

Climate Change Advisory Committee

Annual Report and Workplan for 2025

2024 Activities

Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP)

The CCAC supported the completion of the final report and developed recommendations on implementing the report's findings. The ETIPP report provided recommendations on how we can become 100% carbon free by 2040 (a Climate Action Plan goal) and increase our resilience to climate change.

Community Heat Pump Installation Program

The CCAC worked closely with City staff on the development and promotion of the program. This program addresses priorities related to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the CAP

EV Charging Infrastructure Code

At the Councils request, the CCAC developed recommendations on an EV charging code for commercial (non-residential) and multifamily properties. This required extensive data gathering, community outreach, and working with City staff.

Zero Emissions Landscaping Ordinance

At the Councils request, the CCAC worked with the Race Equity Advisory Committee (REAC) to develop recommendations on an ordinance to transition to zero emissions landscaping tools. This required extensive data gathering and coordination with REAC and City staff.

Electrification Expo

Several CCAC members helped coordinate the Electrification Expo attended by over 400 people in September. The purpose of the Expo was to provide information that inspires participants to take individual and collective action to reduce their home energy use and to advocate for changes on the local, state, and federal level.

Intercounty Climate Partnership

CCAC members coordinated with several other small city local climate groups (Edmonds, Shoreline, Lake Forest and Kenmore) to discuss matters concerning their Climate Action Plans. The group has met twice, and we are hoping to bring in City staff and Council members.

2025 Workplan Priorities

GHG Inventory

Provide support as needed on the 2023 GHG emissions inventory showing progress towards the emissions reduction goal set in the Climate Action Plan.

Kicking Gas Heat Pump Pilot Program

Work with staff to summarize findings from the pilot program and draft next steps to advance action 3.A.2.b in the Climate Action Plan to identify and apply for grants and subsidies for energy efficiency improvements for low-income residents to address equity concerns.

E-Bike Voucher Program

Support outreach for this new incentive program aimed at providing vouchers to income eligible residents for the purchase of electric bikes that will advance action 4.A.1.g in the Climate Action Plan calling for policies to support usage of electric bikes (e.g. invest in public charging infrastructure, and work with community organizations like Helpline House to provide subsidies for low-income residents).

ETIPP Technical Assistance Reports

Continue to provide support for next steps towards implementation of pathways and planning for costs to achieve 100% renewable electricity on the island and opportunities to increase the resilience of the electric systems on the island.

Climate Lens & Framework

Support piloting the climate tool that applies a climate framework to outreach and decision making that advance actions 5.A.1.b, 6.A.1.c, and 7.D.1.a of the Climate Action Plan that calls for climate-informed decision making.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

Convene multiple engagement events with the public to solicit feedback in preparation for the update of the Climate Action Plan called for in action 9.C.1.b.

Comprehensive Plan and Winslow Subarea Plan Support

Review and provide Committee feedback on draft plans, as requested by the Council and staff.