Today’s Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Overview of project and emissions sectors
3. Group Action Review Activity
4. Group Discussion
5. Public Comments
Mitigation addresses the cause

Mitigating the effects of climate change by reducing human output of heat trapping gases into the atmosphere

• Actions that include:
  • Reducing the sources of these gases
  • Reducing demand
  • Enhancing the sinks or sequestration that store these gases

The goal is to avoid significant human disruptions to the climate system to stabilize greenhouse gas levels in a timeframe sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change
Phase 1 Overview

- Thurston County, Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and TRPC agreed in April 2018 to complete Phase 1 of a plan to reduce regional emissions that contribute to global climate change.

**Phase 1 entailed:**
- Assessing each jurisdiction’s climate goal or target.
- Adopting a common emissions baseline and targets.
- Assessing actions each jurisdiction has adopted or implemented.
- Approving an interlocal agreement and scope of work for Phase 2: Develop a Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.
Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan

**Project Schedule**

**Summer 2019**
- Public Outreach
  - Fairs & Festivals
  - Online Survey
  - Interviews & Briefings
- Develop Communitywide Action lists

**Fall 2019**
- Analyze actions for identified criteria
- Develop scenarios

**Winter 2020**
- Complete analysis
- Draft Plan
- Begin developing jurisdiction-specific strategies

**Spring 2020**
- Public review of Draft Plan
- Community Open Houses

**Summer 2020**
- Monitoring Framework
- Final Plan
- Final jurisdiction-specific strategies

**Fall 2020**
- Adopt Plan
- Implementation

*Project schedule dates are estimates and subject to change.*
Adopted Emissions Targets
Thurston County, Lacey, Olympia & Tumwater

• **Reduction Targets:**
  • Reduce communitywide emissions
  • 45% below 2015 levels by 2030 and
  • 85% below 2015 levels by 2050.

• **2015 Baseline:**
  • 2015 inventory of countywide emissions ~2.84 million MTCO₂ equivalent
  • Incorporates real energy, solid waste, agricultural, and transportation data from PSE, TRPC, and other sources.
Source of Emissions (2016) for Thurston County, Lacey, Olympia, & Tumwater
From Thurston Climate Action Team, August 2018
Communitywide Actions List

• 5 Sector Focus Group Meetings
• 600+ action comments from Public Outreach
  • ~300 Actions

• Consolidated → 276 Actions
  • Buildings & Energy: 62
  • Transportation & Land Use: 81
  • Water & Waste: 57
  • Agriculture & Forests: 49
  • Cross-cutting: 27

• COMBINED actions that seemed similar or related
• DEPRIORITIZED actions that were too vague or had little benefit.
• ADDED actions with potential that were not already on the list
## Criteria – Adopted 10/24/2019

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GP = Guiding Principles, adopted 8/29/2019
Strategies agriculture & forests

1. Reduce emissions from agricultural practices
2. Support agricultural practices that sequester carbon
3. Support production of less-carbon-intensive agricultural products and local food markets
4. Preserve existing trees, forest lands, and open space
5. Manage forests to sequester carbon
6. Reduce emissions from the urban landscape
7. Increase carbon sequestration in marine environments
Questions?
Group Activity

**agriculture & forests**

**Objectives**

1. Review ranking of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Potential
2. Assess actions for “Control” and “Speed of Deployment”
3. Identify priority actions
Criteria #1

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Potential

The annual quantity of greenhouse gas emissions an action will avoid or sequester as of 2030.

- Emission sector addressed
- Scope of action
- Confidence/Probability of impact
Criteria #2

Control

Extent to which one or more of the project partners can influence the implementing parties, or create the necessary regulatory structure.

1. Advocate
2. Voluntary partner
3. Official partner (e.g., MOU)
4. Funder
5. Implementor or regulator
Criteria #3

Speed of Deployment

Minimum time possible between decision to recommend an action, and achievement of the annual GHG reduction potential.

- Requires legislative action?
- Technology exists?
- Funding mechanism exists?
Supports one or more regional goals:

- Ecosystem health
- Social equity
- Economic benefit
- Climate adaptation
- Other regional goals
Group Activity

Guidelines

• Review action & GHG ranking
• Individually: Rank each action, 1-5 (BOTH Criteria)
• Group: Review ranking in your group – adjust ranking, if necessary and note rationale/comments
**G1.6 - staff training**

Develop climate mitigation practices for government employees at work and require they be implemented. Set outcomes to measure effectiveness.

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| Control | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Leg action? | N | |
| Tech exists? | Y | |
| Funding exists? | Y | |

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Group Activity
agriculture &
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Guidelines

• Individual: Can’t decide on a rank?
  • Leave it blank and ask your group

• Group: Can’t decide on a rank?
  • Note the range of opinions in the comments
Group Activity

agriculture & forests

Full Group Review

• Review ranks as a group, enter into spreadsheet
• Add up the scores
• Post Action cards in # Order
Group Activity
agriculture & forests

Green Light/Red Light

• Write your initials on your dots.

• Using your Green stickers, indicate the THREE actions you think must be in the final list.

• Using your Red stickers, indicate any THREE actions that you would be comfortable leaving out of the plan.
Discuss priority actions as ranked and rationale

Other thoughts/strategies?
Thank you!

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