practices & innovations
 - Focusing on nutrient, sediment, and bacteria
- **Part Four: Wrap up** Panel Discussion



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium Request

- **Input requested by August 22:**

- Innovative organizations addressing NSP issues (state or regional level)
- Pioneering solutions or practices
- Other:



2025 Work Group Updates



SMAP (Stormwater Mgt Action Plan) – DeWillie



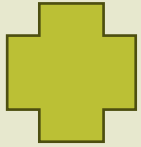
Members: DeWillie, Hess



Meetings: June 12, June 17

- Update:**
- Met with key staff about this project and new contract to create SMAP for Lower Salmon Creek watershed
 - Form key takeaways from meeting and potential next steps
 - Assess if internal risk mgt exercise is worthwhile
 - Engage staff in brainstorming re: success, metrics, etc.
 - Identify areas where CWC can add value to process
 - Develop and follow up with staff on list of questions

2025 Work Group Updates



Rate Study Implementation – Gathe



Members: DeWillie, Gathe, Salakory

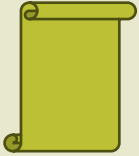


Meetings: June 12

Update:

- Met with key staff on current status of rate study
 - Currently in first 6 months of a 5-year process
 - New staff hiring is on track

2025 Work Group Updates



Bylaws – Alice



Members:



Meetings:

Update:

- Commissioner volunteers requested.
- Timeline: Approve changes at December Meeting

Approval of Three Grant Application Letters of Support



Approval of Letters of Support for 3 Grants

- 1) NE Hazel Dell Ave. (78th to Cougar Creek) - Phase 3**
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Division Updates



Staff Liaison Report

Alice Millward

August 6, 2025



Staff Liaison's Report Overview

- **Notable Calendar Dates**
 - **Complete priorities ballots ASAP**
 - **Oct. 1** CWC meeting
 - **Oct. 28** CWC Nonpoint Source Symposium
 - **Nov. 20** Stormwater Partners Symposium
 - See calendar for next 6 months
- **Miscellaneous Updates**
 - Vacancy and Recruitment update
 - Upcoming RFP opportunities



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium

October 28, 2025



Clean Water Commission Recruitments

Commissioners

Name	Term Expires	Watershed
Glen DeWillie	12/31/27	Lacamas Watershed
Tracy Ceravolo	12/31/25	Gee Creek Watershed
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Ted Gathe	12/31/25	Burnt Bridge Creek



Manager's Update

Devan Rostorfer

August 6, 2025



Questions or comments on new Division Digest?



New Staff!



Harrison Glavin,
Environmental Operations
Specialist Senior



Hailey Shannon,
Outreach Specialist Senior



New Staff!



Kevin Bone,

Engineering Technician Senior (Mapping & Inventory)



Up Next!



Quarter 3

**Program Coordinator II, Lakes &
Watershed Coordination**

**Program Coordinator II, NPDES
Program Support**

**Engineering Services Manager I,
Asset Management**



Roundtable Discussion Commissioner's Comments



Roundtable Discussion

- Updates on your work in the community
- Upcoming events
- Announcements
- Agenda building for future meetings



Meeting Adjourned

Thank you!



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