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1.

Clark County is one of the first four counties in WA incorporating HB 1181 mandates into its Comprehensive Plan.

HB 1181 mandates “Climate change and resiliency. Ensure that comprehensive plans, development regulations, and regional policies, plans, and strategies under RCW 36.70A.210 and chapter 47.80 RCW adapt to and mitigate the effects of a changing climate; support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled; prepare for climate impact scenarios; foster resiliency to climate impacts and natural hazards; protect and enhance environmental, economic, and human health and safety; and advance environmental justice.”

2.

The Climate Commitment Act (CCA), WA’s landmark policy that forces polluters to pay, provides funding for climate mitigation solutions and is a model being considered by other states. Our good work now on Comprehensive planning may be amplified by other counties that will undergo Comp Planning on later timelines.

3.

We have a new, more favorable County Council! This is the time to ask for what we want.

4.

The City of Vancouver’s Climate Action Framework is a template (and a testament to good work already done). In some cases we can ask Clark County to match the goals the City of Vancouver has set.

5.

The deadline for the County and cities within the County to complete their Comp Plan updates is 12/31/25. This means we need to move quickly to ask for what we would like to see in the “Land Use

Alternatives” section of the Comprehensive Plan. The Dept of Commerce already extended the deadline by six months.

- No major or non-contiguous additions to Urban Growth Boundary for any cities
(see HB 1181, (2) Reduce sprawl. Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development.)
 - Request council reconsider the directive to staff to address each UGB request in order to allow staff to work on developing a Comp Plan that fulfills HB 1181 mandates.
 - Support urban and suburban density
 - Require infill before Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansions are allowed
 - Support the state’s Complete Streets requirement to provide equitable alternatives to car transportation and the City of Vancouver’s Complete Streets program.
 - Support 15 minute neighborhoods, which the City of Vancouver is implementing.
~Legalize neighborhood cafes.
~Support conveniences at intersections.
 - Prioritize affordable housing
 - Provide incentives/support for developers to build infill housing and density by adding Assisted Dwelling Units(ADUs); build more duplexes and condominiums; provide larger multifamily units; convert garages; and build residences over retail.
 - Create reform policy to allow for co-housing, lot splitting and subdivisions.
 - Protect renters from predatory rent increases.
 - Lower costs to build housing – for example by eliminating detached single-family zones.
- (see HB 1181, (4) Housing. Plan for and accommodate housing affordable to all economic segments of the population of this state, promote a variety of residential densities and housing types, and encourage preservation of existing housing stock.)
- Invest in public transportation, transit-oriented development and bike/pedestrian-oriented development.
- (see HB 1181, (3) Transportation. Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled, and are based on regional priorities and coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans.)
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMTs)
 - Right-size local parking requirements
 - 15 minute neighborhoods

- Community cafes
- Housing near jobs
- Conveniences near intersections

- Protect and enhance water quality in aquifers, rivers, streams and lakes

◦ Address “forever chemicals” (PFAs) in Clark County waterways and aquifers, algal blooms in local lakes, springs, etc. Enhance rainwater retention throughout the county and expand wetland areas to project against drought and fire while enhancing water quality.

◦ Include policy that prohibits commercial use of land on or bordering any wetlands, streams or habitat that have known endangered species regardless of mitigation options.

◦ Prohibit Clark County’s Noxious Weed Management from spraying chemicals program from destroying wildlife in parks.

(See HB 1181, (10) Environment. Protect and enhance the environment and enhance the state's high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the availability of water.)

- Prioritize economic development that supports climate resilience

◦ Support farmers/food production, coops, 15 minute neighborhoods, bike shops, local ownership/small businesses, technical training/support for weatherization, electrification and repair shops.

(see HB 1181, (5) Economic development. Encourage economic development throughout the state that is consistent with adopted comprehensive plans, promote economic opportunity for all citizens of this state, especially for unemployed and for disadvantaged persons, promote the retention and expansion of existing businesses and recruitment of new businesses, recognize regional differences impacting economic development opportunities, and encourage growth in areas experiencing insufficient economic growth, all within the capacities of the state's natural resources, public services, and public facilities.)

- Include policy to retain ALL structurally mature/complex forests of any size over 1 acre in Clark County. Require specific language that distinguishes forests from tree farms.

Examples include Dabbler and other proposals in the Yacolt Burn and Urban forests (such as the 35 acre/ 60+ year old Douglas fir forest on VIC/192nd)

- Match the City of Vancouver’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals {GHG emissions come from buildings, water-craft and power equipment, as well as from the transportation sector. Is this a land use issue?}

(see HB 1181, (3) Transportation. Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled, and

· Impact fee reform.

Tree canopy? Pocket forests (not just trees but native plants)

- Per HB 1181 - 10. Address the requirement “to protect and enhance fish & wildlife habitat and protect the environment” by Including policy to maximize disincentives/fines/future constraints for illegal mining or other unpermitted harmful activities by requiring property owner to pay for restoration of the property and adjacent affected land or waterways.

- What is resilience? Is it more about decreasing risk or recovering from disaster? Should the comp plan include addressing possibilities like homeowner's insurance becoming unavailable? Should we consider the possible costs of disasters as a guide for reasonable investment in preventative measures?

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~You must always be willing to truly consider evidence that contradicts your beliefs, and admit the possibility you may be wrong. Intelligence isn't knowing everything, it's the ability to challenge everything you know. Let's all give up our fear as a justification for not to take action because we are the creators of our reality.

Sending healing vibes

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Sharing energy,

1.

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by Kate Raworth

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29 minute video explaining Doughnut Economics

"How radical ideas can turn into transformative practice. Stockholm impact week 2023"

<https://youtu.be/qwyzsAWRMcw?si=Hut8czYBLqAjOBpb>

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Nate Hagens: "Episode 100 - The Great Simplification"

<https://youtu.be/GocuMZX3hIs?si=impadsCjN-aGZzk0>