

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, REGARDING THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TITLED *CREATING PLACES PRESERVING SPACES: A SUSTAINABLE PLAN FOR THE THURSTON REGION (2013)*.

WHEREAS, in 2011, thirty partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work in cooperation to complete a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (Plan) for the Thurston Region; and

WHEREAS, this effort was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Thurston Task Force was convened by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) to undertake the development of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia was an active member of the Sustainable Thurston Task Force, along with other cities, Thurston County, Intercity Transit, Housing Authority of Thurston County, Washington State Departments of Commerce and Enterprise Services, TRPC's Transportation Policy Board and panel chairpersons representing the Blue Ribbon Economic Development Panel, Health and Human Services Panel, Housing Panel, Local Food Systems Panel, Public Outreach and Education Panel, Public Safety Panel, North and South County Schools and Transportation Panels, Water Infrastructure Panel, and Energy workgroup; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community members participated on topic panels, developing white papers and strategy briefs to help inform Plan development; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was informed by local data, research, modeling, and surveys; and

WHEREAS, thousands of residents considered the challenges and opportunities facing our community; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Thurston Task Force articulated the following vision for the Thurston Region: *In one generation – through innovation and leadership – the Thurston Region will become a model for sustainability and livability. We will consume less energy, water, and land, produce less waste, and achieve carbon neutrality. We will lead in doing more while consuming less. Through efficiency, coupled with strategic investments, we will support a robust economy. Our actions will enhance an excellent education system, cultivate a healthy environment, and foster an inclusive and equitable social environment that remains affordable and livable. We will view every decision at the local and regional level through the sustainability lens. We will think in generations, not years. The region will work together toward common goals, putting people in the center of our thinking, and inspire individual responsibility and leadership in our residents; and*

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Thurston Task Force completed the Plan, identifying 12 priority goals and targets, and approximately 300 actions to enhance quality of life, foster economic vitality, and protect the environment while balancing our needs today with those of future residents; and

WHEREAS, continued coordination, tracking, and education will be essential to the successful progress toward these goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has a history of regional collaboration and coordination on activities of mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, this Plan can only be successful if implemented on a community-wide basis with business groups, nonprofits, other government entities, community groups, neighborhoods, and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council accepts the document entitled *Creating Places Preserving Spaces: A Sustainable Development Plan for the Thurston Region (2013)* as a resource for providing background information, informed actions, and a viable template for a coordinated approach to sustainable development in the Thurston Region; and

Section 2. The City of Olympia will participate in the coordinated consideration of the Sustainable Thurston Vision through continued partnership opportunities; and

Section 3. The City of Olympia acknowledges a continuing role of the Thurston Regional Planning Council, as funds are available, to raise awareness, look for best practices, monitor priority goals and targets, and lead supportive regional efforts.

Section 4. The City of Olympia will move the Plan forward to their respective staff and planning groups for integration, as appropriate, of relevant actions into local plans, regulations, and programs.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2014.

STEPHEN H. BUXBAUM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY