



Action Plan Community Indicators

Why Have Community Indicators?
Indicators are a way for us to track and share our progress in achieving our Comprehensive Plan vision and goals.

Unless otherwise noted, indicators are community-wide and the data is reported annually.

Learn more about Olympia's Action Plan at olympiawa.gov/takeaction

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Community, Safety & Health



- Rate of citizen satisfaction with their involvement in City decision making
- High School 5-year graduation rates
- Emergency response times
- How safe do residents feel in Olympia?
- Hours of participation in parks, arts, and recreational activities
- Number of mental health calls to which fire and police respond
- Percentage of residents who have nearby access to a source of healthy food
- Number of individuals who are homeless in Thurston County

Downtown



- Sales tax revenue
- Retail/office vacancy rates
- Housing mix (market rate to low income ratio)
- Peak-hour parking occupancy on weekdays
- Percent of survey respondents rating Downtown as clean and safe
- Number of community-wide arts venues or special events
- Number of historic and cultural sites

Economy



- Gross local production
- Percent of jobs that are living wage or higher
- Percent of business owners rating Olympia as a good place to do business
- Number of arts-related businesses
- Condition of City infrastructure

Environment



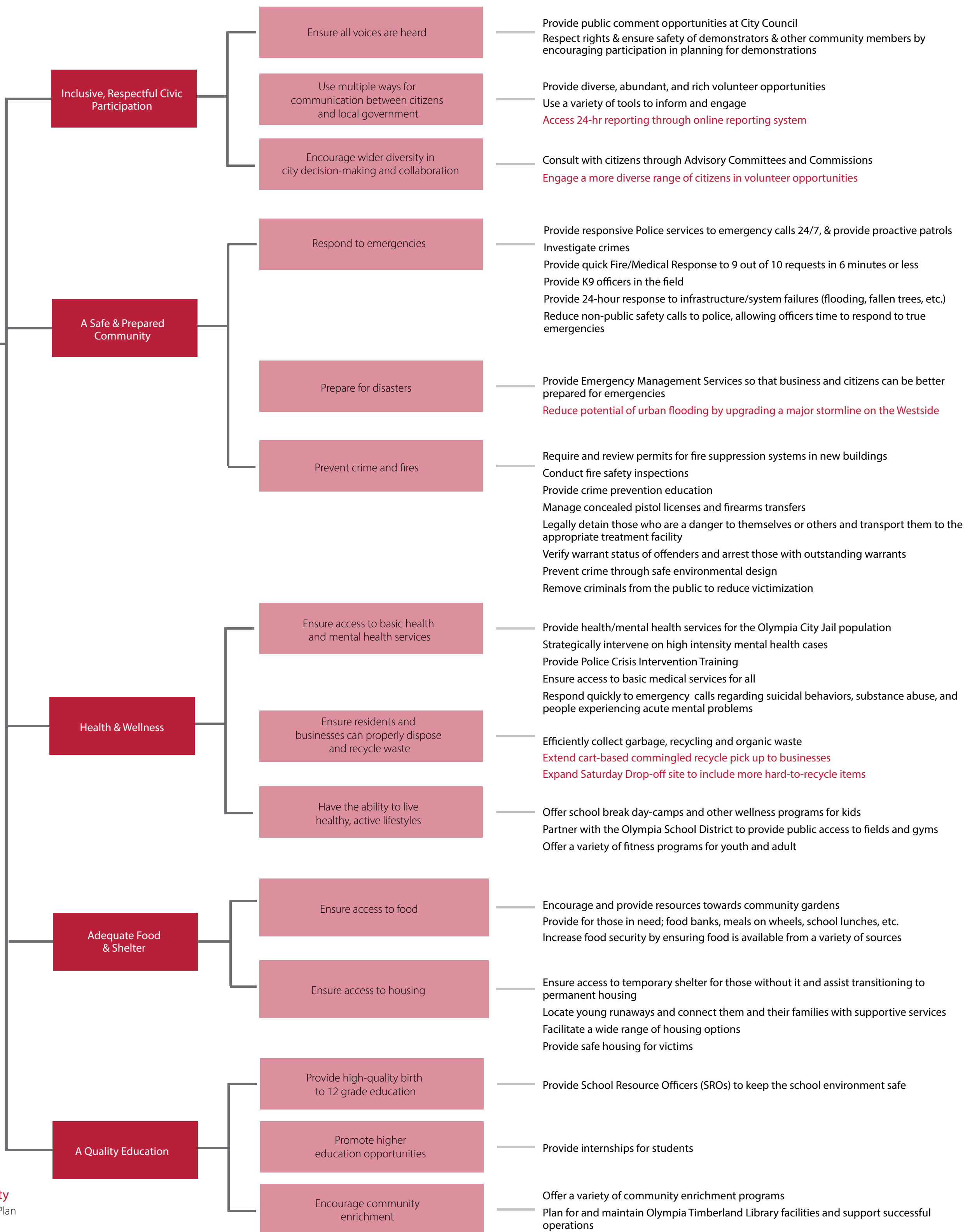
- Acres of preserved green space per capita for public use or environmental benefit
- Tons of solid waste per capita going to landfill
- Percent compliance with clean drinking water standards
- Citywide greenhouse gas emissions
- Percent of residents using alternative forms of transportation
- Number of sites with contaminated soil cleaned up

Neighborhoods



- Percent of households within recognized neighborhood associations
- Percent of residents rating their neighborhood as a desirable place to live
- Percent of residents rating their neighborhood as safe
- Percent of housing units within 1/2 mile walking route to essential services
- Percentage of City located within 1/2 mile of a park or open space

Community Indicators



Provide public comment opportunities at City Council
Respect rights & ensure safety of demonstrators & other community members by encouraging participation in planning for demonstrations

Provide diverse, abundant, and rich volunteer opportunities
Use a variety of tools to inform and engage
Access 24-hr reporting through online reporting system

Consult with citizens through Advisory Committees and Commissions
Engage a more diverse range of citizens in volunteer opportunities

Provide responsive Police services to emergency calls 24/7, & provide proactive patrols
Investigate crimes
Provide quick Fire/Medical Response to 9 out of 10 requests in 6 minutes or less
Provide K9 officers in the field
Provide 24-hour response to infrastructure/system failures (flooding, fallen trees, etc.)
Reduce non-public safety calls to police, allowing officers time to respond to true emergencies

Provide Emergency Management Services so that business and citizens can be better prepared for emergencies
Reduce potential of urban flooding by upgrading a major stormline on the Westside

Require and review permits for fire suppression systems in new buildings
Conduct fire safety inspections
Provide crime prevention education
Manage concealed pistol licenses and firearms transfers
Legally detain those who are a danger to themselves or others and transport them to the appropriate treatment facility
Verify warrant status of offenders and arrest those with outstanding warrants
Prevent crime through safe environmental design
Remove criminals from the public to reduce victimization

Provide health/mental health services for the Olympia City Jail population
Strategically intervene on high intensity mental health cases
Provide Police Crisis Intervention Training
Ensure access to basic medical services for all
Respond quickly to emergency calls regarding suicidal behaviors, substance abuse, and people experiencing acute mental problems

Efficiently collect garbage, recycling and organic waste
Extend cart-based commingled recycle pick up to businesses
Expand Saturday Drop-off site to include more hard-to-recycle items

Offer school break day-camps and other wellness programs for kids
Partner with the Olympia School District to provide public access to fields and gyms
Offer a variety of fitness programs for youth and adult

Encourage and provide resources towards community gardens
Provide for those in need; food banks, meals on wheels, school lunches, etc.
Increase food security by ensuring food is available from a variety of sources

Ensure access to temporary shelter for those without it and assist transitioning to permanent housing
Locate young runaways and connect them and their families with supportive services
Facilitate a wide range of housing options
Provide safe housing for victims

Provide School Resource Officers (SROs) to keep the school environment safe

Provide internships for students

Offer a variety of community enrichment programs
Plan for and maintain Olympia Timberland Library facilities and support successful operations



Outcomes



A vibrant, attractive urban destination

Attract people to live, work and play Downtown

- Coordinate traffic control and provide public safety services for special events
- Repair Downtown sidewalks
- Promote and enhance Percival Landing to be a family friendly waterfront
- Enhance Artesian Commons through the Artesian Leadership Council
- Improve streets (Capitol, Franklin, Washington, Jefferson and Legion) for all modes of travel

Encourage investment while preserving Downtown's unique and historical qualities

- Ensure predictable permitting processes for business/development with opportunities for strategic incentives
- Adopt and implement strategies for future development in Downtown
- Analyze and evaluate significant public views and adopt code amendments to protect them
- Implement the Greening Capitol Way project
- Update City design standards

A safe and welcoming Downtown for all

Make Downtown safer and cleaner

- Ensure daytime walking patrol availability during regular shopping hours
- Support the rights of people to demonstrate while ensuring people are safe and traffic flows
- Collect garbage and recycling from street-side litter bins
- Support the Downtown Ambassador program
- Utilize nighttime walking patrol during prime entertainment hours
- Increase availability of Downtown public restrooms
- Develop centralized waste collection areas
- Install shared-use compactor for businesses

Strategies

Mitigate the effect of sea level rise

- Complete a response plan for sea level rise
- Update building regulations to enhance protection from flooding

A mix of urban housing options

Balance market rate housing and low-income housing

- Develop Downtown housing strategy

A variety of businesses

Promote commercial activity Downtown

- Partner with Downtown businesses and associations for marketing programs, contests, etc.
- Update the City parking strategy and clearly communicate services and information to customers
- Update zoning to allow for appropriate light industrial uses

Implement a Community Renewal Area (CRA)

- Facilitate a Water Street redevelopment project strategy
- Promote the redevelopment of the former Griswold's property

Connections to our cultural & historic fabric

Preserve and promote unique historic and cultural features

- Provide historical and cultural interpretive opportunities
- Develop and implement a historic preservation strategy
- Evaluate and expand the designated historic district
- Connect existing assets and investments

Engaging arts & entertainment experiences

Create more opportunities for events, art, music & entertainment

- Develop the "Music Out Loud" project
- Establish a "creative district"

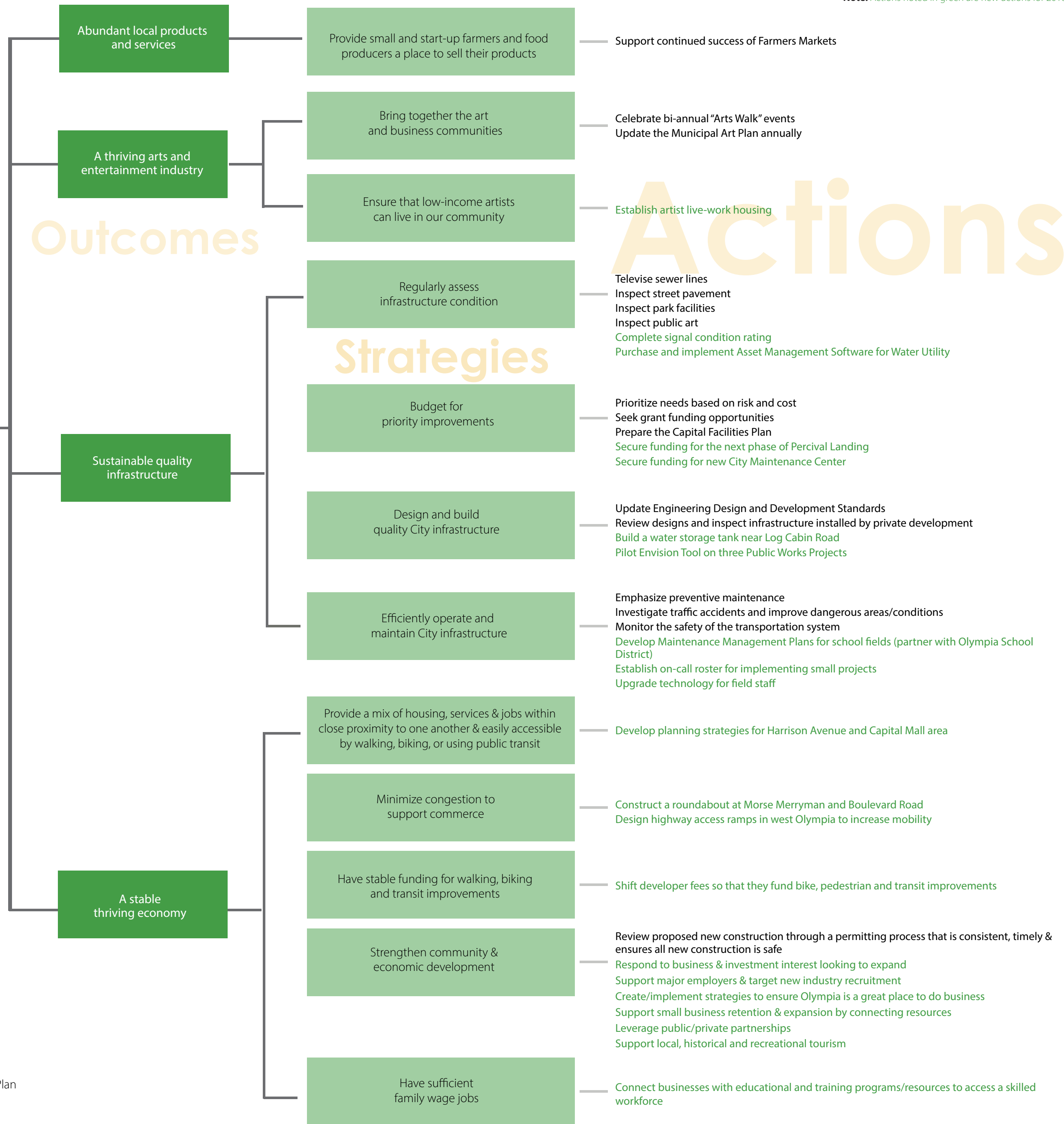
Support modern venues for community and cultural events

- Maintain the Washington Center building and support successful operations

Actions



Outcomes



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Clean Water & Air

Improve & protect drinking, ground and surface water quality

- Protect drinking water, groundwater & surface water quality to ensure we meet or exceed all state and federal regulations
- Motivate citizens to take action to protect air and water quality through environmental education
- Infiltrate and/or treat rainwater locally so that waterbodies are not negatively impacted
- Facilitate septic to sewer conversions
- Convey/treat wastewater; and respond to spills
- Construct stormwater treatment on 4th Avenue, East Bay Drive, and Harrison Avenue**
- Make innovative stormwater practices the common approach to land development**

Create attractive walking, biking and transit options

- Plan and build an efficient, safe and diverse transportation system
- Develop transportation education and incentive programs
- Build bike corridors**
- Review and update development regulations to promote living and working on major streets with quality transit, pedestrian and biking opportunities**
- Prioritize buses at traffic signals**

Reduce greenhouse gases

- Implement a multifaceted approach to reduce energy and fuel consumption in City operations and fleet
- Expand implementation of one-side road solid waste collection**
- Participate in the development of a regional Climate Action Plan**
- Plan an infrastructure that encourages electric vehicle use**

Strategies

A Daily Connection to Nature

Foster an appreciation for nature

- Educate and promote environmental stewardship through a diversity of programs
- Increase outdoor recreation opportunities for youth and families**

Manage our urban forest effectively

- Create a tree inventory and assets management strategy through our inter-departmental Urban Forestry Team**

Develop and plan for future park developments

- Provide convenient neighborhood parks
- Complete West Bay Park Master Plan**
- Construct Grass Lake Trail**

Preserved, Quality Natural Areas

Expand our open space and natural area

- Purchase open space (park land)

Protect our sensitive natural areas and wildlife

- Plan and implement restoration projects utilizing staff and volunteers
- Prevent or mitigate environmental impacts during review of new development
- Improve aquatic habitat on public and private property
- Adopt code provisions to protect locally important species when permitting new development**

A Toxin-Free Community

Manage City operations utilizing an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach

- Update and coordinate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan citywide
- Increase the number of pesticide-free parks**

Prevent and clean up contaminated sites

- Increase investigations and clean up of priority contaminated properties**

Develop and implement a public toxic awareness /education program

- Eliminate the purchase or use of neonicotinoids on City land/property**

A Waste-Free Culture

Conserve drinking water supply

- Encourage water conservation by businesses and residents

Reduce or prevent amount of solid waste disposed

- Collect recycling and organic materials, diverting garbage from the landfill
- Promote grasscycling and backyard composting
- Provide waste-prevention education to 3rd grade and 6th grade classes**
- Inspect recycle/organics carts for contamination & provide customers with feedback**
- Increase recycling and composting at community events**



Note: Actions noted in blue are new actions for 2016

Outcomes

Actions

Strategies



Distinctive places and gathering spaces

Provide gathering spaces

Promote park shelters and facilities
Explore public/private partnerships to create neighborhood centers/nearby gathering places

Identify potential park locations to serve high-density residential areas

Assess urban corridors for potential & plaza sites
Build Woodruff Park playground

Meet or exceed standards in the Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan

Purchase and develop community/neighborhood parks and open space

Nearby goods and services

Ensure walking and biking are viable, attractive options

Build 22nd Avenue sidewalk
Build Ensign Road pathway
Build Fairview pathway

Promote small businesses in neighborhood centers

Update neighborhood centers zoning requirements

Neighborhoods that are engaged in community decision making

Address collaboratively neighborhood level needs and priorities

Offer neighborhood matching grants
Involve the public in our park planning processes
Support the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations and address priority issues
Adopt subarea plans for Olympia's neighborhoods

Safe and welcoming places to live

Improve safety for park and facility users

Cleanup transient encampments
Implement the "Safe & Secure" parks initiative

Promote neighborhood festivals

Collaborate with neighborhoods to create social events and celebrations

Accommodate neighborhood growth in a sustainable manner

Review and update development regulations to promote infill residential development

Work to reduce crime

Provide education to the community about crime prevention techniques
Promote graffiti removal program

Promote awareness of neighborhood crime trends and educate citizens how they can help themselves

Promote neighborhood emergency preparedness
Communicate what actions police are taking to reduce crime
Provide crime statistics and public safety information to the public