

Public Comments for Climate Element

Climate Element Draft 2/18/2025

This table includes the raw comments received between February 18, 2025 to March 19, 2025. This period corresponds to when the online Engage Olympia survey was open. The comments were collected through direct email to City staff, Q&A session at the Timberland Regional Library, the Billy Frank Jr. Community Event as well as a suggestion box at the Timberland Regional Library. There are 73 comments included in this table. Comments collected through the online Engage Olympia survey are included at the end of this document.

The comments in this table were received through conversation and with an engagement activity, where participants would randomly select a goal or policy and respond or write their thoughts about the policy on the back of the paper.

Event	Date	Affiliation	Sub-Element	Comprehensive Plan Chapter	Policy ID (2/18 DRAFT)	Comment
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Land Use and Urban Design	10	I think efforts towards building density will improve public transportation availability, walkability, and non-driving modes of transportation such as biking and scootering. If redevelopment requires energy-saving and sustainably sourced materials, then I think the City can go a long way towards it environmental goals (which is great for all of us!)
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Land Use and Urban Design	12	Yes to collaboration as long as it helps assure compliance with goals of the plan. The public, including property owners, need to be brought on board to make the plan a success
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Land Use and Urban Design	12.3	A great idea for residents and community members. Perhaps having neighbor discussions IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS on how to do it and how to cooperate in putting the rain gardens in. Also talks on landscaping for fire prep
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	16	Recognize passive geothermal availability
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	16	Network energy distribution to take advantage of local production - bidirectional / multidirectional
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	19	housing is more dense - what does this do for home ownership? Apartment complexes don't allow for ownership and diverts this ability
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Natural Environment	22.2	Make it a priority
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Natural Environment	24	All things being related, a healthy aquatic habitat helps provide for healthy shores and beds, for health in sources of food for the creatures that rely on them, a safe environment for people and so on. I think, culturally, it also points towards one communities' values towards the environment

Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Natural Environment	24.1	I love the bay and the seabirds. If the habitat of the bay is degraded, it would be a loss for Olympia residents
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Natural Environment	24.1	Keeping waters cool i.e. riparian restoration and tree planting
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Parks, Arts & Recreation	28.1	Have more extended input from community members on park creation - where, how, what - especially for changes to existing parks
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Parks, Arts & Recreation	30.2	need to incorporate adaptation to sea level rise in the near future with existing building, not with future design.
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Parks, Arts & Recreation	31.1	more trees!
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Public Safety	35	Address geographic distribution of fire protection staffing for mutual aid partnerships
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience, Mitigation	General		It faces the undeniable already existing effects of a changing climate. I would love to see all this implemented more quickly. In fact, I think it needs to be approached with the urgency it requires. We don't have 20 years, and in some cases, we don't even have 10 years. I think it needs to be approached as an emergency and take priority.
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Natural Environment		More trees and requirements for tree planting everywhere possible (not just where trees were taken out)
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Public Safety	36.3	the state has just put a lot of work into this - hopefully the city of Olympia can adopt their recommendations
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Public Safety	37, 38	be sure the city is working together with the county EMS (I'm assuming they would but just to be sure!). I.e. Thurston county public health dept and medical reserve corps (MRC), CERT and other. Work with them in all planning stages as well
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Mitigation	General		Need faster turnaround - 2040 is too late!

Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Mitigation	Public Utilities	42	we need solutions to plastics!! Decrease of production and increase reuse and recycle
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Public Utilities	48.1	The health of Puget Sound’s water has a direct impact on the environment, health of people, and the ability for certain industries with food sources to continue. Personally, I'd love to one day be able to swim in Budd Bay
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Public Utilities	49	show service areas of local and adjacent providers
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Public Utilities	49	show current power sources - scale markers by annual deliveries; public, private, unharnessed
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Resilience	Public Utilities	49	show vulnerabilities to natural disasters fire, volcano, sea level rise, flooding
Library Public Comment	2/25/2025	General Public	Mitigation	Transportation	55	I take the bus - no on street parking on my street but I don't need it or look for any
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Resilience, Mitigation	General		we strongly believe that housing affordability must be integrated throughout all chapters of the comprehensive plan
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Resilience, Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	10	This new goal must consider the potential impacts on housing affordability.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Resilience	Land Use and Urban Design	12	This new goal must consider the potential impacts on housing affordability.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	14	The creation of incentives is essential to achieving this goal.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	14.3	This proposal risks pricing landlords out of business, leading to a reduction in available housing options. The rising costs could force landlords to sell, exacerbating the housing crisis.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	14.4	This is already mandated by the State, and further local requirements would be redundant.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	14.5	We seek clarification on what “prioritizing” retrofits would entail.

Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	14.7	Could you please clarify what is meant by “communitywide capacity”?
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	14.8	Eliminating natural gas from buildings is costly. In addition to the financial impact, the potential increase in electrical service and power distribution costs must be considered.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	15.2	We recommend identifying ways to reduce costs associated with change-of-use requirements.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	15.3	This is a critical area where housing affordability must be explicitly addressed.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	15.4	Deconstruction and material reuse is an expensive process, and there are limited recycling options within the County. Additionally, reclaimed materials may not meet current building codes. Older lumber was not graded, and any reuse would require regrading or approval from structural engineers, adding significant time and costs.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	16.2	This goal should include cost-benefit analyses to assess feasibility. The term “feasible buildings” should be clearly defined.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	16.4	Rather than requiring solar panels, we recommend focusing on effective incentives to encourage their use. Additionally, the phrase “when feasible” requires clear definition
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	19.2	Urban Growth Areas should expand as necessary based on population growth and available land. Maintaining a fixed Urban Growth Area will not facilitate affordable housing development.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Resilience	Natural Environment	21.1	Who will be responsible for evaluating and managing the land under this goal?
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Resilience	Natural Environment	21.2	How will this goal be funded, and who will make the decisions regarding its implementation?

Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Resilience	Natural Environment	22	While we recognize the importance of protecting our natural resources, we must also prioritize land for housing to meet the needs of our growing population. Housing should take precedence in this urban area.
Direct Email	3/18/2025	OMB	Mitigation	Public Utilities	42	How will this goal impact housing affordability? A cost-benefit analysis should be conducted for this goal, similar to our previous comments on Goal 15.4.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	[Name redacted]	Resilience, Mitigation	General, Natural Environment		a monitoring and evaluation process should be explicitly incorporated into the Element policies and actions. to track the effectiveness of implementation, results, and identification of new issues that were not anticipated that will be needed for ongoing preparedness, responsiveness and resilience. progress. A framework for tracking progress should reflect that the Natural Environment itself is affected by Climate Change, as well as impacting the outcomes of the other Chapters. The Element is lacking a 'systems' approach that is fundamental to holistically planning for human needs as part of ecosystems that are at the heart of Climate Change.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	[Name redacted]	Resilience	Land Use and Urban Design	10	Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) should be required for new developments in Urban or rural settings.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	[Name redacted]	Resilience	Land Use and Urban Design, Natural Environment		salmon habitat and schneider creek with west bay yards development. unenforced development regulations, approved variances as well as unapproved (illegal) yet unenforced infractions, and other challenges that continue to lead to both the extent and quality of habitat to degrade.
Library Public Comment	3/19/2025	General Public	Resilience, Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design		It is a moral and policy failing if we are not prioritizing how building reuse can be adapted to ensure housing for all. Empty buildings need to be deconstructed and/or remodeled with the housing crisis in mind first and foremost. Places for shelter and wrap around services!

Library Public Comment	3/19/2025	General Public				Work with tribes to develop and host field trips and activities. Give grants to tribal members to create and lead field trips and activities.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •LED lighting. Install LED lighting in public-sector buildings and infrastructure (e.g., street lights, traffic signals). •Cool roofs. Create an incentive program for the installation of reflective roofs on commercial buildings to reduce building energy consumption and the urban heat island effect.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation	Transportation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Congestion mitigation. Develop congestion mitigation programs to increase transportation efficiency, reduce delay, and reduce emissions such as signalization coordination improvements along with application of speed harmonization techniques (ex. reevaluate speed limits, roundabouts vs signalized intersection, street connectivity). Added benefits are decrease idling time (pollution) and improve fuel efficiency (cost savings to driver). •vehicle efficiency outreach. Develop educational campaigns about benefits (reduced GHG emission, increase fuel efficiency, safety) of properly inflated tires, including signage at gas stations and local businesses and partnering with schools. •teleworking/flex work. Government agencies increase opportunities for employee teleworking options and staggering work days to reduce employees driving during peak traffic times.

Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation	Transportation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EV education. Partner with environmental and other agencies to increase consumer awareness about EV options and incentives for use and purchase. •EV mass purchase discounts. Create a group purchase program for residents to get deep discounts on EVs, other fuel efficient and alternative fuel vehicles. •EV purchase incentives. Partner with car sale and lease dealerships to provide incentives for purchase of electric vehicles by Thurston County residents. Pilot with those neighborhoods, individuals with greatest VMT potential.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation	Transportation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •increase transit. Increase local public transit routes/frequency with a focus on expanding transit service before and after traditional business hours and on weekends. •rider education/benefits. Maintain and expand a regional online page that lists all the mode shift education efforts and employer benefits opportunities (Thurston Here-To-There). Include a comments section for suggestions to further transit education and ridership. •promote transit benefits. Work with employers and transit agencies to develop ways to incentivize employee ridership (ex. rebates for employees who give up use of employer parking facilities).
Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •municipal energy efficiency. Conduct efficiency improvements to municipal water and sewage treatment systems. Prioritize components that consume the most energy and have high GHG emissions.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •nitrous oxide capture. Research and implement nitrous oxide mitigation strategies and strategies to avoid or reduce nitrous oxide emissions. Present findings and cost vs benefits analysis to policy makers to determine what changes should be made.

Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation	Economy		•supply chain. Provide free technical assistance to local businesses in reducing the carbon intensity of their supply chains.
Direct Email	3/19/2025	TCAT	Mitigation	Natural Environment		nutrient management. Provide education and incentives (e.g., grants, loans, technical assistance) reduce nitrous oxide emissions when managing fertilizer.
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience	Public Safety	35	Happy to hear and see the desire to address fire control in the changing fire risks
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience, Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	10	oriented houses and buildings for passive solar
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience, Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	10	do not bulldoze and clear cut to put in houses / buildings. Leave as many trees and native plants as possible. We need the trees to, especially the big ones, to sequester GHGs
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience, Mitigation	Transportation	61	make our communities pedestrian communities by locating businesses like grocery stores, family restaurants and little shops in the community so we can walk, not drive, (for our health!), to meet our needs.
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design		Industrialization need to be kept in the area. Want to ensure self-sufficiency and not offshoring jobs
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience	Parks, Arts and Recreation	34	This is a good goal. However, I don't go to the park enough to see if this is posted
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience	Public Utilities	48	I hope you're already doing this! Encourage leaning into the aquatic habitat - let nature do the work for you!
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Mitigation	Economy	6.1	Transparency in the supply change! Solar panels, human rights, full carbon footprint
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Mitigation	Transportation	32.1	Good idea - I support this!
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience	Parks, Arts and Recreation	27	Providing robust parks, rec, and cultural services requires stable and predictable funding sources. While there is a levy for parks in place, perhaps a metro parks district could be considered.

Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience	Natural Environment	9.3	We need to keep or plant more trees. Besides their aesthetic value they help store water and most important clean the air. Forested areas with trails help keep us in tune with nature as well
Billy Frank Jr. Event	3/19/2025		Resilience, Mitigation	Land Use and Urban Design	18	sounds good

Survey Responses

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Engage Olympia

Project: Olympia 2045: Climate Action & Resilience



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Respondent No: 1

Login: Registered

Responded At: Feb 19, 2025 11:59:37 am

Last Seen: Feb 19, 2025 19:57:09 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

You've covered a lot of bases. Well done.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

In the resilience/adaptation piece, there needs to be a mental health component. How will the city be prepared to support citizens should a severe climate event impact residents through displacement and emotional suffering? (thinking Asheville flooding or LA fires).



Respondent No: 2

Login: Registered

Responded At: Feb 19, 2025 12:23:55 pm

Last Seen: Mar 18, 2025 21:25:20 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

The statements provide good guidance, but the impact is in how development is actually implemented.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

We should have specific goals for increase in tree canopy and amount of increased carbon sequestration.



Respondent No: 3

Login: Registered

Responded At: Feb 19, 2025 15:03:49 pm

Last Seen: Feb 19, 2025 22:34:51 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Strongly agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

Climate change will clearly increasingly affect everyone in the city in direct and indirect ways. We need to respond to those increasing risks in our planning, doing what we can to reduce our contributions to the problem and improve our ability to live with any long-term effects we can't reduce or avoid.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

1. Develop a system for assessing the potential reductions in emissions from various proposed City investments to allow comparisons among proposed steps of the estimated cost of expected reductions in dollars/tonne CO₂e or some similar metric. (I think that the city's actions to address climate change are currently siloed – each department makes its own proposals. There's no consideration of whether we might get more reductions for the money if it went to some other possible action that's part of some other department's budget.) 2. Strengthen Policy 10.9. We should require southern roof orientation in new single family construction where feasible. (A 2015 National Renewable Energy Laboratory study concluded that roughly half of US homes don't have roofs that are suitable for solar. Many of them have simply been built in projects that could have been laid out to allow south facing roofs equally well. As solar gets cheaper and cheaper, it's short sighted to build homes now that are oriented to make it infeasible to add solar to them in the future. 3. Strengthen Policy 14.3. We should require minimum levels of efficiency as part of rental licensing standards, not simply "Evaluate and consider" establishing them. Generally, renters have very little ability to improve the efficiency of their buildings, and owners don't have many incentives to improve them unless they're paying the utility bills. Rentals make a very significant part of our housing stock, and we need regulations to get them upgraded. 4. Assess the effectiveness over time of audit and disclosure programs' efforts to reduce emissions. 5. Explore ways to support more fundamental shifts in personal transportation such as car sharing, micro-mobility, and fleets of autonomous vehicles. If feasible, advocate for having Intercity Transit create neighborhood electric car-sharing programs, on the analog of its van pool program. (IT already has a lot of people who are not IT employees driving IT vans for the vanpool program. It might be expanded to allow groups of neighbors to share a couple of EVs parked in their neighborhood, rather than having each household buy its own EV and having that sit in the driveway most of the time.) 6. Work to reduce local consumption emissions through education and outreach programs. (For bookkeeping reasons, to avoid double counting, our current greenhouse gas inventory only covers the emissions that are produced in Thurston County. The goods and services we buy and consume here, produce roughly as many emissions as the ones that are produced here and addressed by our current plan. The City's ability to regulate those is extremely limited, but there are lots of things it could do to educate residents about ways they could reduce those emissions and to promote those steps.



Respondent No: 4
Login: Registered

Responded At: Feb 20, 2025 08:13:59 am
Last Seen: Feb 20, 2025 16:00:17 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Strongly agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

I care about the environment and having a livable healthy vibrant community for current and future generations. A healthy and resilient natural environment, and reducing and mitigating climate change, are key to making that possible. There is a ton of good content in the plan, but I worry the city doesn't have sufficient staff capacity and funding to actually act on and achieve these goals. Please ensure you have capacity to follow through!

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

Consider more explicitly stating goals around moving to the softest shoreline armoring possible across public and private property (in order to support natural beach processes), including via collaboration with ShoreFriendly Thurston. Second, please consider a goal around converting (or supporting private property conversion of) surfaces from impermeable to permeable, paved to green, and lawn to native plants (perhaps an increased % native plant cover) goal, as a secondary/companion goal to the smart growth/urban infill (avoiding ecologically important areas) goals already in the plan.



Respondent No: 5

Login: Registered

Responded At: Feb 20, 2025 09:27:31 am

Last Seen: Feb 20, 2025 17:24:38 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?**

Strongly agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

I like the forethought and the attention to detail

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?**

Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

I would want some policies around reuse of rainwater and some attention around using solar power when and if available during the year



Respondent No: 6

Login: Registered

Responded At: Feb 20, 2025 14:31:30 pm

Last Seen: Feb 20, 2025 22:28:43 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

Olympia carefully considers the impacts of climate change on the community. The effort to address the issues (sea level rise, food security, heat impacts, etc.) is comprehensive.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

More emphasis on the interconnectedness of different policies. For example, replacing lawns with native plants affects pollinators, water infiltration and filtration, stormwater runoff, and if the native plants are edible, food security.



Respondent No: 7

Login: Registered

Responded At: Feb 20, 2025 17:46:20 pm

Last Seen: Mar 19, 2025 20:33:22 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

I think it is a comprehensive document as it should be!

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

I understand that the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment informed much of this work. I really think that Assessment underestimates the risk of wildfire smoke. While it is probably accurate to assume the risk of impact directly from a wildfire is fairly low, I think the risk- and the health/economic/social impacts- of smoke from fires that are 50-150 miles away will have a devastating impact on residents and businesses in our area. Therefore the draft policy stating "Develop public-private partnerships to ensure adequate indoor facilities are available for outdoor events impacted by extreme heat or wildfire smoke to continue" should not limit developing indoor facilities as an alternative to outdoor events but much more critical is to develop such facilities for all residents during smoke events which can be for days and even weeks. When you experience a week of AQI over 400 (as many have in OR), you understand the very real health dangers for people without proper air filtration systems- which includes a large portion of our households.



Respondent No: 8

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 03, 2025 11:52:55 am

Last Seen: Mar 03, 2025 19:26:32 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Disagree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

Too many goals. An excessive amount of policy and regulation increasing costs to getting anything done in Olympia. Also a continued divide between the halves and have nots. The middle class continues to get squeezed and lost in these efforts. Need a stronger economic development plan/focus for downtown Olympia and Urban growth areas that benefits everyone not just those towards the bottom and top of the socio economic scale.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

Reduce the number of goals down to 10. With a more concise focus there will be an improved chance of getting things done with a greater positive impact to all of our communities and those that visit. When everything is a priority nothing is a priority.



Respondent No: 9

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 06, 2025 08:03:30 am

Last Seen: Mar 06, 2025 15:48:21 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Not sure/Don't know

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

I would like to hear about being in close relationship with tribes and promoting tribal leadership in land and water stewardship/restoration. I would like to see clear wording about tax breaks to developments, especially along the water, and condemnation from projects like the West Bay development. Climate mitigation requires that we restore the waterways and stop thinking we can build large developments without causing more harm. Other aspects I was happy to see, like the commitment to being a key player in the estuary restoration. I appreciate # 34.2 and hope to see this more visibly.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

Stronger wording and condemnation for the high cost developments going in. An end to significant tax breaks for these developments. A commitment to restoring the waterfront. Working with DNR to protect the county's legacy forests. Attending to salmon streams (I may have missed this). Following Tribal leadership in all aspects of future thinking. More community education, more substantive change from a values perspective. I would like to see the city follow through on these and put an end to this West Bay development and all projects like it moving forward. It is clearly harmful to all (community, neighborhood, water health, wildlife, climate mitigation, etc) but those making money off the project.



Respondent No: 10

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 10, 2025 21:11:09 pm

Last Seen: Mar 11, 2025 03:57:22 am

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

Broad statements good. Needs more specifics to take action to save lives in our new climate crises. In particular, extreme heat is our greatest public health hazard by far, yet gets part of one wishy washy sentence: POLICY: Coordinate with regional partners to develop and implement extreme heat and wildfire smoke strategies. Prioritize actions and resources towards populations most vulnerable to extreme heat and wildfire and smoke events.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

Olympia needs to commit the resources to create an effective city heat response plan before it is too late. It must coordinate and add to the Thurston County Extreme Heat Emergency Response and Illness Prevention Plan, and the plans to be develop by the other jursidictions.The text needs to reflect this comittment.



Respondent No: 11

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 12, 2025 09:29:01 am

Last Seen: Mar 12, 2025 16:25:10 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

I like most of what im seeing, some pieces i dont understand as i dont have a background in reading these kinda documents particularly when it comes to economic section. This all feels like steps in the right direction I am curious on timetables of these thigns andhow progress is being measured if that makes sense

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** No

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

not answered



Respondent No: 12

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 12, 2025 11:29:53 am

Last Seen: Mar 12, 2025 18:04:30 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Strongly agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

There are a lot of current and new actions that prioritize the types of policies that promote environmental sustainability and resilience.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Unsure

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

In terms of urban density, I think it would be helpful to highlight to both rural and urban residents how the allocation of resources which may seem to be concentrated in urban areas also work to preserve rural environments. Increased density and modes of transportation in urban areas will hopefully prevent the kind of suburban sprawl that's so damaging to the environment and movement. This is incredibly important work you all are doing, especially considering the likelihood of an increasing number of residents in the area, an aging population, and the environmental challenges that lie ahead. In section 48.1 I could not understand if one goal was to convert some of the many city-owned flat surface parking lots (especially those for government agencies) to surface areas that are better able to absorb rainfall and decrease heat retention, but I think that finding resources for that type of work and perhaps a requirement for new developments to use permeable surfaces or other methods to mitigate heat island effect would be worthwhile. In section 55.2, the changes to parking charges would seem to encourage use of public transit, but I would like to see routes expanded, or at least better connections with Pierce Transit in terms of getting to an from the Tacoma area, which currently relies on a bus change in Lakewood.



Respondent No: 13

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 12, 2025 13:00:54 pm

Last Seen: Mar 12, 2025 18:49:36 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Strongly agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

I support the City of Olympia taking proactive efforts to combat the causes and effects of climate change. Thank you to everyone involved in these efforts

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Unsure

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

Although I support the use of "sticks" such as building codes, etc to mandate the adoption of environmentally friendly/climate sensible practices, I do worry about the law of unintended consequences. I think that many people already perceive that Olympia (and Washington in general) is too onerous and expensive to live in, build in, and do business in. The potential for a whole host of new fees and rules associated with climate is very real. That isn't to say that sometimes taxes and fees are not warranted and effective ways to drive behaviors. But consideration must be given before just adding "one more small fee" to the price of living and doing business in Olympia.



Respondent No: 14

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 13, 2025 14:23:57 pm

Last Seen: Mar 13, 2025 21:21:54 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

The general direction is comprehensive and goes a long way in addressing the climate needs of our area.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** No

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

not answered



Respondent No: 15

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 14, 2025 10:00:34 am

Last Seen: Mar 14, 2025 16:56:17 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Strongly agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

Climate change is the single most important issue we face today

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Unsure

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

As a person who lives away from the city center, I'd like to see zoning regs change so that my neighborhood could have amenities such as a bodega, coffee shop, bakery, restaurant, bar, and other micro businesses within it that would enable me to drive less. That might involve allowing people to open businesses in their homes or auxiliary structures



Respondent No: 16

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 15, 2025 15:12:05 pm

Last Seen: Mar 15, 2025 22:07:12 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Strongly agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

I was impressed by the scope of the goals and I am overall hopeful about what projects and policies they may inspire.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

1. There wasn't any obvious language about making sure that people are not priced out of the new urban areas outlined in sections 18 and 19. Homelessness is also an environmental issue. 2. In section 25 there could be policy language that promotes smart agricultural practices that reduces on field nutrients to prevent nutrient runoff in waterways. 3. How can 30.1 be balanced with also preserving important shoreline ecosystems? Could this line's language also include something like, "...while protecting fragile and important shoreline ecosystems."? Possibly specifying target shoreline development. 4. There is no microplastic language anywhere. It could be appropriate to talk about addressing the issue of microplastics in the public utilities chapter. 5. 52.1 - added language "Reshape the transportation system so that it's easier AND SAFE to walk or roll, bike, or take transit than to drive." There is a huge difference between a bike lane that is just paint versus a separate bike lane with a divider for safety. 6. Section 54 There is no language for supporting local transit workers in their ability to make a living wage. If expansion of public transit is the goal (a great goal), jobs in this sector could be sought after and it is important to protect those workers. 7. It really feels like there could be more language about involving indigenous groups overall. I don't have a more specific feedback here.



Respondent No: 17

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 18, 2025 13:12:57 pm

Last Seen: Mar 29, 2025 06:50:43 am

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Disagree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

It prioritizes the climate and equity over housing affordability. it is something that is not addressed. each of the required items should be looked at its affect on affordable house. Today that is the most pressing issue in our community

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

Goal 10. consider effects on housing affordability Goal 12. consider effects on housing affordability Goal 14. create incentives do not mandate 14.3 must consider costs to the landlords. Or Olympia will lose housing stock. Landlords will sell to others. 14.4 is being done by the state already 14.5 how would the city "prioritize" retrofits? 14.7 what is "community wide capacity"? 14.8 eliminating natural gas from buildings and is expensive. Costs also need to include potential increases in electrical services and power distribution. 15. 15.2. find ways to reduce costs associated with change of use requirements 15.3 At what cost? Housing affordability is needed in the equation 15.4 is expensive! Currently there are few options within the county to recycle. And to reuse is very labor intensive. And reclaimed material may not be graded in such a way they can meet building codes. Older lumber was not graded. So, to use reclaimed lumber it requires it to be graded or approved by structural engineers. 16.2 should have cost benefit ratios done. It states on ALL buildings and does not define feasible. 16.4 use incentives instead of requiring solar panels. "when feasible" needs to be defined. 19.2 urban growth areas need to expand when growth and available land dictates it. Not "maintain it stable" WE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING! 21.1 by who? 21.2 by who and funded by who? 22. What about land for housing? trees are not more important 42. should have cost benefit ratios done. How will the effect housing affordability?



Respondent No: 18

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 18, 2025 20:44:33 pm

Last Seen: Mar 19, 2025 02:49:23 am

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

There is attention preventing and reducing heat islands when designing high density urban development.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

The Land Use and Urban Design Chapter Goal 10 should include a Policy: An EIS is required for any proposed development that impacts shoreline of watersheds or water quality, salmon habitat and riparian quality due to roadway traffic or building stormwater runoff, taking into account risks of extreme weather events, sea level rise, or heat island effects. Add a Policy: Require an EIS for shoreline development consistent with Natural Environment Chapter Goals. T



Respondent No: 19

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 19, 2025 15:31:59 pm

Last Seen: Mar 19, 2025 22:28:44 pm

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

They are mostly in line with the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP). 56 of 72 TCMP Actions are included in the Draft Goals and Policies.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

There are still 15 TCMP Actions missing from the Goals and Policies. These should be included in the final version.



Respondent No: 20

Login: Registered

Responded At: Mar 19, 2025 17:39:02 pm

Last Seen: Mar 20, 2025 00:35:58 am

Q1. **Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of these draft goals and policies?** Agree

Q2. **Why did you answer the way you did?**

Many good things are in here but, it does not include the specific items of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan and it needs to do that.

Q3. **Would you like to see any changes to these draft goals and policies?** Yes

Q4. **What changes would you like to see?**

As this survey does not allow for attachments I will email in the letter from the Local Good Governance Coalition.
