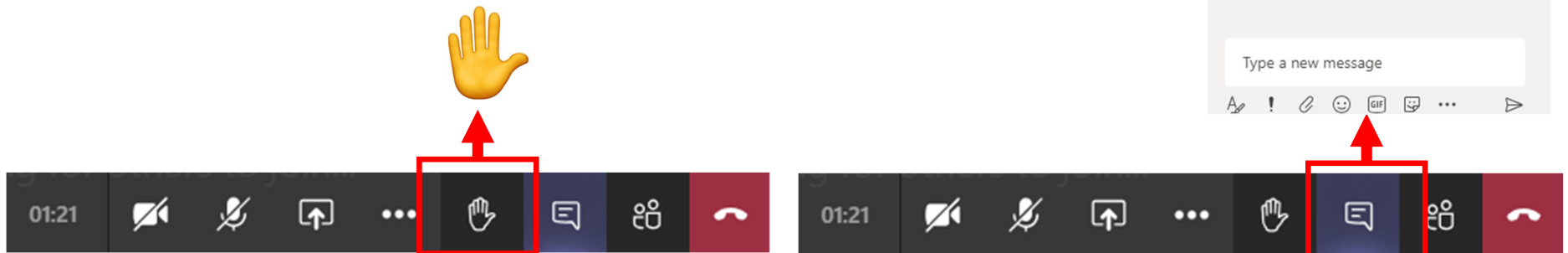
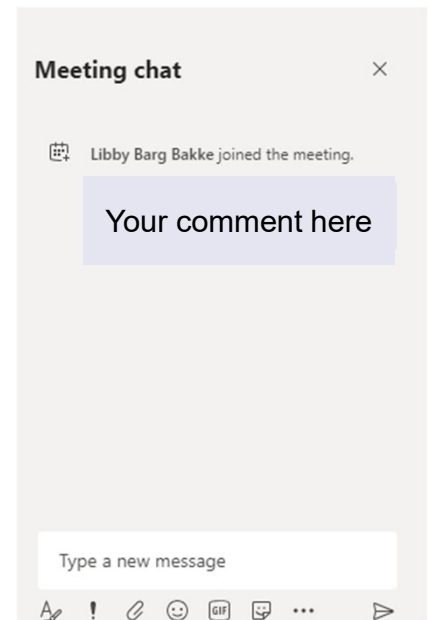


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- If you are guest, you can ask questions by un-muting yourself or with comments using chat.





# Clark County Parks Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 4:00 PM – 6:00PM

**Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, WA 98660**  
In Training Room 679 and Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

## **PAB Members:**

James Kautz  
Janis VanWyhe  
Teresa Meyer  
Donald Meeks  
Brandon Erickson  
Jessica Barksdale  
John Rafanelli

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

1. Meeting structure guidelines for Teams
2. Roll call / **new members welcome and introductions** / guest introductions
3. Approve previous Minutes. Copies can be found on the website, via:  
<https://clark.wa.gov/public-works/parks-advisory-board>.
  - August 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes\*\*
  - September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes-Parks Tour\*\*
  - September 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes-Special Meeting\*\*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None.

## **School District**

### **Liaisons:**

Cale Piland (Evergreen)  
AJ Panter (Vancouver)  
Rachel Best (Camas)

**The public is encouraged to participate in the following ways:**

- Microsoft Teams link:
- By phone: 213-262-7043 and enter access code: 471 718 34#
- Submit public comments to: [pab@clark.wa.gov](mailto:pab@clark.wa.gov)

## **Parks Foundation:**

Megan Schoenfelder

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Departmental updates.
2. Regional Parks Funding Task Team updates.

## **Next Meeting:**

November 18, 2025

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Action Parks and Nature Fee update-Free Access Days\*\* – Jennifer Coker/Ross Hoover**

At the August meeting on 8/12/2025, Parks Advisory Board recommended fee increases to be implemented for 2026. Staff presented these recommendations at the September 17, 2025 Council meeting Work Session. Along with these recommendations, free days will be offered. Staff will review options for free days in 2026f or PAB's advice and recommendation this free day schedule.

**\*\*Motion Needed**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Informational: Inform PAB of recommendations for vacancies – Ross Hoover**

County staff advertised to fill 4 positions on the 7-member PAB board on 7/23/2025 and the application deadline was 9/01/2025. Staff received 4 total applications or letters of interest, including 2 from current members whose terms are set to expire on 12/31/2025. Ross Hoover, along with Jessica Barksdale and John Rafanelli, interviewed 2 of the applicants on 9/23/2025. The recommendations to fill the 4 vacant positions are: James Kautz, Janis VanWyhe, Russell Malburg, and Jordan Hamann. The terms of

their appointment will begin on 1/01/2026 and end in staggering years.

**2. Informational: Climate project – Jenna Kay and Amy Koski**

With the passage of House Bill 1181 during the 2023 legislative session, Clark County is now required to add a Climate Change Element to its Comprehensive Plan. The new element needs to address both greenhouse gas emissions reduction and resilience. Project staff will provide a project over to the Parks Advisory Board.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (PAB Members)**

**ADJOURN**

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<https://clark.wa.gov/public-works/parks-advisory-board>



## 2026 Free Park Days – Voting Sheet

Review the three 12-day proposals below. Each option offers themed free park days throughout the year.

✓ Mark your favorite at the bottom.

### ✓ Option 1 – Family & Heritage Focus

| Date       | Occasion                       | Theme                |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Feb 16 Mon | Presidents Day                 | Culture & Heritage   |
| Mar 21 Sat | Int'l Day of Forests           | Nature & Environment |
| Apr 23 Thu | National Picnic Day            | Family & Community   |
| May 10 Sun | Mother's Day                   | Family & Community   |
| May 20 Wed | National Bee Day               | Nature & Environment |
| Jun 21 Sun | Father's Day & Summer Solstice | Family & Community   |
| Aug 1 Sat  | National Play Outside Day      | Family & Community   |
| Sep 7 Mon  | Labor Day                      | Culture & Heritage   |
| Sep 13 Sun | Grandparents Day               | Family & Community   |
| Oct 12 Mon | Indigenous Peoples' Day        | Culture & Heritage   |
| Nov 27 Fri | Green Friday                   | Nature & Environment |
| Dec 21 Mon | Winter Solstice                | Nature & Environment |

### ✓ Option 2 – Family & Environmental Awareness Focus

| Date       | Occasion                | Theme                |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Feb 16 Mon | Presidents Day          | Culture & Heritage   |
| Mar 22 Sun | World Water Day         | Nature & Environment |
| Apr 24 Fri | Arbor Day               | Nature & Environment |
| May 10 Sun | Mother's Day            | Family & Community   |
| May 25 Mon | Memorial Day            | Culture & Heritage   |
| Jun 5 Fri  | World Environment Day   | Nature & Environment |
| Jun 21 Sun | Father's Day & Solstice | Family & Community   |
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☒ **Option 3 – Nature, Wellness & Community Focus**

| Date       | Occasion              | Theme                |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Feb 2 Mon  | Groundhog Day         | Nature & Fun         |
| Mar 30 Mon | Walk in the Park Day  | Nature & Community   |
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| May 17 Sun | Kids to Parks Day     | Family & Community   |
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 **Your Vote**

☒ I vote for:

- ☐ Option 1 – *Family & Heritage Focus*
- ☐ Option 2 – *Family & Environmental Awareness Focus*
- ☐ Option 3 – *Nature, Wellness & Community*

 Comments (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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# Parks Advisory Board

## Free Access Days Selection Meeting

*Follow up from September 17, 2025 Council Work Session*

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Parks and Nature Division

October 14, 2025



**CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON**

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**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**PARKS AND NATURE**



# Background

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- Fee increases & Access days proposed at the September 17, 2025 work session were supported by council
- Key inclusion of annual passes at libraries
- Council feedback on Free Access Days:
  - No overlap with Washington State Parks
  - Provide 12 different days to maximize access
  - Provide days throughout the months and seasons
  - Provide a mix of weekend and week days



# Proposed New Program - Free Access Days

*Ensuring Equitable Access*



## Free Access Days

**A New Program** modeled after WA State Parks

- **12 free access days per year**
- Distributed through all seasons
- Council direction to **not overlap** any of these listed days.

## Example: WA State Parks 2025 Discover Pass Free Days

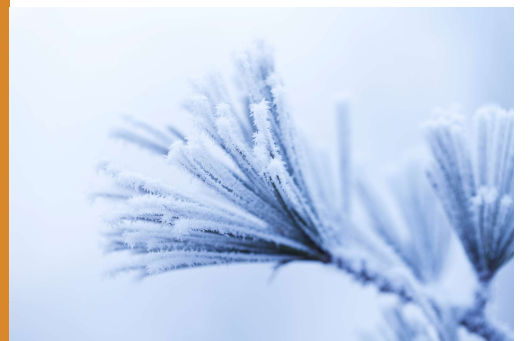
- Jan. 1 — First Day Hikes; New Year's Day
- Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- March 9 — Billy Frank Junior's Birthday
- March 19 — State Parks' Birthday
- April 22 — Earth Day
- June 7 — Free Fishing Weekend
- June 8 — Free Fishing Weekend
- June 19 — Juneteenth
- Aug. 9 — Smokey Bear's Birthday
- Sept. 27 — National Public Lands Day
- Oct. 10 — World Mental Health Day
- Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day





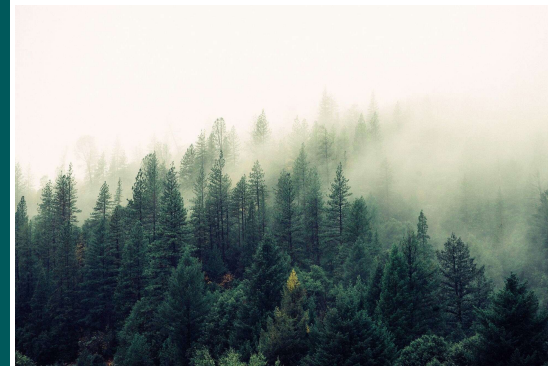
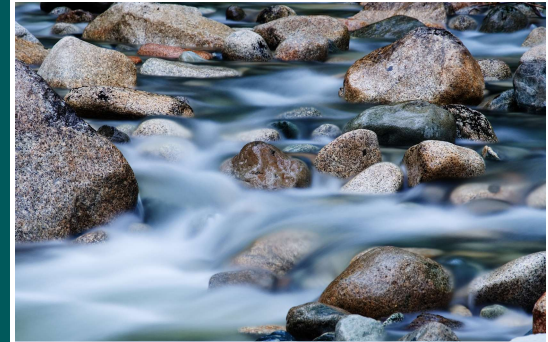
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# Advisory Board Feedback & Discussion

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- Which option do you prefer?
- Follow by silent vote

# Summary and Next Steps

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- Regional Park Hearing Today
- Notices for GCPD November 4<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Public Hearing for GCPD December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025
- Decision on Free Access Days today will allow staff time to promote the new program





# Implementing New State Climate Change Planning Legislation in Clark County

Clark County Parks Advisory Board

Oct. 14, 2025, Public Service Center Room 679 and Teams

Jenna Kay, Clark County Community Planning

Amy Koski, Clark County Public Health





# Presentation plan

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



# Climate project background





# HB 1181

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- 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

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- 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

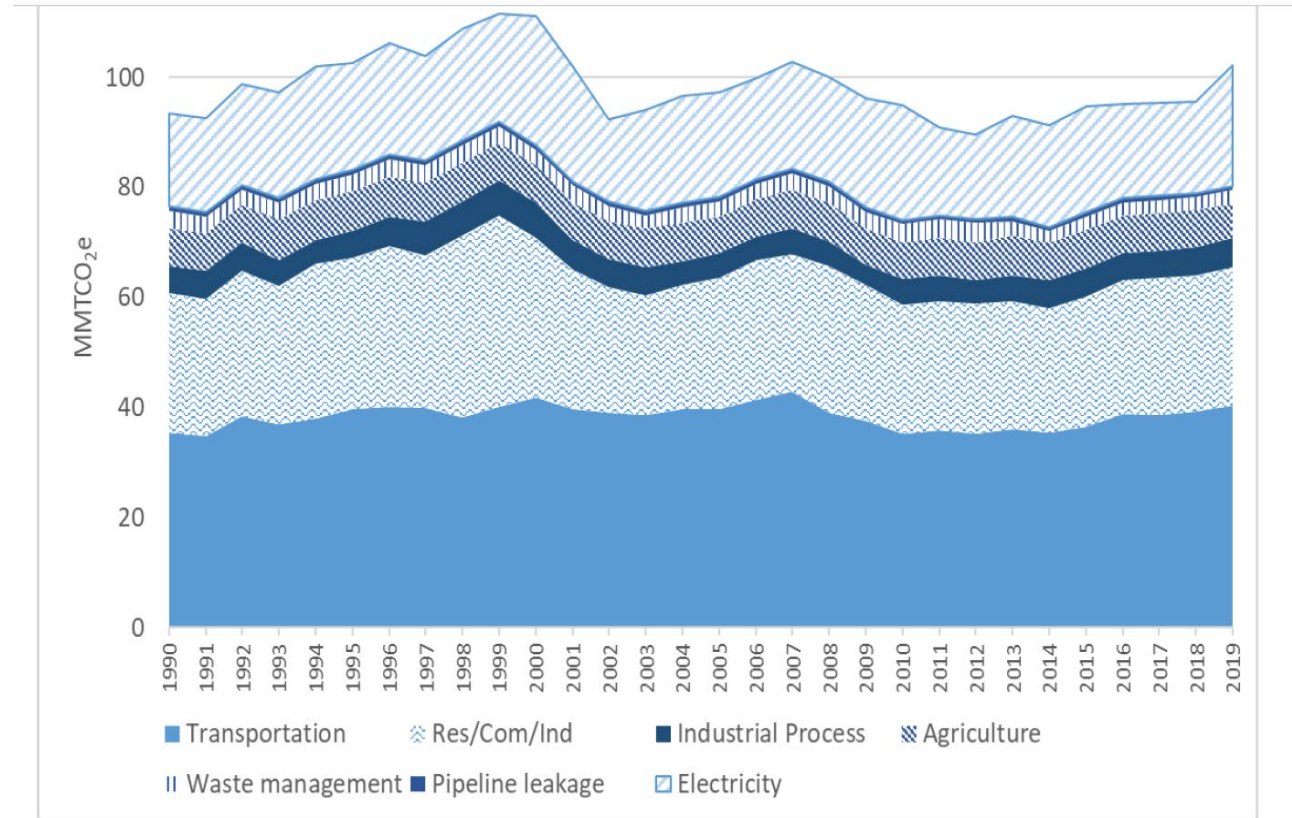


Figure 1. Washington's total GHG emissions 1990-2019 in MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e

# Timeline

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# Project advisory groups

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- **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



# Definitions and data



# Resilience

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**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

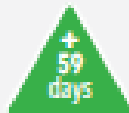


## Extreme Heat

Annual days with a humidex\*\* over 90°F



by 2050



by 2080



## Drought

Late summer precipitation (Jul 15 - Sept 15)



by 2050



by 2080



## Wildfires & Smoke

Annual days with high fire danger



by 2050



by 2080



## Extreme Precipitation

Total annual precipitation



by 2050



by 2080



## Flooding

Peak streamflow for streams and rivers



by 2050



by 2080



## Landslides

Intensity of heavy precipitation events



by 2050



by 2080

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

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- 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:
  - Destruction or damage to historical buildings and sites; parks; outdoor recreation areas
  - Physical stress on plants, animals, and soils
  - Water pollution in streams, lakes, rivers
  - Air pollution
  - Physical and mental health impacts on individuals from exposure to heatwaves, smoky air, mold/mildew, landslides/fires/floods, algal blooms, and more



# Greenhouse Gas Reduction

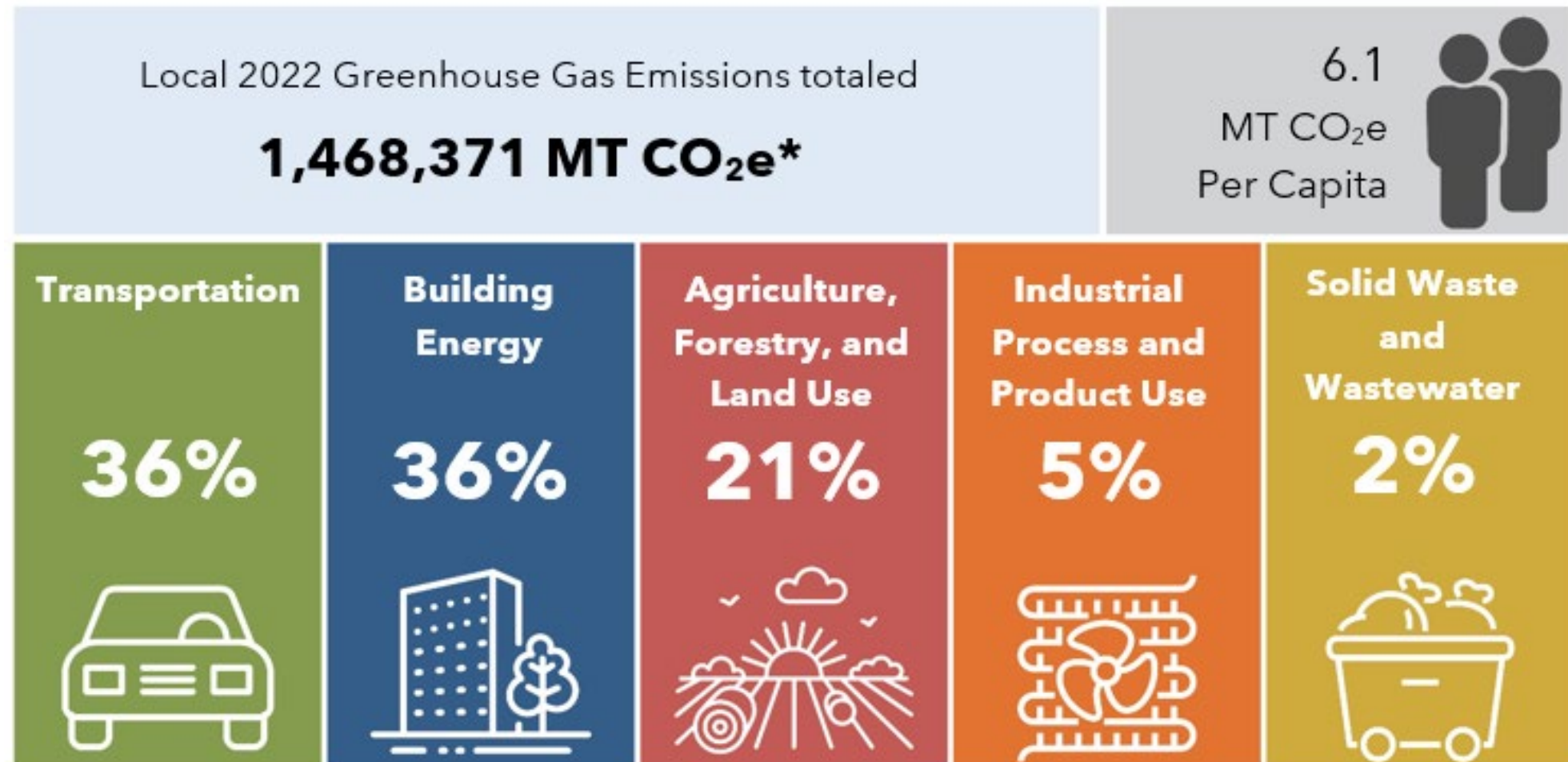
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**Greenhouse gas emissions reduction** means actions taken to reduce or eliminate the emissions of greenhouse gases (present and future) in order to reduce the rate and extent of climate damage.

(WA Dept. of Commerce Climate Element Guidance)



# Unincorporated Clark County Local Emissions - 2022



\*MT CO<sub>2</sub>e is a metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent, a way to add up all greenhouse gasses  
1 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e is roughly equivalent to 113 gallons of gasoline burned  
or the carbon sequestered by 1.2 acres of forest



# Environmental Justice

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## **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)



# Equity and Environmental Justice (EJ) Lens

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

# Example Draft Climate Element Goals

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- 14.7: Connect outdoor recreation to public health. Improve access to green spaces, parks, and recreational areas, which provide opportunities for physical activity, stress reduction, and social connection, contributing to overall health and well-being, while also mitigating urban heat island effects and enhancing resilience to extreme weather events. [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]

# Example Draft Climate Element Goals

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- 14.10: Increase, enhance, and protect County-owned plantings and greenspaces. [GHG, RES]
- 14.11: Promote regenerative and sustainable forestry practices community-wide. [GHG]
- 14.12: Improve public awareness of environmental topics including native plant varieties, benefits, and care; ecosystem functions; water quality and watershed functions; climate science; conservation; human relationships to nature, and ways to reduce an individual's personal carbon footprint. [GHG, RES]



# Example Draft Climate Element Goals

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- 4.3: Identify, protect, preserve, and rewild: environmentally critical areas; riparian areas, wetlands, prairies, and forests; and urban and rural open space. [RES]
- 4.10: Manage the parks and open space of Clark County consistent with protecting water quality and critical areas and with enhancing the recovery of listed species. [RES]. (Note: this is an existing comprehensive plan policy.)





# What's next



# Timeline

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# 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](mailto:jenna.kay@clark.wa.gov)

