

AGENDA ITEM #9



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**MEMBERS:**

- City of Lacey
- City of Olympia
- City of Rainier
- City of Tenino
- City of Tumwater
- City of Yelm
- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Town of Bucoda
- Thurston County
- North Thurston Public Schools
- Olympia School District
- Tumwater School District
- Intercity Transit
- LOTT Clean Water Alliance
- Port of Olympia
- PUD No. 1 of Thurston County

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

- Lacey Fire District #3
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- The Evergreen State College
- Thurston Economic Development Council
- Timberland Regional Library

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council

FROM: Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner *[Signature]*

DATE: November 26, 2019

SUBJECT: *The Profile* - Data, Trends, and Analyses for Thurston County

Program Area	Mission Statement
MPO/RTPO	
X Core Services	C
Contract Services	
Grant Services	

**PURPOSE**

Staff will provide an overview of information from the 2019 edition of *The Profile*.

**Summary:**

- *The Profile* is the single-most comprehensive and reliable source of information about jurisdictions within Thurston County.
- TRPC has published *The Profile* annually since 1982.
- A summary of the type of data found in each chapter of *The Profile* is provided.
- Preview the document at <http://www.trpc.org/TheProfile>.

**REQUESTED ACTION**

None. This is informational only.

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## BACKGROUND

*The Profile* is an annual compilation of data, trends, and analyses for Thurston County and the cities and towns within. The document, originally published in 1982, serves a wide variety of users needing current, accurate data for the region. Indeed, *The Profile* has developed a reputation as the single-most comprehensive and reliable source of information about Thurston County.

The *Sustainable Thurston Report Card* complements and frequently takes data from *The Profile*. Staff has streamlined the *Report Card*, and data from the *Report Card* has been moved over to *The Profile*. To date, more than 60 topics covering nine subject areas are included in *The Profile*.

## ISSUES

The 2019 edition of *The Profile*, which can be found online at [www.trpc.org/theprofile](http://www.trpc.org/theprofile), contains information on the following:

- **Statistical Profiles:** One-page data summaries for the county, cities, and tribes.
- **Land Use:** Land area and annexations; urban centers and corridors; land cover and impervious surfaces; open space tax programs; agriculture; and building space.
- **Population & Demographics:** Population estimates and projections; life expectancy and mortality; household size and type; race and ethnicity; language spoken at home; disability; and crime and public safety.
- **Housing:** Housing estimates and projections; subdivision activity; building permits; home sales; housing affordability; ownership and tenancy; apartment rents and vacancy; and homelessness.
- **Transportation:** Vehicle ownership; commuting trends; transit ridership; freight data; gas prices; and vehicle miles traveled.
- **Employment:** Employment estimates and projections; wages; and unemployment rates.
- **Economics:** Income and poverty statistics; taxable retail sales; cost of living; and the consumer price index.
- **Education:** School enrollment; graduation rates; school district diversity; higher education; and educational attainment.
- **Water:** Water use; marine and freshwater quality; drinking water; and water wells
- **Environment:** Air quality; solid waste; wastewater management; energy use; and salmon population.

New to the 2019 edition of *The Profile* are data on urban centers and corridors; life expectancy and mortality; and salmon population.

## CONCLUSION

Please review the 2019 edition of *The Profile* and help us to spread the word about this comprehensive resource for Thurston County data. Additionally, please help us understand how you utilize information within the document and whether it meets your needs. Individuals may contact Katrina Van Every at 360-956-7575 with comments, questions, or other feedback.