

# Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan

Let's decide together how to save energy, act on climate change, and build a stronger community.

Climate change is already affecting our communities. Impacts like hotter summers, wildfire smoke, and flooding endanger our homes and affect public health and local business. Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater are working with the Thurston Regional Planning Council to craft a strategic roadmap for reducing climate-polluting greenhouse gases while maintaining—and even improving—our quality of life.

## WHY WE ARE ACTING NOW

Climate scientists project that by the 2080s, we can expect:



More days  
above 90 °F



Double the  
area burned by  
wildfire in WA



5 more days of  
the heaviest rain  
experienced today

Acting now means we can avoid the worst impacts of climate change for our children and grandchildren. Taking action now can also bring other benefits to the community, like reduced energy costs, better air quality, more transportation options, and enhanced recreational areas.

## OUR PLANNING PROCESS

2019 ..... early 2020 ..... late 2020

- Identify the top actions to meet our targets.
- Actions cover topics such as transportation, energy, and land carbon storage.
- Decide which organizations will take on each action.
- Make sure local rules support those actions.
- Release draft plan.
- Revise and finalize plan.
- Continue to work with the community to take climate action.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

The plan will lead directly to projects and resources spent in communities.

Here's how you can help determine which projects we undertake and where we should focus our resources:



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**ASK QUESTIONS** and share your climate action priorities at public events and in surveys.



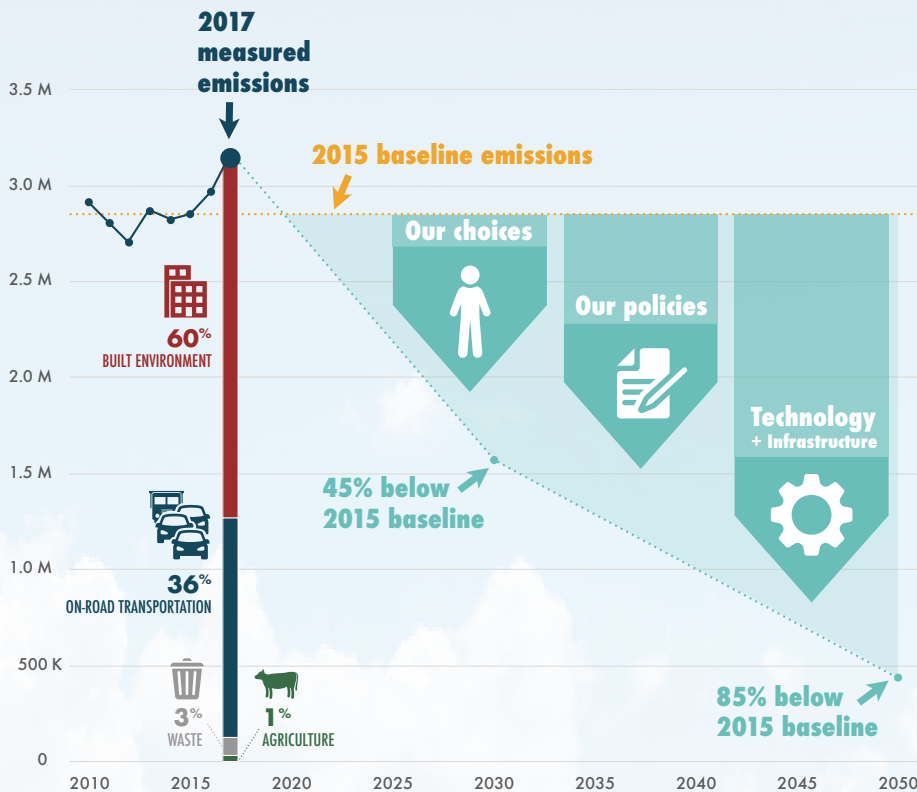
**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK** about the draft Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (available in 2020).

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## WHERE DO WE NEED TO GO?

In 2018, Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater set targets to reduce carbon pollution emissions **45% below our 2015 baseline by 2030** and **85% below the 2015 baseline by 2050**. These targets are in line with those set by other countries and communities around the world to minimize global temperatures.



## HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

To meet these shared targets, all communities will need to take action across a variety of sectors—especially from buildings and transportation, which make up the bulk of emissions.

We will explore actions that support:



Choices that reduce or prevent greenhouse gas emissions.



Policies and legislation that promote climate goals.



Investment in technologies and infrastructure that advance a low-carbon future.

Meeting these targets will not be easy—we will all need to play our part. The region's growing population will make reaching the goal even more challenging. **The average person in Thurston County will need to reduce their carbon footprint by 90% by 2050 to meet our target.**

## YOU CAN HELP US GET THERE!

**Make your voice heard!** In 2019, visit us at a fair or festival booth, take a short survey on community climate priorities, or attend a community briefing. In 2020, provide input on the draft Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan through a survey or open house.



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