



Meeting Notes

DETAILS

Date: February 28, 2023
Time: 1-2:20pm
Location: Zoom
Facilitator: Pierce County Sustainable Resources staff

Attendees

- City of Bonney Lake
- City of Fircrest
- City of Gig Harbor
- City of Lakewood
- City of Tacoma
- City of Puyallup
- JBLM
- Pierce County Planning & Public Works
- Pierce Transit
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Tacoma Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD)
- Tacoma Power
- Town of Steilacoom
- WA State Department of Commerce
- WA State Department of Natural Resources

Attendee Updates

- TPCHD: Climate related weather responses – hot/cold weather, smoke. Legislative session: moving along TPCHD health priorities
- WA Dept. of Commerce: climate change element for comprehensive plans
 - If folks have any questions regarding WA Dept. of Commerce's draft model climate element for comprehensive plans (due in July), here's a link: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/growth-management-topics/climate-change/>
 - The draft model element, which will be available for public review in March, includes planning guidance and best practices for measuring and managing emissions and boosting community resilience (assessing vulnerability and risk, etc.).
- Lakewood: new tree code. Conflicting policies around densification and tree policy. How can we resolve these conflicts?

- Steilacoom: also experiencing conflicting policies for densification, low-cost housing, tree canopy. Would like more resources.
- Northwest Seaport Alliance: NW clean air strategy. Phasing out all climate pollution by 2050 or sooner. Vulnerability assessment for the Port.
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC): resources for open space planning and stormwater parks.
 - Open space toolkit: <https://www.psrc.org/media/6320>
 - Stormwater Parks: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/stormwater-parks>
- Tacoma: urban forestry team is working on code for right of way trees, Home in Tacoma project – talking about density and trees.
- Pierce County Long-Range Planning: integrating climate change into comprehensive plan review. Consultant under contract to complete climate vulnerabilities assessment. Started gathering data and information on internal adaptation projects.
 - If other jurisdictions have data or projects to share on climate vulnerability and impacts to communities, contact Becca Book, becca.book@piercecounitywa.gov.

DNR Presentation – Community Forestry Assistance Program (see slides)

- Subscribe to TreeLink Newsletter: [Urban and community Forestry in Washington State – Let's Get Growing! \(wordpress.com\)](#)
- Grant program:
 - Next grant program about to launch
 - Last year awarded 21 grants of up to \$40,000
- WA Environmental Health Disparities Map: not updating census tract boundaries until 2024 (currently based on 2010)
 - <https://data-wadnr.opendata.arcgis.com/>
- If your community has tree inventory data, reach out to help populate inventoried map. If you don't have one, reach out to get help starting one.
 - Want to use this data for climate change lens.
 - <https://forestadaptation.org/assess/ecosystem-vulnerability/urban/puget-sound-region>
- Questions:
 - Can DNR help provide a list of drought/heat resistant species to prepare for climate changes over time?
 - There's a recent Puget Sound study with a list of trees: [PugetSoundRegion_TreeSpeciesVulnerabilityAssessment_FinalForLayout.pdf \(forestadaptation.org\)](#)
 - Is JBLM eligible for Urban and Community Forestry grant?
 - No, local governments, tribes, and community groups are eligible for State funding.
 - Does anyone have information on roof top planting? Most of the programs I am aware of are focused on single family residential homes and exclude commercial & apartment buildings' ability to participate
 - ASLA has a good online portal for green roofs: <https://www.asla.org/contentdetail.aspx?id=43536>

Lowell Wyse: Tacoma Tree Foundation, Growing Trees and Community

- Expand urban forest and green space to neighborhoods
- How cities are designed impact our wellbeing
- Call attention to “design” issue.
- Tacoma has the lowest measured tree coverage of cities in Western Washington
- Tree distribution in Tacoma is unfair. Higher opportunity neighborhoods have 15% more tree cover than lower opportunity neighborhoods.
- Advocate for better regional policies, benefit in coming together to plant trees
- Tree equity score from American Forests: www.treeequityscore.org
 - Compares tree coverage with economic and demographic data

Alyssa Shipman, Tacoma Power: Tree Coupon Program (see slides)

- \$30 off per tree, up to three trees (\$90 of saving total)
- 8 participating nurseries across Pierce County. Nurseries get reimbursed later for the coupons.
- Program is open to all Pierce County residents
- Residents apply online and are mailed a coupon
- After redeeming a coupon, residents are eligible again in 3 years
- Question: how do you ensure a tree lives past 5 years?
 - Information on tree care, how to plant, proactive maintenance, and tree placement for energy conservation is mailed out with the tree coupon. Post participation survey asks residents if their tree is still alive, what issues they are experiencing, what other resources would be helpful, and get sent watering reminders in the summer.
- Barrier: redemption rates are lower than desired. Physical coupon gets lost.

Next meeting: May 23rd, expect an update on the Pierce County Climate Vulnerability Assessment

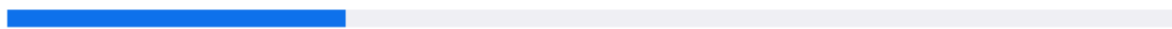
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Poll ended | 1 question | 14 of 15 (93%) participated

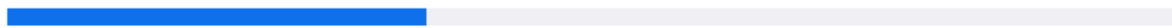
1. Which topic most interests you for our next Collaborative meeting? (Tentative date: May 23rd, 2023) (Single Choice) *

14/14 (100%) answered

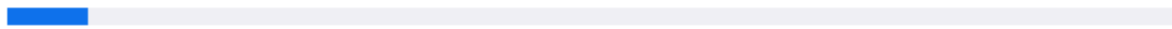
State and federal funding (4/14) 29%



Community engagement (5/14) 36%



Equity in sustainability (1/14) 7%



Building codes and electrification (4/14) 29%

