

Key Terms and Reference Guide for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative

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Carbon Sequestration White Paper

The [Carbon Sequestration White Paper](#) was produced by the Thurston Regional Planning Council in 2023. This White Paper aimed to further examine the sequestration targets set in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan and reviewed the scale of opportunities to meet that target. Its main findings are:

- Existing forests and trees in Thurston County sequester approximately 927,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year.
- The sequestration target set in the TCMP is highly ambitious, and likely infeasible with actions currently included in the plan.
- TCMP partners can choose from a range of policies and programs to increase sequestration in the region.

[Climate Action Steering Committee](#)

See Executive Committee. This group was renamed for clarity in 2023.

[Climate Advisory Workgroup, see Community Advisory Workgroup](#)

See Community Advisory Workgroup. This group was renamed for clarity in 2023.

[Community Advisory Workgroup \(CAW\)](#)

A group of up to fifteen interested stakeholders and community members who meet up to twelve times a year to provide diverse community perspectives and feedback on climate action(s). Members of this group are by the Staff Team and serve a term of three years.

[Energy Efficiency White Paper](#)

The Energy Efficiency White Paper was produced by the Thurston Regional Planning Council in 2023.

[Executive Committee \(EC\)](#)

A group made up of one elected official from Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County. They meet quarterly. In those meetings, the Executive Committee shares information on local climate mitigation activities, reviews progress towards achieving emissions targets, and builds partnerships to support the regional implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

[Jurisdiction Parties](#)

Jurisdiction Parties, as related to Thurston region climate work, refers to the individual local governments of the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County.

[Staff Team \(ST\)](#)

A group made up of one climate-focused staff person from Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County. They meet at least monthly to share information on the climate work of their respective local governments and work to advance multi-jurisdictional climate actions from the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

[Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan](#)

The [Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan](#) is the Regional Plan focused on actions we can take in Thurston County to prepare for and adjust to climate change impacts such as storms, sea-level rise, drought, and wildfires. The Thurston Regional Planning Council adopted the Plan in January 2018. This Plan includes ninety-one recommended actions that both the public and private sectors can take.

[Thurston Climate Action Team \(TCAT\)](#)

The Thurston Climate Action Team is one of multiple environmentally focused non-profit organizations in the Thurston Region. TCAT was established in 2009 to address climate change and its impact on the people and communities of Thurston County. TCAT is an active and vibrant community organization, but they are not an official part of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative.

[Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative \(TCMC\)](#)

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative is a group of local government partners working together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve communitywide emission reduction goals in Thurston County. The Collaborative is made up of the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County, the Executive Committee, the Community Advisory Workgroup, and the Staff Team.

Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP)

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan is the Regional Plan for the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County to achieve 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 85% reduction by 2050. This plan was accepted by each jurisdiction party in 2021.

Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

The Thurston Regional Planning Council is a regional council of local governments in Thurston County. They coordinated the work to develop both the TCMP and TCAP. Additionally, the Thurston Regional Planning Council also provided administrative support for the TCMC until August 30, 2023.