



THURSTON
CLIMATE
MITIGATION
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TCMC Status and Implementation Update

TCMC Annual Retreat
September 19, 2025



TCMC Evolution

2018-2020

TCMP developed by jurisdictions, TRPC, and community

2021-23

Jurisdictions accept the TCMP and hire climate staff

2023

Staff Team develops new ILA and TRPC steps down

2023-24

Staff Team works to stand up new systems, groups, and processes

2024-25

Staff Team develops and implements Regional Initiatives

2025

Jurisdictions develop/adopt Climate Element work plans

State of WA Climate Progress

Clean Energy Transf. Act (CETA)

2019

Clean Buildings Performance Standard

CA vehicle emissions & ZEV standards

2020

Healthy Environments for All (HEAL) Act

2021

Climate Commitment Act

Organics Management Law

2022

HB 1181: mandatory climate planning

2023



TCMP Implementation Progress

- **City & County Initiatives**

- 4 jurisdictions are currently advancing **115 total actions** across TCMP sectors and strategies (see 2025 work programs).

- **Regional Initiatives**

- 2025 Energize Thurston campaign was a success! Planning for 2026.
- Home Energy Score (HES) model ordinance moving through jurisdiction review.
- Executive Committee engaged in State Forest Lands Management Advocacy.
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Gap Analysis planned for 2026.

- **Supporting Partner Initiatives**

- Thurston Conservation District, LOTT, InterCity Transit, Puget Sound Energy, Thurston Economic Development Council, and other agencies are advancing TCMP actions.



Where We Are Today

- **With Comprehensive Plans, jurisdictions now have goals, policies, and workplans for climate mitigation and resilience.**
- **Implementation responsibilities are growing.**
- **Staff time and funding resources are limited.**
- **Current approach to the TCMC is administratively burdensome, which diverts funding and staff time from implementation actions.**



Estimated TCMC Staff Time (2025)

Administration ~33% of time

- Meetings (Staff, EC, CAW)
- Annual Retreat
- TCMC Website
- TCMP Plan Updates

Monitoring & Reporting ~7% of time

- Annual Progress Reports
- Greenhouse Gas Inventories
- Community Outreach

Regional Initiatives ~60% of time

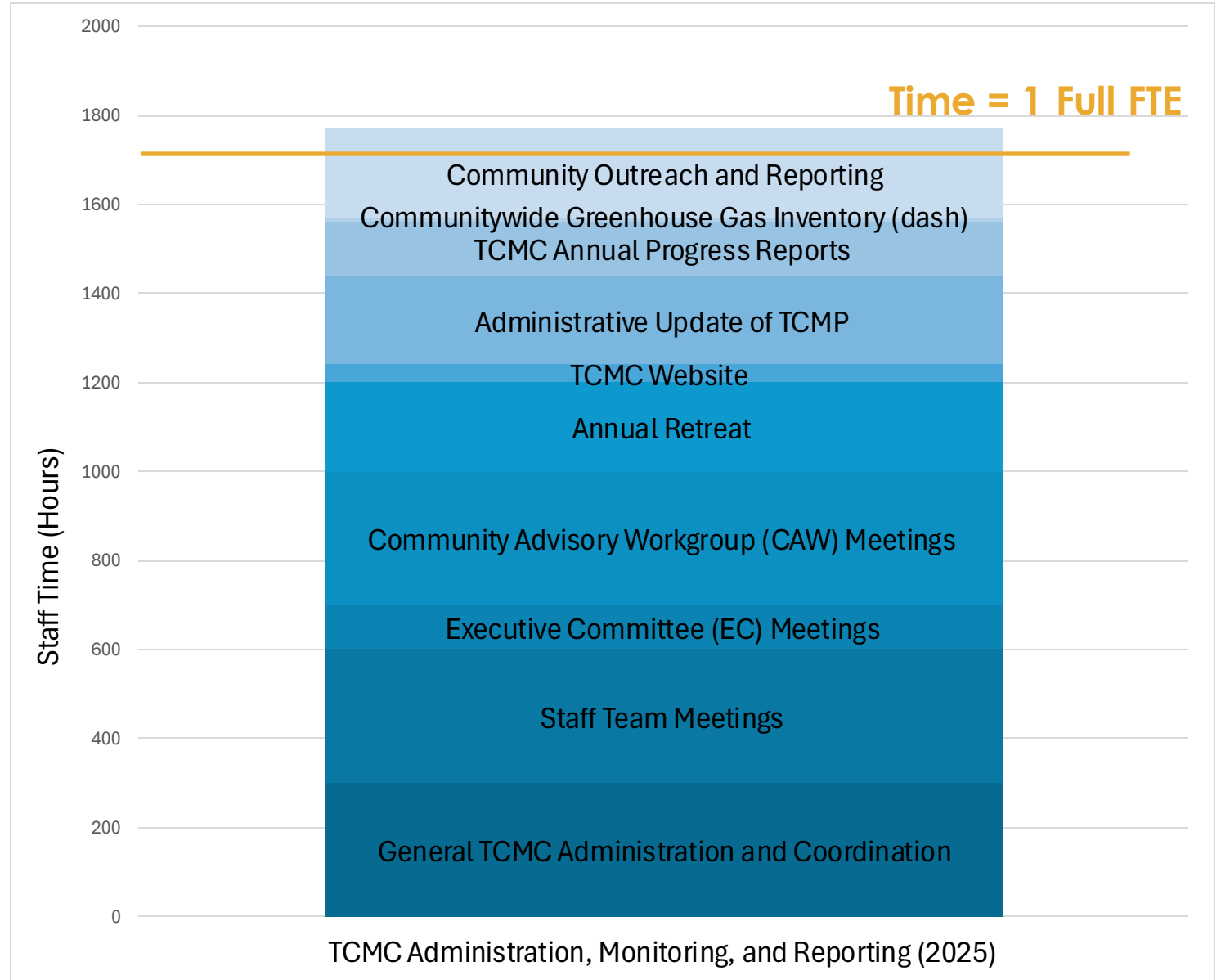
- Energize Thurston
- Home Energy Score ordinance
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Gap Analysis

Staff Team jurisdiction leads estimate spending at least 40% of total time on TCMC activities.



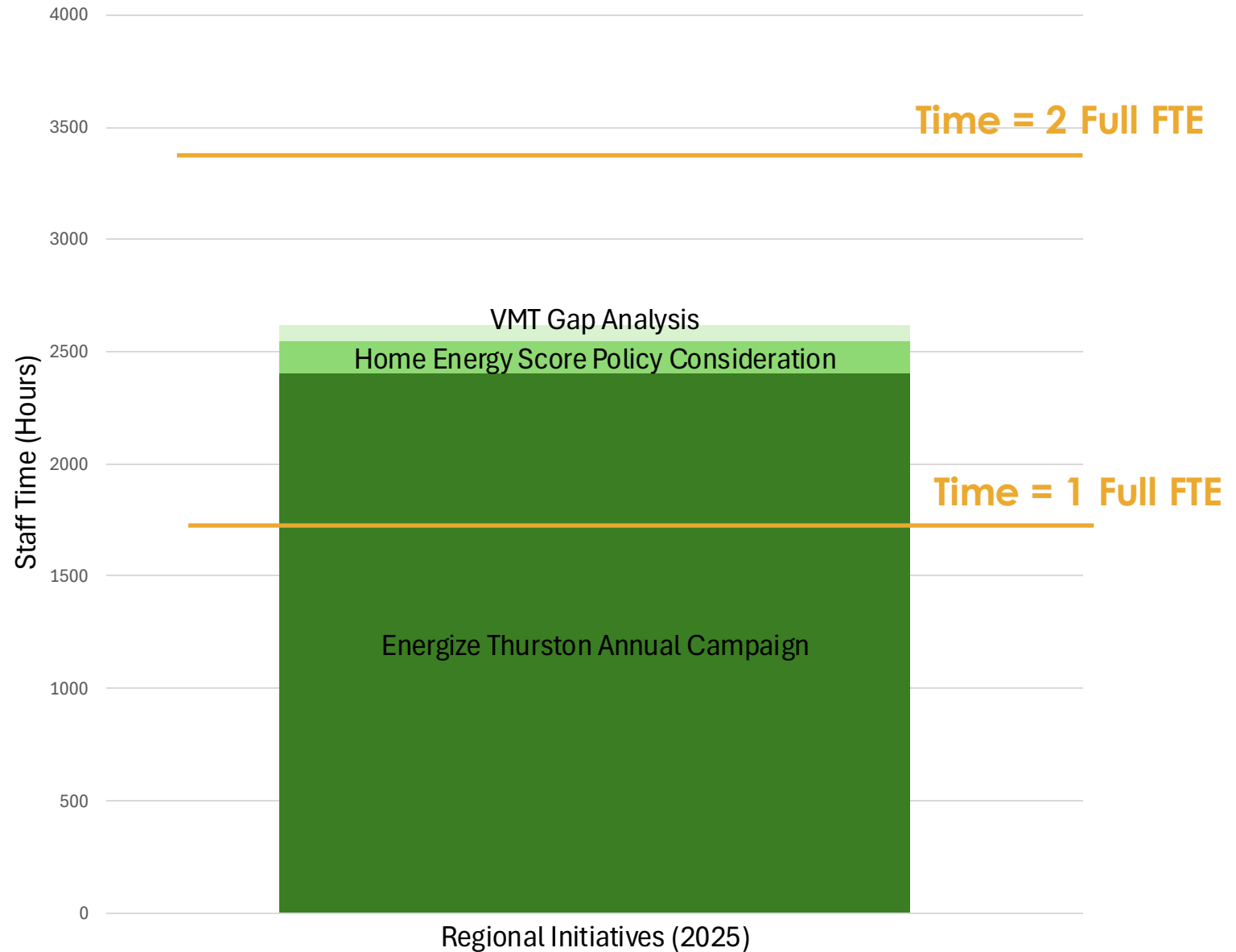
Estimated TCMC Staff Time Expenditures - 2025

*Excludes administrative
consultant time and fees.*



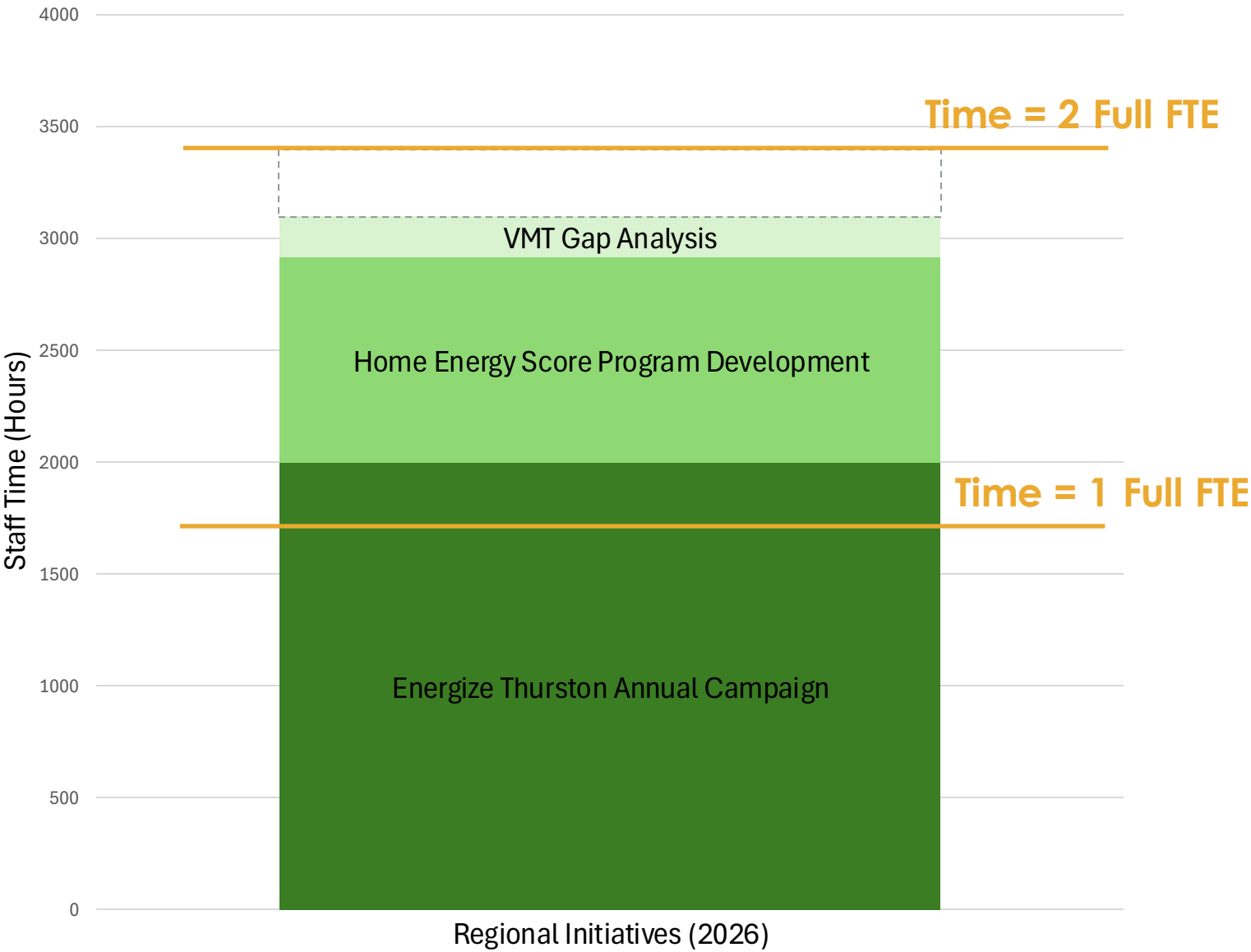


Estimated TCMC Staff Time Expenditures - 2025





Estimated TCMC Staff Time Expenditures - 2026





TCMC Budget - 2025

\$178,685

*Excludes grant funding
for regional initiatives.*





Staff Recommendation

- **Reduce frequency and scope of administrative, monitoring and reporting tasks (e.g., annual reports, plan updates, meeting frequency).**
- **Focus future TCMC efforts on collaborative implementation of regional initiatives.**
- Staff are seeking feedback from CAW and EC members to refine the core function of the TCMC and prioritize key tasks for future collaboration.



Discussion Questions

- What are the pros and cons of regional collaboration for climate action?
- Which TCMC administrative, monitoring and reporting tasks are critical for implementation? Can any be eliminated? Can the frequency or scope of any tasks be reduced?
- How should the role of the TCMC evolve to address changing needs and recent learnings?



Question 1

- **What are the pros and cons of regional collaboration for climate action?**



Question 2

- Which TCMC administrative, monitoring and reporting tasks are critical for implementation? Can any be eliminated? Can the frequency or scope of any tasks be reduced?



Question 3

- **How should the role of the TCMC evolve to address changing needs and recent learnings?**



Thank You

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