Olympia

Olympia Comprehensive Plan Excerpts: Sea Level Rise Goal and Policies

GU11. The City uses best available information to implement a sea level rise management plan that will protect Olympia's downtown.

PU11.1 Evaluate different scenarios for sea level rise, including varying magnitudes and time horizons, and develop a progression of adaptation and response actions for each scenario.

PU11.2 Develop plans, cost estimates and financing options for addressing sea level rise that include regulatory, engineering and environmentally sensitive solutions.

PU11.3 Maintain public control of downtown shorelines that may eventually be needed to help manage flood water.

PU11.4 Incorporate sea level rise planning into the design of public and private infrastructure where needed.

PU11.5 Use the best available science and the experiences of other communities in formulating plans for sea level rise.

PU11.6 Partner with government entities and other key stakeholders, such as, the federal government, State of Washington, LOTT Clean Water Alliance, Port of Olympia, Squaxin Island Tribe, downtown property owners, businesses and residents, environmental groups, and other interested parties.

PU11.7 Engage the community in a discussion of various sea level rise scenarios, how the City will respond to lessen the impact, and what the costs would be.

PU11.8 Require development to incorporate measures, such as higher finished floor elevations, that will reduce risks and avoid future costs associated with rising sea levels; and to encourage acknowledgment of such risks by state and federal agencies.