

WASHINGTON CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP

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Moving from Climate Plans to Action Across Scales

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Goals for this presentation

- Overview of Washington's climate planning landscape at multiple scales
- Show how key components connect – how statewide and regional initiatives reflect local projects and plans
- Demonstrate key actions
- Ensure county leaders know how to engage in this work

- *What this is not: A comprehensive overview of all state climate and energy plans*

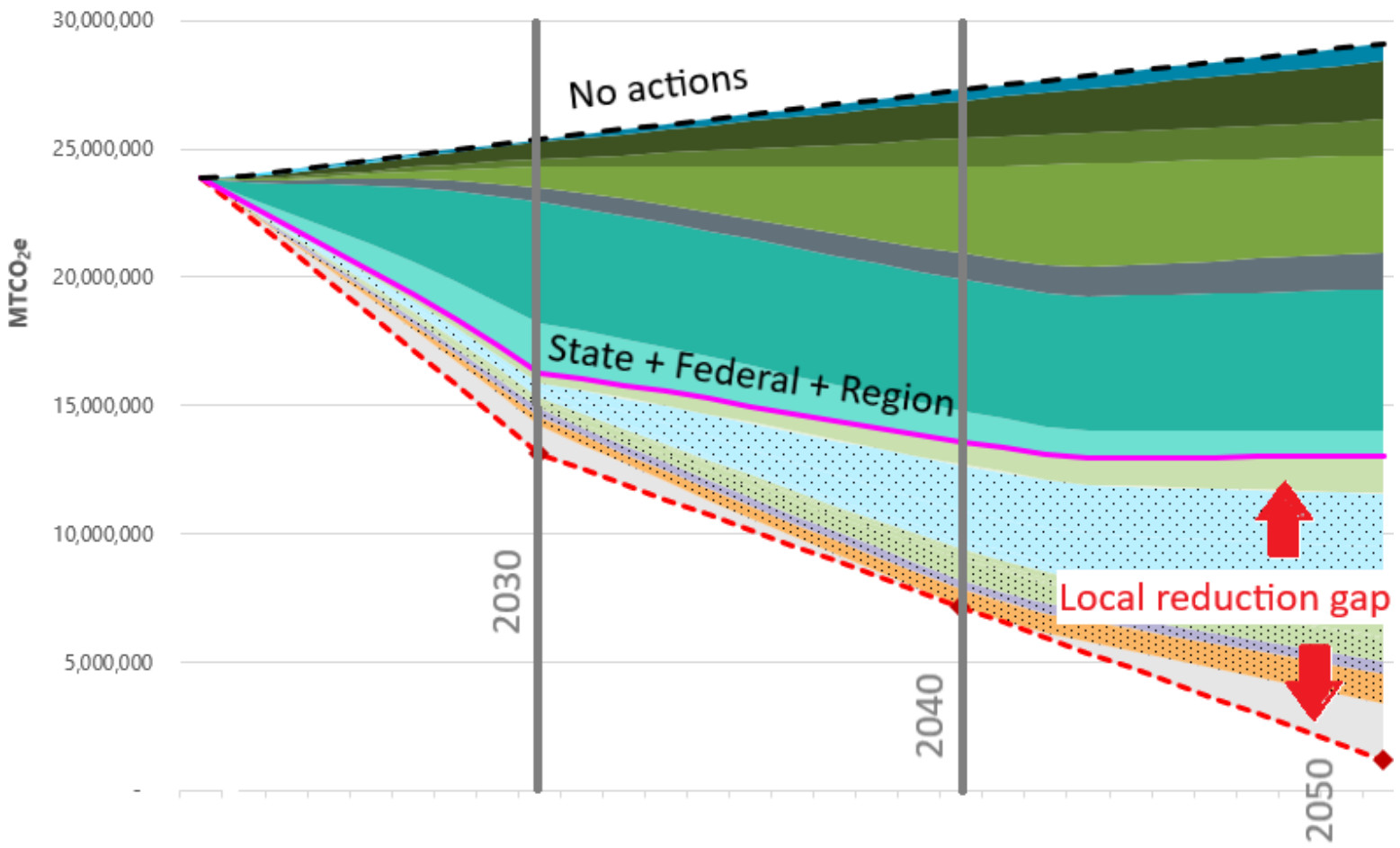
Local climate planning action needed

Partners in GHG reduction to reach state's 2050 net zero target:

- Federal
- State
- Local government

WA Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

- Published April 2026
- State's first economy-wide roadmap for GHG emissions and VMT reductions



Key points of alignment in Climate Plans

- **Economic development**
- **Community resilience**
- **Affordability**
- **Equity**
- **Health co-benefits**
- **Infrastructure and land use**

State Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

Local Comprehensive Climate Plans

County Climate Action Plans

State Energy Strategy

Growth Management Act Climate Program

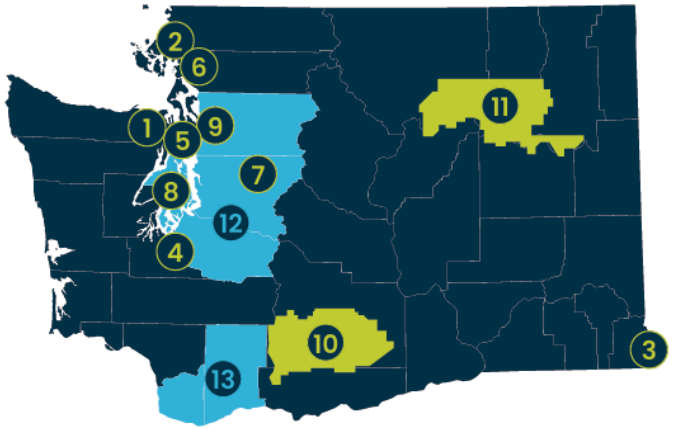
Community outreach

Data and modeling

CPRG

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) provide funding to states, tribes, local governments and territories to **develop and implement** plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions



Tribes and Tribal Consortiums:

1. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
2. Lummi Nation
3. Nez Perce Tribe
4. Nisqually Tribe
5. Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
6. Samish Indian Nation
7. Snoqualamie Tribe
8. The Suquamish Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation
9. Tulalip Tribe
10. Yakama Nation
11. Upper Columbia United Tribes
- * Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)

Metropolitan Statistical Areas:

12. Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA
13. Portland-Vancouver Metro Area MSA

*ATNI is a 501(c)(3) tribal consortium supporting 57 member Tribes that reside in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, California, Montana, and Nevada.

Local Governments – Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- Unclear requirements (are these plans or mandates?)
- Limited staff capacity
- Difficulty aligning existing local efforts with county, state, other partners
- Need for funding, data, technical assistance

Opportunities

- Formula grant funding
- Co-designing grant applications
- Partnerships and coalitions
- Data, reporting and milestone tracking

Alignment and Coordination

- Goals
  - Accelerate greenhouse gas reductions and maximize public investment
  - Create technical assistance and resources that meets specific needs
  - Implement state plans by supporting local actions

Convening Examples

County

- Snohomish County Tomorrow
- Snohomish County Climate Action Advisory Council

State

- Tribal workgroup
- Community roundtables
- Community Connector hosted climate meetings

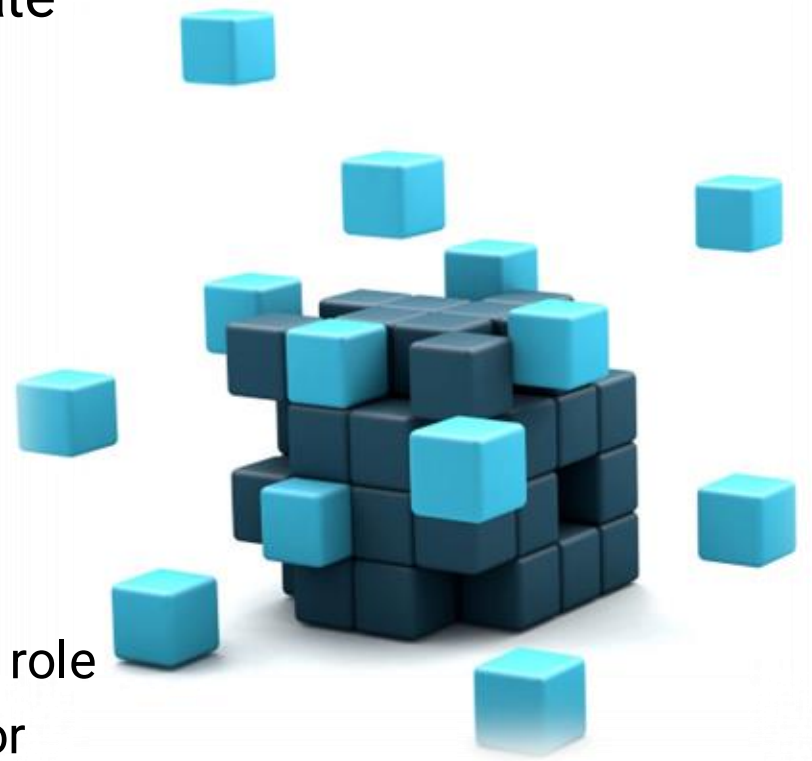
Regional Climate Collaboratives

- Many local govt. collaboratives exist to discuss regional climate issues
- Examples include:
  - Puget Soud Regional Council Boards and Committees
  - King County Cities Climate Collaborative (K4C)
  - Alliance for Sustainable Climate Action (ASCA)
  - Puget Sound Regional Climate Preparedness Collaborative

Key Areas for Agency Action

- The Agency will support collaborative climate action in the region in four key areas:

1. **Scaling Program Implementation**
2. **Relationship Building**
3. **Funding Coordination**
4. **Tracking and Reporting**



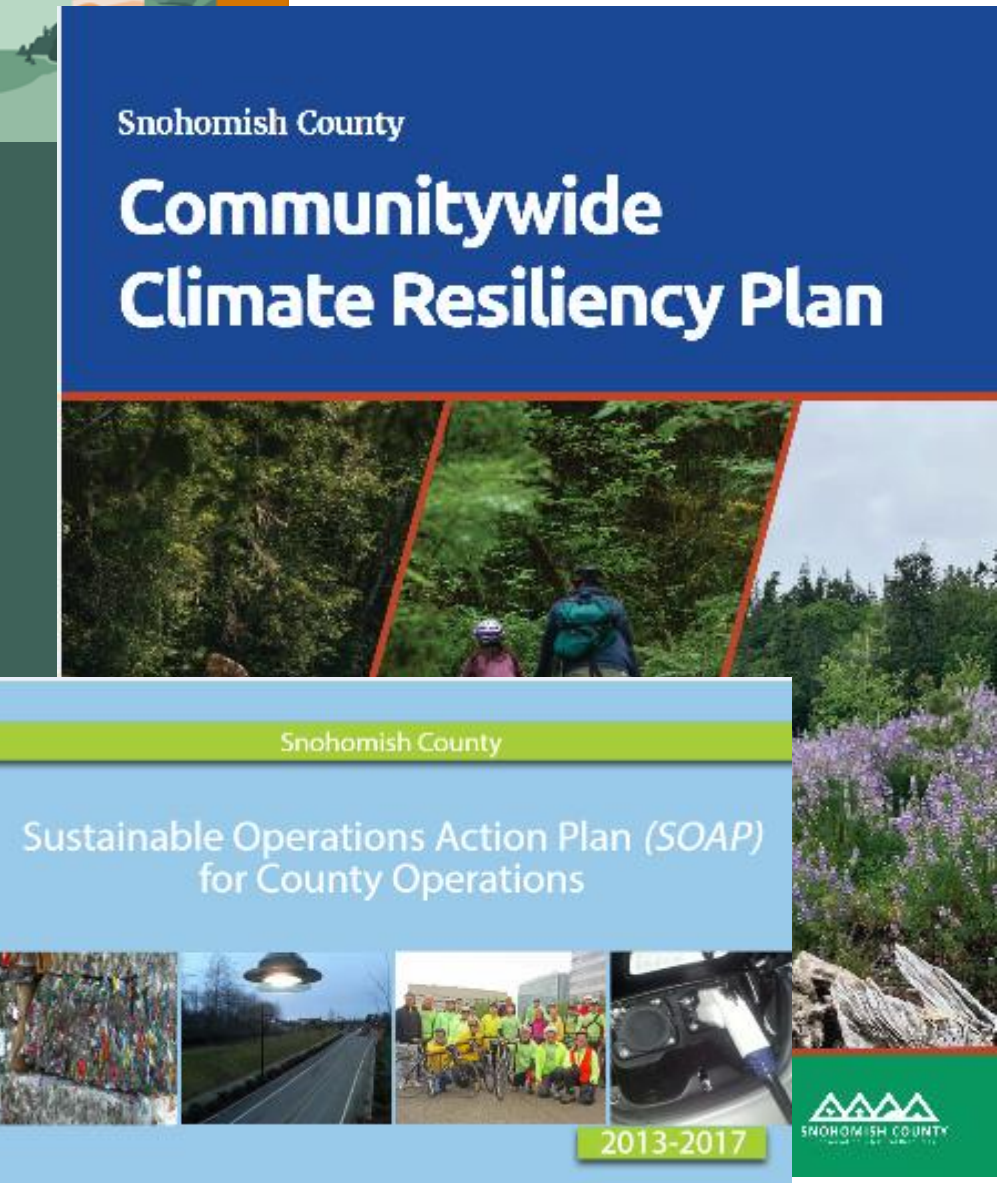
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency will reevaluate its role every three years to ensure it remains effective for regional climate collaboration as new opportunities and challenges emerge.

From Planning to Action

- Energize Program
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan
- Commerce HEAR grants







Example: Snohomish County

- Resolution 19-006, Committing to a Goal of 100% Clean Energy by 2045.
- Energize Program Results
  - 13 Adult Family Homes/Daycares
  - 7 Community Buildings
  - 1 Government Building

Questions and discussion

- What are examples of ongoing or planned mitigation work?
- What are specific ongoing gaps, challenges, and support needs?
- What assistance is most pressing for counties?

Thank you!

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