



Climate Action Plan 2024 Progress and Update

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OVERVIEW

- 2024 Progress Report
- New Update of Actions
 - Preview of final actions for June adoption Resolution



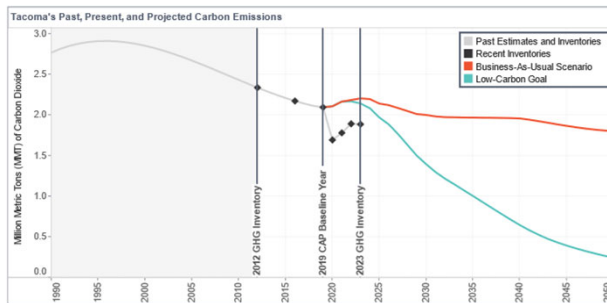
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PROGRESS UPDATE



Greenhouse Gas Inventory Results



CAP Actions Update



New CAP Public Dashboards

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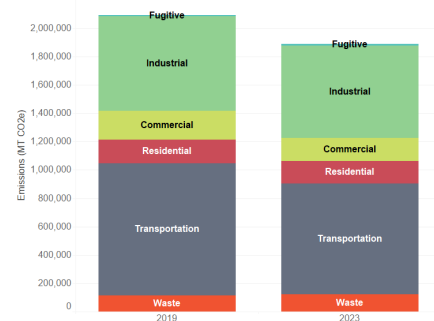
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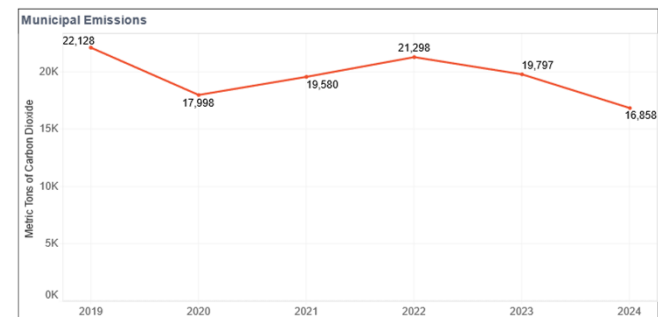
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Community-wide Emissions



Municipal Emissions



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7 KEY OBJECTIVES



Increase complete, **connected**, **safe** neighborhoods and active and zero emission mobility

Reduce energy emissions from new and existing **homes** and buildings

Increase waste prevention and circular economy **opportunities**

Cultivate green **jobs** through a just transition

Empower climate leaders through engagement and transparency

Increase **healthy** natural systems & local food access

Prepare and protect our people, ecosystems and infrastructure from worsening climate impacts

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NATURAL SYSTEMS AND LOCAL FOOD



Colibri Farm at the Recycle Center

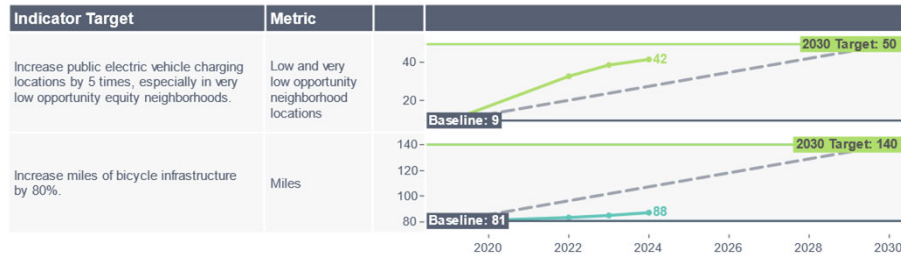


Palmer Scholars learning GSI

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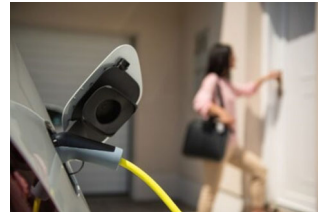
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MOBILITY AND LAND USE



Home in Tacoma

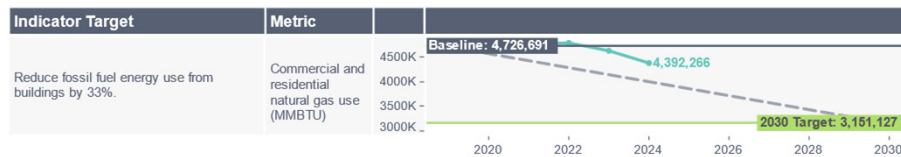
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BUILDINGS AND ENERGY



THE SWITCH IS ON



WA Clean Building Symposium

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CONSUMPTION AND MATERIAL MGMT

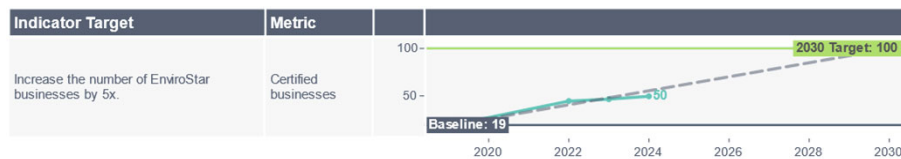


Recycling Ambassadors

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GREEN ECONOMY



Congratulations to the Fall 2024 PNW E-Contractor Academy graduates! In partnership with the City of Tacoma, Emerald Cities Collaborative is working together to provide contractors with education and connections to decarbonize our built environment.



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GOVERNANCE AND ENGAGEMENT



Community Climate Justice Summit

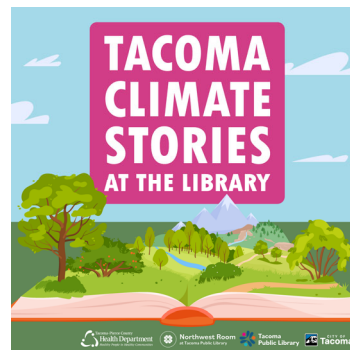
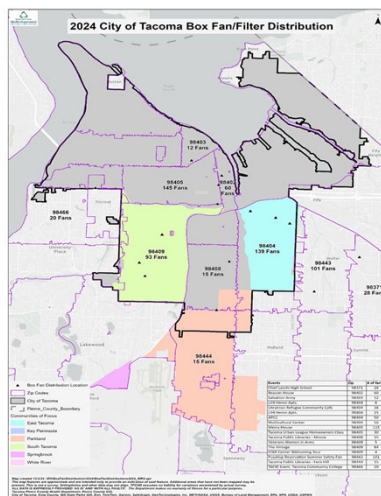


17th South Sound Sustainability Expo

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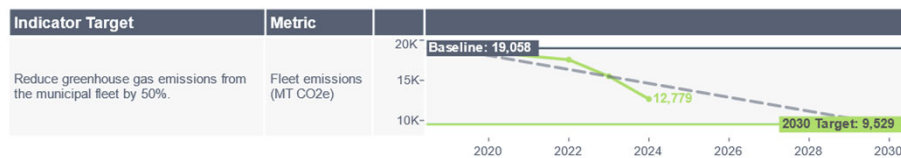
ADAPTATION



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CITY LEADING BY EXAMPLE



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2025 UPDATE



Why?

- ✓ 2021-2024 actions expired
- ✓ Focus on 20 highest priority actions
- ✓ Keep 2030 Indicator Targets
- ✓ New complementary engagement
- ✓ Resilience emphasis

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WHAT WE HEARD

Mobility and Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer streets to walk, bike, and roll on and a diversity of electrified public transit options • Traffic-calming, complete streets with features like bulb-outs, protected bike lanes, and rain gardens • Reducing air quality impacts from heavy and medium duty trucks
Building and Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in incentives for heat pumps/air conditioning • Industrial emissions reductions
Consumption and Material Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better networks for reuse and resource sharing • Responsible recycling • Expanded options for wood waste and tree removal

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Green Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce development prioritized for green economic development • Support for assistance to transition current industry towards decarbonization
Governance and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded education on environmental matters and more communication on the City's climate action • More aggressive policy-making and implementation
Natural Systems and Local Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting, increased tree canopy, and maintenance to keep areas clean and safe • More green space for community food projects and mental health
Climate Adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worry about extreme summer temperatures and want more options to cool down both in their homes and in public • Community resiliency, including hubs

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DRAFT Near-Term Actions 2025 - 2027	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create finance plan & seek funding to complete Vision Zero by 2035 and the City's bicycle and pedestrian network by 2050. 2. Support curbside public EV charging with right-of-way guidebook for charging strategies. 3. Implement the recommended actions of the Tideflats Subarea Plan that project our lands and increase green jobs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate with public and private partners towards a variety of efficient and healthy building retrofit solutions. 2. Advocate for building codes that accelerate decarbonization for the 2026 State building code cycle. 3. Reduce water usage during summer months 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop program to increase salvaged material from residential wood framed structures 2. Increase financial support for waste prevention leaders & reach more diverse community groups. 3. Increase food waste diversion programs & implement Organics Management Laws 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide training & resources to build capacity in community groups regarding climate equity. 2. Increase communication & staff engagement around climate equity 3. Pilot a climate budget report that outlines City funding programming for climate equity work 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct enhanced business engagement to industrial & manufacturing firms. 2. Engage directly with businesses about the EnviroStars business recognition program. 3. Reengage Sustainability Professionals Network with green business tours. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update the Critical Areas Ordinance to preserve urban natural resources & adapt to climate change. 2. Consider tree preservation citywide. 3. Create open space acquisition plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with partners to develop a Sea Level Rise Master Plan to determine needed adaptation actions. 2. Coordinate with partner agencies & organizations to create a Resilience Hubs program.


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DRAFT Long-Term Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support expansion of 15-minute neighborhoods through land use and zoning amendments. 2. Conduct a subarea plan and EIS for South Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center that prioritizes green business and clean transportation. 3. Increase capacity for greater transit and multimodal coordination. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate feasibility of home energy score program for greater transparency for buyers/renters. 2. Pilot neighborhood-scale electrification programs. 3. Adjust building bonus structures to incentivize more affordable units. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support industrial symbiosis through business outreach. 2. Enhance safe waste diversion strategies for high GHG impact materials at Transfer and Recovery Center 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop virtual green accelerator for mid-sized firms. 2. Collaborative procurement plan with the Port and TPU. 3. Work with partners to pursue circular economy businesses. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop right-of-way tree maintenance program 2. Implement actions from Urban Hardwood Utilization Study. 3. Explore edible and culturally important landscapes for harvesting on Open Space. 4. Enroll all passive, ES-managed open space land in active restoration and maintenance by 2036. 5. Seek urban farm opportunities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design and build infrastructure along coastline to prepare for sea level rise. 2. Develop and implement an urban heat resilience strategy. 3. Review and update Shoreline Master Program.

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Departmental Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study flooding impacts on roads, infrastructure, and steep slopes. 2. Develop Climate and Resiliency element of Comprehensive Plan. 3. Develop Fleet Decarbonization Accelerator Program. 4. Create departmental infrastructure for EV storage and charging. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure city buildings exceed compliance with the WA Clean Building Performance Standard. 2. Ensure City buildings comply with WA Clean Building Performance Standard 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase fleet capital budget to accelerate low emission vehicle replacement. 2. Ensure Solid Waste facility is aligned with WA Clean Building Performance Standards and City standards. 3. Reach compliance with WA Landfill Methane Emissions Reduction. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide regular communication on climate activities to our community 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage with business community on sustainability. 2. Redesign business greening resource toolkit to reflect legislative shifts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advance Complete Streets implementation with focus on trees. 2. Naturalize and revegetate four stormwater ponds. 3. Use climate adapted-species in Open Spaces. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support TPCPD in providing filter fans and air purifiers to at-risk community members.
Supporting Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and implement freight electric charging. 2. Support a robust transit system, which can be safely accessed by pedestrian and bicycle connections. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partner with Pierce Co. WorkForce Central to write targeted manufacturing workforce development plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Implementation of 2040 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support elected officials in the Pierce County Climate Collaborative. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invest in Workforce Central's upskill/reskill services. 2. Support creation of and expand pre-apprenticeship programs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partner with Pierce Conservation District to revitalize Open Space Volunteer Program and develop a Backyard Habitat Program 2. Support neighborhood fruit tree greening 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support design and building of climate ready coastal infrastructure.

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NEXT STEPS

- June: Resolution for CAP Update adoption
- Continue CAP implementation
- April 2026: 2025 CAP Progress Report

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