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To: Jeffrey Delapena; Gary Medvigy; Karen Bowerman; Michelle Belkot; Glen Yung; Sue Marshall; Kathleen Otto;

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Subject: Re: Reminder: County to host interactive community workshop on greenhouse gas reduction

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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD 10, 2024

October

Dear Mr. Delapena and Clark County Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc., representing it's membership, believes the best way to reduce greenhouse gas, here in Clark County, is to make full use of the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad for commerce and transportation. It is ideally situated diagonally through the county, accessing every community in the county for 33 miles. By using this mode of transportation, the reduction of greenhouse gas would be dynamic.

In particular, it will dramatically reduce truck traffic on rural roads, while allowing commuter travel for personal use. CCCU understands that environmental groups are opposed to using the railroad, which doesn't make sense. One would think those groups would embrace train travel, as that is becoming the go-to trend in transportation. All over the country, trains are coming to the forefront as greenhouse gas reducers. CCCU urges Clark County to get on board with the rest of the nation, as they transition to train travel. The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad is a goldmine of opportunity for Clark County.

Sincerely,

Carol Levanen, Exec. Secretary

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. P.O. Box 2188 Battle Ground, Washington 98604 E-Mail cccuinc@yahoo.com

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 09:11:55 AM PDT, Jeffrey Delapena <jeffrey.delapena@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

This is a reminder that you are invited to participate in the Oct. 19 Clark County Climate Project Community Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Reduction scheduled to take place from 9 to 11 am at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School. Please RSVP by 5pm, Oct. 15 at: https://bit.ly/ghg-reduction-clark-co

Additional details are available in the below news release.

Thank you,

Jenna



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From: Jeffrey Delapena < Jeffrey.Delapena@clark.wa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 11:14 AM

Subject: County to host interactive community workshop on greenhouse gas reduction



COUNTY TO HOST INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION

News Release from Clark Co. WA Communications Posted on FlashAlert: September 25th, 2024 10:43 AM

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Vancouver, Wash. – Members of the Clark County community are invited to participate in a Clark County Climate Project Community Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Reduction. This event is part of a series of activities throughout the year that will inform the county's new climate chapter for its comprehensive plan.

With the passage of HB 1181 during the 2023 Washington State legislative session, Clark County is now required to add a climate change element into its Comprehensive Plan. The new climate chapter will include actions the county can take over the next 20 years to improve community resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and benefit overburdened communities that will be disproportionately affected by the compounding environmental impacts and natural hazards due to climate change.

This workshop will feature a community report on greenhouse gas emissions data and community input to date, an expert guest speaker, and interactive discussions. Together, we will explore strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions locally and create a healthier Clark County.

- Date: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024
- Time: 9-11 am. Doors open at 8:30 am.
- Location: Sarah J Anderson Elementary School, 2215 NE 104th St.
- Spanish language interpretation available by request by 5 pm on Oct. 15. Please note interest when you register.
- Please register by 5 pm, Oct. 15 at: https://bit.ly/ghg-reduction-clark-co

Additional event details, presenter information, and agenda are included in the above link.

Community members will have additional opportunities to provide feedback on this project after this event. The entire climate event series includes:

Resilience

- **Spring 2024:** A survey was conducted to collect community member experience and needs related to severe weather events and weather patterns.
- Early Summer 2024: A community workshop was held to seek public ideas about how to address climate resilience in the unincorporated county. A survey was also conducted as an alternate engagement opportunity for those who could not attend the event.

Pollution Reduction

• Late Summer 2024: A survey was conducted to collect community member priorities on reducing greenhouse gas pollution in Clark County.

• **Fall 2024:** This event! Community workshop seeking public ideas about how to address greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the unincorporated county.

Adoption Process

• 2025: Members of the public will have the opportunity to submit comments or testify to the Planning Commission and County Council about the county's proposed climate chapter for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

To learn more about county climate planning, sign up for project updates, or submit a comment, please visit the project website at https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/climate-change-planning.

The county's Climate Project is being funded by a state grant. The Washington Department of Commerce climate planning grant is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at www.climate.wa.gov.

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