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Sustainable Washington 2009: Planning for Climate Change

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History

- Livable Washington, 2002
- Livable Washington Update, 2005
- GMA Public Info hand out, 2006
- Formation of CSI Committee, 2008
- Sustainable Washington, 2009



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Climate & Sustainability Initiative

Members/Activities

- 25 members
- Monthly conference calls
- Meet at annual conference
- Leading **Sustainable WA** effort

5 Purposes

1. Raise awareness of **Planner's roles**
2. Feedback on state proposals
3. Information sharing
4. Analysis of pending legislation
5. Develop policy positions



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Topics for Ch. 3: Actions

Topics address:

- Getting Started
- Making a Commitment
- Expanding the Commitment

1. Hazards
2. Ecosystems & Water
3. Energy
4. Waste
5. Land Use
6. Mobility
7. Food Systems & Ag
8. Construction
9. Social Equity
10. Public Health
11. Economy



Sample Action Item

Land Use

- **3.14.2 Target funds to compact development areas.**
- Designate “priority funding areas” regionally where local governments have planned for compact development. Some areas may currently be without transit but have short- and long- term goals for the evolution of focused growth areas that will support a range of multi-modal travel over time. The process should include meeting with local developers, landowners, builders and architects to enlist their help in revising outdated rules to encourage the kinds of development and redevelopment envisioned in plans. (Local, Regional, and State Action)



Sample Page

The Harvest Celebration Farm Tour is a project of the Washington State University King County Extension, in partnership with King Conservation District and King County. The annual event promotes local farms by bringing thousands of urban dwellers to talk to farmers and walk their fields, enjoy family hay rides, run through corn mazes and eat produce fresh off the field.

<http://king.wsu.edu/foodandfarms/HarvestCelebration.html>



3.7.2 Develop farmland preservation ordinances.

Washington State is losing farmland, with 460,000 acres of farmland lost between 1997 and 2007 ([source](#)). Incorporate a 'no-net-loss' policy for important agricultural land into local comprehensive plans and specify programs and techniques for protection. Designate agricultural resource lands in local plans with consideration to local food security, including supplies for local food banks, schools and institutions. (Local Action)

3.7.8 Encourage Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Provide incentives for CSAs and other small to medium farms with local direct market opportunities to use organic and sustainability-oriented practices that conserve water, build soil structure, and store carbon. Facilitate development of [CSA farm networks](#), information provision, and technical assistance for market change. (Local Action)

3.7.9 Encourage local food sources.

Provide for community farming and farmers markets in local land use plans in order to reduce the fuel required to transport food products to market. (Local Action)



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Web-based Information Suite

1. Sustainable Washington 2009: Planning for Climate Change

- Web-based document

2. Executive Summary

- 8-page printed mailer

3. Survey of Planners, 2008

4. Wiki of Planners Stories

- Interviews with staff
- Open to additions/updates

5. Policy Sampler

- Compiled policies for CTED



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Wiki of Background Info

- Concept is to provide an open system for information sharing
- Successes AND challenges
- 12 interviews conducted
- **Hotlinks to cities' website information**



Hotlinks to Examples

29 Case Studies

- 2 to 3 Case studies for each topic
- Examples of mitigation and adaptation
- Web sites for more information

Cities profiled: Bainbridge Island, Bellingham, Burien, Issaquah, Kirkland, Olympia, Redmond, Snoqualmie, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma,, Vancouver, Washougal,

Regions profiled: Chelan County, Clallam County, Clark County, Columbia Gorge, King County, Mid-Columbia Region, Snohomish County, Whatcom County,



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Hotlinks to Sources

1. Cascadia Green Building Council

Case studies of green buildings and neighborhoods

2. UW Climate Impacts Group database

Adaptation case studies

3. CTED

Sustainable communities info on website

4. AWC: City Stories

Article on local city actions

5. MSRC resource info

Smart growth and sustainable development on website

6. ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

Success stories articles



Schedule

- Document peer review - *July*
- Board Approval -*August*
- Interviews for Wiki – *July & August*
- Sustainable WA web – October
- interviews posting – Oct/Nov
- Sustainable WA mailer – Oct/Nov



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Thank you!

Questions?