



# Burien Climate Action Plan

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## Workshop Details

- ▶ **Date:** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:30pm
- ▶ **Number of Attendees:**
  - 15 Community Advisory Group Members
  - 24 additional community members

## Workshop Overview:

The City of Burien is preparing its first Climate Action Plan to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate impacts like wildfire, flooding, water scarcity, and extreme heat. This CAP will include strategies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Burien and increase community resilience. The City will engage the community throughout the climate action planning process through workshops, surveys, and other events.

This document outlines the **findings of the first of three workshops**. The first workshop served as a planning session to gather feedback from the Community Advisory Group and other community members to begin outlining the vision and goals of Burien's Climate Action Plan. Feedback was gathered by volunteer notetakers and through digital Mural boards where workshop attendees shared feedback directly. The workshop was attended by a **multilingual audience** and was interpreted in both Vietnamese and Spanish.



## Workshop Objectives

- ▶ Identify the vision for the Burien Climate Action Plan.
- ▶ Identify goals for the Burien Climate Action Plan, especially as they relate to proposed focus areas.
- ▶ Outline working agreements for the Community Advisory Group

## Workshop Activities

- ▶ Presentation of Climate Action Plan process
- ▶ Facilitated discussion with community advisory group
- ▶ Public comment period

## Key Trends

### WORKING AGREEMENTS

- ▶ Community Advisory Group agreed to **aim for consensus when making decisions**; if consensus is not reached the group will **adopt a majority rules voting structure**. To honor all views, the group will document the minority vote to reference in the future.

### ROLE OF THE BURIEN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

- ▶ Community Advisory Group and community members alike expressed support for using the Climate Action Plan as a tool to address **economic and racial inequities** in Burien; a few others worried that blending social issues into the Climate Action Plan **could dilute sustainability efforts**.
- ▶ Both Community Advisory Group members and additional community members also indicated that they hoped the CAP would:
  - Bring **more green jobs**
  - **Inspire behavior change** among residents and business owners
  - **Expand community green spaces**
  - **Engage young people** in climate action
  - Add **new public transportation options**
  - **Improve the city's walking and cycling infrastructure**.
- ▶ Attendees expressed the need for an **accessible and transparent process** in developing the Climate Action Plan, with a diverse range of ways for community members to participate.
- ▶ Numerous attendees noted the need to **work outside the Burien city limits** and collaborate with neighboring communities on climate action planning.

### VISION FOR BURIEN'S FUTURE

- ▶ Aspects of Burien that attendees valued and hoped to continue to see in the future included:
  - The city's trees and green spaces
  - The close-knit nature of the community
  - Cultural diversity
- ▶ Aspects that are currently absent in Burien but attendees would like to see in the future included:
  - More affordable housing
  - More public transportation
  - Expansion of Burien's social service and publicly funded subsidy programs, including community healthcare and unemployment programs and city-sponsored energy efficiency retrofit programs for income eligible residents.



- ▶ Potential working vision for the CAP based on workshop feedback: *In the future, we want to see a **climate-smart and climate-resilient** Burien that **preserves its cultural diversity, its close-knit community, and its green spaces** while **increasing affordable housing options, expanding accessible public transportation, and expanding social services and publicly funded subsidy programs that make Burien a more equitable place to live.***

## RESPONSE TO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ACTIONS

- ▶ **BUILDINGS & ENERGY** | Attendees expressed strong support for actions related to municipal, residential, and commercial solar energy adoption; supported energy efficiency efforts, recognizing the role it plays in reducing emissions; and supported building electrification to phase out natural gas.
- ▶ **TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE** | Attendees expressed support for sustainable land use policies that promote dense development; strong support for expanding public transportation; and strong support for improving the cycling infrastructure, including creating a more interconnected trail system.
- ▶ **MATERIALS & CONSUMPTION** | Attendees recommended engaging youth through recycling education programs and school gardens; expanding public waste disposal systems, including adding more compost bins at city parks and downtown; expanding City-run reuse and repair programs; exploring how the city can create a circular economy and eliminate single-use packaging.
- ▶ **WATER & NATURAL SYSTEMS** | Attendees expressed the need for more community green spaces and expanding tree cover; more community outreach, with a focus on sustainable landscaping; more water conservation programs and policies; improved green stormwater infrastructure; and adoption of conservation programs to conserve Burien waterways and other natural systems.
- ▶ **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & WELLBEING** | Attendees support community activism around climate change issues; generally want more City-sponsored community engagement efforts; support integrating sustainability into transportation and housing policies; support city programs focused on health and the environment; expressed the need to expand investment in social programs like homeless shelters; and supported a holistic approach to resiliency that integrates social and economic support systems with climate change adaptation.



## Appendix A: MURAL

The section provides images of our MURAL Boards that Community Advisory Group members and participants used to provide input on key questions

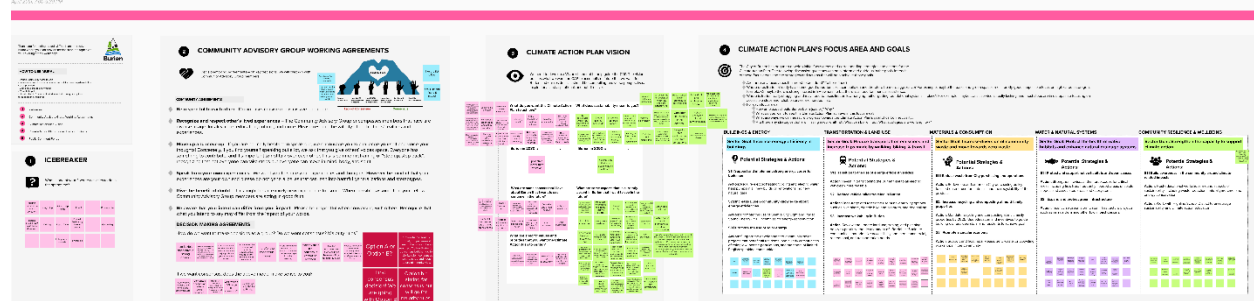
### Primary Mural Board

This board was shared with the Community Advisory Board members to provide feedback and where notes were taken by the workshop facilitators during the event itself.

[Link to the Primary Mural Board \(English\)](#)

[Link to the Primary Mural Board \(Spanish\)](#)

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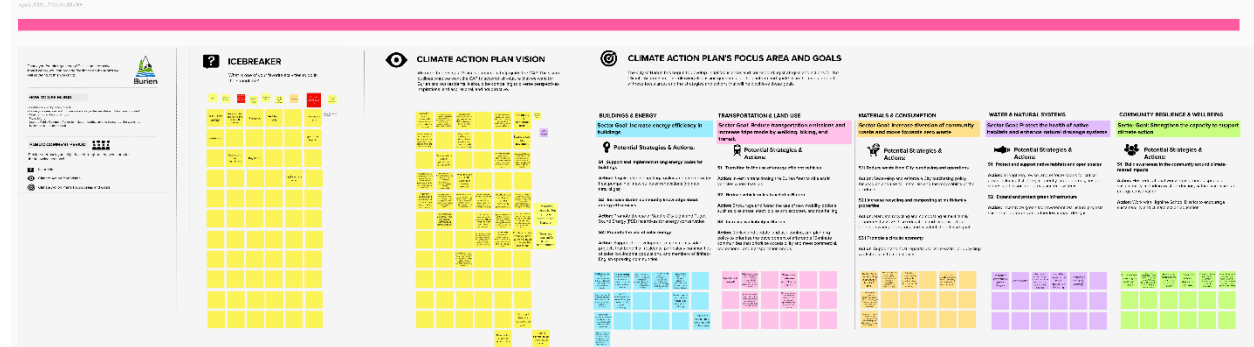
### Public Board

This board was shared with the additional community members who attended the workshop.

[Link to the Public Board \(English\)](#)

[Link to the Public Board \(Spanish\)](#)

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## Appendix B: Detailed Workshop Notes

The section below outlines notes taken by volunteer note takers during the event and shared via the interactive Mural boards. **Most of the notes from the event were collected through Mural Boards.** There were two Mural Boards available during the event, a “Primary Board” where Community Advisory Board members were invited to share feedback and where notes were taken by the workshop facilitators during the event itself, and a “Public Board” where additional community members who attended were invited to provide feedback. Both boards were also translated into Spanish for Spanish-speaking workshop attendees.

A compilation of all Mural notes is available in Appendix C.

### Discussion Topic 1: Community Advisory Group Working Agreements

- Q | How do we want to make decisions as a group? Do we want consensus? Majority rules?
  - *Group agreed to **aim for consensus, go to majority rule if consensus isn’t reached, and keep a record of the minority view.** Discussion points to reach this agreement included the following:*
    - Majority rules are democratic and get majority to the point where they can move forward.
    - Attendee asked how the group is meant to come to a consensus when they come from different backgrounds or education.
    - Attendee noted that consensus encourages limitations and can result in extremes; majority rule is preferable and gets us to a point where the group can move through a decision-making process.
    - Attendee noted that consensus may depend on the issue being discussed.

### Discussion Topic 2: Climate Action Plan Vision

- Q | What do you want this Climate Action Plan to achieve?
  - *Attendees noted the importance of using the CAP to both **reduce emissions and foster social change**; attendees also noted importance of having an **inclusive, accessible process for developing the CAP.** Visions for the CAP included the following:*
    - A **healthy, hopeful, comfortable future** for future generations
    - A plan that makes a serious **dent in greenhouse gas emissions**, preserve biodiversity
    - **Equity based actions** that promote a healthy environment, solutions for the people
    - A focus on **equity as a basis of the CAP development process**; hold space for individuals with language barriers, or other accessibility barriers
    - Actions and plans that are accessible to everyone
      - Accessibility means providing benefits to all people of Burien and securing funding to do so.
    - A plan that emphasize individual as well as collective efforts.
- Q | What does sustainability mean to you?



- *Attendees focused on a range of topics, including equity, **the role of individual actions** as well as city policies and regulations, and the need to preserve natural systems for future generations. Specific definitions of sustainability included the following:*
  - Achieving equity-based **actions** that promote a healthy environment for the people of all backgrounds and natures
  - **Economic, Environmental, Social** sustainability—ability to endure and hold on to these 3 pillars
  - Actions and plans that are accessible to everyone; we cannot rely on gentrification and money being pushed into the community. Consider how everyone in the community can get access to that solution/strategy.
  - Sustainability in Burien means looking for opportunities to **engage the port and the county** for support and other significant sources of carbon emissions.
  - Emphasize that this is an **individual and collective action**. “What are you going to do personally to help reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gas emissions?”
  
- **Q | Complete this sentence:**
  - Burien in 2030 \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ...has reduced emissions by 60% with full community engagement in transportation and energy transformation
  
  - Burien in 2050 \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ...is a thriving, diverse, equitable community that enjoys a stable economy and access to meeting basic needs; a community that took action when it mattered.
  
- **Q | What are specific values and priorities that you want the Climate Action Plan to center?**
  - *Attendees noted support for integrating community outreach and engagement into the CAP to **empower citizens to take action**, working with neighboring communities, expanding green spaces—particularly trees, and **developing a plan that is cost-effective, actionable and inclusive**. Specific feedback included the following:*
    - Make sure that our plans are accessible to everyone; make sure we can continue to enjoy all aspects of Burien.
    - Consider costs and how the plan can support green job creation.
    - Incentivize people and businesses of Burien to be more active, sustainable, and green.
    - Expand protections for Burien's tree cover, nature corridors, and prevent loss of biodiversity.
    - Recognize the importance of trees in the CAP.
    - Educate and enable citizens to reduce their own GHG emissions, so it's not just city driven.
    - The plans should be actionable, inclusive, powerful.
    - Can't focus on too many things. If we try and focus on too much (e.g. the social component) we might lose focus.
    - Leverage Burien's size in engaging the community more directly.



- For example, broaden outreach beyond digital workshops. Difficult for everyone to take part in this format of brainstorming.
- **Q | In reflecting on your life in Burien | What are some aspects that I love about Burien that I want to see continue in the future?**
  - Attendees noted their appreciation for **community green spaces and trees, recreational opportunities, and cultural diversity**. Specific features of Burien that were noted during the workshop included the following:
    - Cultural diversity,
    - Natural beauty
    - The diversity in many dimensions - racial, cultural, linguistic, economic
    - Great, walkable downtown
    - The access to Puget Sound
    - Beautiful parks
    - Beautiful beaches and lots of parks/green spaces
    - Small businesses
    - Big tall coniferous trees
    - Vibrant community and trust in each other
- **Q | In reflecting on your life in Burien | What are some aspects that is currently absent in Burien that I want to see in the future?**
  - Attendees noted the need for even more **community green spaces and trees, a more equitable distribution of wealth, more public assistance programs to improving housing and reduce residential energy costs, improved public transportation, and a more walkable and bikeable city**. Specific feedback included the following:
    - Need to reduce disparity between rich and poor, more walkable areas, increased services for those in need.
    - More solar energy in public spaces, allowing for reduced reliance on other sources of energy.
    - **More trees** in order to deal with water management and toxin filtration within the air of the city.
    - Free weatherization programs, free housing repair program.
    - More public transportation options.
    - Less talk, more action on climate change.

### Discussion Topic 3: Feedback on CAP Focus Areas and Goals

#### Questions for each sector included:

- How **ambitious** should Burien be in this sector? Why?
- What do you want to see this Climate Action Plan achieve in this focus are?
- What are ways we can **measure progress** towards the Climate Action Plan’s goal of carbon neutrality?

## Buildings & Energy

- *Attendees indicates strong support for actions related to **solar panels**, recommended collaborating with utility companies, and noted the **importance of energy efficiency retrofits** and **phasing out natural gas**. Specific recommendations related to Buildings & Energy included the following:*
  - Focus more on **making existing buildings more efficient** by working with Seattle City Light and other facilities.
  - City should work closely with Seattle city light and Puget sound energy to provide electrical energy bill support to residents.
  - City should provide a long-term contract with utilities to get their support in the **energy transition**.
  - City should focus more on making buildings more efficient through retrofits, window replacements, etc.
  - Set goals around reduction of natural gas use, publicize goals, and educate the community
  - Expand **solar energy** in public spaces, allowing for reduced reliance on other sources of energy
  - Convert all city-owned buildings to **solar**, offer electric heating and cooling, and/or electric water heat pumps
  - Identify areas that will most benefit from **solar**, target those high-impact areas for solar
  - Offer a solar panel tax credit

## Transportation & Land Use

- *Attendees focused primarily on **expanding public transportation**, improving **cycling infrastructure**, and adopting **sustainable land use policies**. Specific recommendations related to Transportation and Land use included the following:*
  - Expand light rail to link Burien with Seattle and other cities.
  - Safer **bike lanes**.
  - Improve convenience of alternative transportation—make it possible for individuals to **navigate the city with ease without a car**.
  - Identify food deserts in Burien, use incentives and zoning to provide access
  - more buses with increased frequency.
  - Create an **interconnected trail system**, including connecting parks.
  - Expand bike lanes especially to and from light rail and bus stations
  - **Safe, convenient and affordable alternative transportation modes**.
  - Improve the trail network, building off the existing trail network.
  - Encourage **sustainable, dense housing** development.
  - increase residential capacity of multifamily housing along existing commercial and multi-family corridors while creating greater requirements for greenspace & livability in those areas.
  - More public engagement in Land Use Hearings.

## Materials & Consumption

- *Attendees focused on expanding **public infrastructure for disposing waste**, expanding **community reuse programs** (e.g. tool libraries), and expanding **community engagement** on*



*proper waste disposal. Specific recommendations related to Materials and Consumption included the following:*

- Encourage shops to streamline reuse options.
- Determine how the city can develop a **circular economy** that actually reduces waste generation.
- Expand public waste, recycling, and composting bins.
- Prioritize solutions that are not overly optimistic about the potential of recycling.
- Leverage the collective bargaining power of the community to **eliminate single use plastics and packaging**; accomplish this by using economic tools that positively support alternatives to single use packaging.

## Water & Natural Systems

- *Attendees focused on **expanding green spaces**, planting more trees, adopting new **water conservation** programs and policies, developing new conservation programs to protect Burien’s waterways and other natural systems; and adopting new regulations and community engagement efforts to promote sustainable landscaping. Specific recommendations related to Water and Natural Systems included the following:*
  - Expand **monitoring of local streams and small lakes**.
  - Remove invasive species from parks and educate private owners as to why these species should be removed; collaborate with conservation groups that already do this.
  - Expand natural buffer along streams from 50 ft to 150 ft.
  - Increase use of rain gardens and berms to **filter stormwater runoff**.
  - Repair our parks to maintain and increase native plants, remove ivy, etc.
  - Require **stormwater filtration** in new buildings.
  - Expand Burien’s tree canopy; develop a Tree Trust Fund.
  - Host **sustainable gardening workshops**; offer financial incentives for sustainable gardens.
  - Offer tax credit for planting **trees**.
  - Creating a tree recompense system.
  - Remediate underutilized open concrete parking lots to include **more greenspace**.
  - Utilizing trees to mitigate stormwater runoff.
  - **Mandate ivy removal** on public and privately owned land.

## Community Resilience & Wellbeing

- *Attendees focused on **expanding community engagement** on climate adaption and mitigation, taking a **holistic approach to resiliency** that integrates equity and social and economic support systems with climate change adaptation, and **expanding public programs** like homeless shelters. Specific recommendations related to Community Resilience and Wellbeing included the following:*
  - Develop city recommendations around transportation, housing, etc. that detail how individuals can reduce their carbon footprint—promote those actions.
  - **Broaden support systems**—people need to feel supported, and that they have the income, etc. that they need.
  - Define “wellbeing,” it could include more early learning facilities, support from city in job placement, etc.
  - Acknowledge **access to nature as a matter of equity & public health**.



- Focus on making **government operations more sustainable**—the city should be a leader in climate actions; publicize these actions and ask residents to follow.
- Ensure that CAP outlines plans for supporting people experiencing homelessness, and ensuring that indigenous voices are prioritized.
- **Expand education** on invasive species removal on private lands.
- Expand secondary education opportunities in green sectors, IT and developing green technologies.
- Engage with local schools.
- Develop a website specifically designed to provide public information on Burien’s tree cover, species, and biodiversity.
- Create community nature ambassadors.
- More homeless shelters.
- Establish a Burien Department of public health and the environment.
- Broaden the scope of the Community Resilience and Wellbeing actions; adopt more wellbeing considerations (e.g., healthcare access).

## Appendix C:

- ▶ The table below details the individual Mural Board comments.
  - **Primary Board:** notes from Community Advisory Board members and notes taken by the workshop facilitators during the event itself.
  - **Public Board:** notes from additional community members who attended.

<b>PRIMARY BOARD</b>
Community Advisory Group Working Agreements
I like the fist to five
We all come from different backgrounds.
Yes, I like the fist to 5 model.
I am familiar with the fist to five model, and it has worked well in other groups I work in
Community Advisory Group Working Agreements - How do we want to make decisions as a group? Do we want consensus? Majority rules?
I am flexible; don't have a strong opinion
Consensus encourages limitations... Results in extremes. Majority rule is preferable and gets us to a point where the group can move through a decision-making process
Consensus would be ideal, but if it's not possible then majority rule is a good alternative option
I'm concerned that consensus will result in the advisory group moving to either extremes to gain consensus.
I prefer the consensus model
Share information ahead of time to make sure we are on the same page from the beginning.
majority rules if a consensus cannot be reached.
Aim for consensus and if we can't get there we will go to majority rules
Need to make sure that all views (minority view included) is kept as a reference for the future.
Community Advisory Group Working Agreements - How do we want to make decisions as a group? Do we want consensus? Majority rules? if we want consensus, does the above model make sense to you?
Yes, the above model is very simple and straightforward
Consensus depends on the issue being discussed.
How do we determine consensus on complex issues to make sure we all understand?
Can we do a 0-5 range for consensus?
Consensus using the fist to 5 rule.
Option A or Option B?
Option A) Consensus model, but just make it clear in the notes if it was reached; Option B) aim for consensus but then go to majority rule if consensus isn't reached and keep record of minority view
Option b = aiming for consensus but will go for majority rules
First consensus decision! We are going with Option B
Climate Action Plan Vision - What do you want this Climate Action Plan to achieve?

Encourage the creation of greener spaces, Examine our waterways and what need to be done to protect them, Climate justice for poorer neighborhoods, Liaison with county climate actions, Climate plan implementation and enforcement, Reduction of consuming carbon-intensive foods through education
sustainable land use
tree retention & tree recompense
Accessibility means providing benefits to all people of Burien and securing funding to do so. Not relying on gentrification to solve problems.
contiguous greenspace and nature corridors.
green infrastructure utilizing trees for water retention/storm water runoff.
well-being for all
A North - South Bike/walking pathway
healthy community
equity based actions that promote environmental health and sustainability -Daija
Should engage the port and the county... Burien should be a leader but should not stop at city limits
Should be liasing with other jurisdictions to maximize our impact
remediation of toxins, lead and fine particulite in our air.
more climate friendly options for everybody
Better our community, make it safer as well as healthier
A viable public transit alternative to fossil fuel based transportation in Burien and the South Sound.
Make sustainable ways of living accessible to all Burien residents
<b>Climate Action Plan Vision - Burien in 2030 is...</b>
proactive rather than reactive.
<b>Climate Action Plan Vision - What are some aspects that I love about Burien that I want to see continue in the future?</b>
Its cultural diversity, great downtown, small businesses, natural beauty and access to Puget Sound
Big tall coniferous trees
Desire for a greener city, beautiful parks, lovely homes that have beautiful trees
Diversity in many dimensions - racial, cultural, linguistic, economic, etc.
Diversity and green spaces
walkable downtown
Beautiful beaches and lots of parks/green spaces
Vibrant community and trust in eachother
Open green spaces and parks
parks and canopy cover GBP goals for future
youth activism
Small businesses
<b>Climate Action Plan Vision - What are specific values and priorities that you want the Climate Action Plan to center?</b>



Cost-effective, more green jobs, environment becomes a top-priority for burien citizens, save the canopy in our city, science-based education
incentivize the people and businesses of Burien to be more active, sustainable, and green
prevent loss of biodiversity
expanding protections for Burien's tree cover & nature corridors.
<b>Climate Action Plan Vision - What does sustainability mean to you?</b>
Work with neighboring communities
our actions do not deplete or negatively affect the natural world
Make a serious dent in greenhouse gas emissions
Individual and collective action.
Make sure that the CAP shows that this is individual and collective action.
it's sustainable when every household is sustainable
Green Energy Standards
preserving our tree canopy
People several generations down from us can live the way we do
Preserve biodiversity
Make sure that our plans are accessible to everyone; make sure we can continue to enjoy all aspects of Burien
Consider accessibility in all actions.
3 pillars: Economic, Social, Environmentla
What are we going to do as individuals to take action. Make sure that is reflected in the CAP
An environment in which its growth exceeds society's use.
ability to live a healthy life while having a small impact on the environment
Leaving something habitable and healthy behind
minizing our footprint on our community
Our plan should reflect this
Equity based actions that promote a healthy environemnt and are for the people
longevity, safe environment for future generations
prevent mass displacement/climate refugees
<b>Climate Action Plan Vision - Burien in 2050 is...?</b>
a community that took action when it mattered.

Climate Action Plan Vision - What are some aspects that is currently absent in Burien that I want to see in the future?

Housing equity

Make sure we practice the equity that we preach

A recognition that climate change is a top priority in our community and world. More citizen involvement in reducing GHG

A viable public transit alternative to fossil fuel based transportation.

Trees are essential with water management (dealing with and retaining water and moisture)

Burien Tree Trust Fund

Affordable housing/living that supports sustainability

more outreach and participations from non-English residents

weatherization assistance

Less talk, more action.

a viable public transit alternative to fossil fuel transportation

Solar Panel Tax Credit

more public transportation options

Work with other cities. Emissions dont have boundaries.

Accountability from the Port of Seattle & the Department of Transportation

Equity and diversity on a systemic level

less pavement.

I think it's important we bring youth voice into the Burien Climate Action plan as well, there is a lot of energy and excitement from students in HSD to green their schools but I am not sure who to connect them with to make that happen ie: rain gardens, catchment systems, gardens, and increase canopy. The interest is very prevalent with our youth

an effective strategy for dealing with ivy and invasive species.

economical incentives for local car dealerships to sell affordable electric cars

build capacity for our residents to participate

Make sure that we are considering equity in everything we do. Use that as a foundation

meaningful protections on tree retention in residential and commercial development.

public garden green roofs

full consideration of the impact on our community from the airport by the Port of Seattle

COVID has revealed inequities. Need to make sure that we make space for everyone to particiapte.

Consider issues like raising minimum wage and how it ties to climate action planning

Solar panels have become affordable. Use solar panels in parks and open space wherever possible.

More solar. Solar roofs that provide electricify

An emphasis on livability in new development

Trees mitigate storms and flooding. Storms are going to become worse and more frequent. Need to consider trees as vital infrastructure.

Lots of talk about reducing emissions but need action

If you want something done, then need to take action today. Lots of planning, need more action on those plans.

<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area And Goals - Buldings &amp; Energy</b>
free
Convert all city-owned buildings to solar, electric heating/cooling, and/or electric water heat pumps
Should focus on existing buildings for increased energy efficiency in partnership with SCL and PSE
Set goals around reduction of natural gas use, publicize goals and educate the community
Identify areas that will most benefit from solar, target those high-impact areas for sola
Solar Panel Tax Credit
require stormwater catchment systems in new building
Solar panel tax credit
buildings that do less with more - smaller footprints with more open space.
City should work closely with Seattle city light and Puget sound energy to provide electrical energy bill support to residents. City should provide a long-term contract with utilities to get their support in the energy transition.
We should focus more on making these more efficient through retrofits, window replacements, etc.
Free weatherization and housing repair programs
greater a
Special Sub Area zoning for redeveloping commercial properties to include tree cover/rain gardens
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area And Goals - Transportation &amp; Land Use</b>
Use what we have and build off it
Light rail connector to the Seatac Light Rail Station/ Seatac airport.
More connectors to our regional rail system.
Increase EV charging stations in public locations
Financial incentive to use public transportation.
Burien has some existing infrastructure to serve as as a starting point
Mixed use residential/commercial land use.
Bike lane / pathway. no one will ride a bike or walk more if they don't feel safe doing so.
Pedestrian only streets in the downtown core.
Burien, with support from neighboring municipalities including Normandy Park, Des Moines & Seattle could develop an elevated rail line that would run from Des Moines through Normandy Park, Burien and West Seattle/Delridge. This could also be incorporated into the existing Seattle monorail system and eventually run all the way downtown to the city center before heading north to Magnolia and ending in Discovery Park.
Have a good trail network. How can we build off what we already have?
Bike lanes that connect to the other bike paths in south park (towards seattle) and seatac (towards renton)
last mile transit.

Identify food deserts in Burien, use incentives and zoning to provide access
more buses with increased frequency
Connect the parks!
Bike lanes especially to and from light rail and bus stations
Be able to get around town in a way that is safe, convenient and affordable
The use of bonds in sustainable transit infrastructure.
Pursuing federal infrastructure financing for public investment in sustainable transit.
increase residential capacity of multifamily housing along existing commercial and multi-family corridors while creating greater requirements for greenspace & livability in those areas.
Make sure bike lanes are safer
incentivize contiguous greenspace between commercial properties.
Convert intersections into roundabouts.
Lower traffic lanes along 1st avenue & Ambaum to three lanes with middle "flex" lane which can change direction depending upon time of day traffic flow - create nature buffers and expanded bike lanes.
Have to transition away from fossil fuel based transportation. Need to expand public transit away from fossil fuels. Connect city with rail network. Need to encourage people to use rail system, and would make Burien more accessible (for residents and visitors)
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area And Goals - Materials &amp; Consumption</b>
Strong education about recycling and yard waste
support school gardens
Compost bins/recycling bins in addition to the trash bins you see downtown (if we can figure out a way to somehow clean the recyclables)
tool library program
Promoting right to repair legislation.
Municipal reusable bottle and food container program for retail, restaurants and the public.
more municipal support for recycling raw material.
Support workshops on repairing common items rather than replacing them
recycle and compost bins at high use parks (Seahurst Beach)
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area And Goals - Water &amp; Natural Systems</b>
Youth involvement!
more community trash pick-up events
Protect and preserve our existing tree cover by purchasing large undeveloped heavily forested land
Pursue federal infrastructure financing for investing in greenspaces.
Educating the community about our local parks and how to use the trails
Burien has a number of streams and small lakes that are not monitored, and can and have resulted in negative changes to the environments they flow through/are in.
Remove more invasive species from parks and educate private owners as to why these species should be removed. Work through groups that already do this.
expanding natural buffer along streams from 50 ft to 150 ft.





Increase use of rain gardens and berms to clean water going into storm drains
Intentional contiguous greenspace along transit corridors.
Repair our parks to maintain and increase native plants, remove ivy, etc.
invest in paid green service learning opportunities for youth
require stormwater filtration in new buildings
Expanding our tree canopy; Develop a Tree Trust Fund
sustainable gardening workshops, financial incentives for sustainable gardens
tax credit for planting trees
Creating a Tree recompense system.
More public engagement in Land Use Hearings.
A tree removal fee.
Remediate underutilized open concrete parking lots to include more greenspace.
Utilizing trees to mitigate stormwater runoff.
Mandate ivy removal on public and privately owned land.
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area And Goals - Community Resilience &amp; Wellbeing</b>
more shelters
Develop city recommendations around transportation, housing, etc ways to reduce carbon footprint - promote those actions
A day dedicated to healthy urban forests (and ivy remediation).
We have to step up and support community members
This is too narrow. People need to feel supported, and that they have the income, etc. that they need.
Work with the schools. Parks as extensions of the classroom
City government operations: The city should be a leader in climate actions. Rather than place a few items that the city will do under other categories, putting this category up front allows citizens to see what the city is doing and asking them to follow.
Portland's cap described how east portland needed more complete neighborhoods and should be invested in. I think this transparency is ikey. also, homeless people should be included and indigenous voices should be centered
A website specifically designed to provide public information on Buriens tree cover, species and biodiversity.
More support for invasive species removal on private lands.
greater secondary education opportunities in green sectors, IT and developing green technologies.
Acknowledging access to nature as a matter of equity & public health.
Creating community nature ambassadors.
Wellbeing should be more defined: more early learning facilities, support from city in job placement, etc.
Establishing a Burien Department of public health and the environment
Too narrow of a goal here - more wellbeing considerations (e.g., healthcare access). Stay away from deficit model.

## PUBLIC COMMENT BOARD

### Ice Breaker

Tôi nghe không rõ lắm

picking up trash

Hiking!

âm thanh tiếng Việt khó nghe lắm

look at the flowers and the trees!

Gardening

Make a serious cut in greenhouse gas emissions

Spring skiing on our volcanoes!

Planning my flower and veggie/fruit garden

Go on walks outside!

Mountain bike and rock climb in the i90 corridor!

Paraglide

Visit tulip fields

picking up trash

Spring skiing on our volcanoes!

gardening

go to the beach

Walk around my neighborhood

Kayaking

Explore new parks

### Climate Action Plan Vision

keep calm and plant trees

Building towards a unified and supportive community that leverages its collective power to ensure equitable and stable living conditions for all.

To make ambitious goals and actions which ensure equity and long term sustainability for all people in Burien.

A healthy, hopeful, comfortable future for my grandchildren's children.

Educate and enable citizens to reduce their own GHG emissions, so it's not just city driven

I value big tall coniferous trees

more consideration re impacts on our community from the airport

Absent in Burien: full consideration of the impact on our impact from the airport by the Port of Seattle

When elders plant trees in whose shade they will never sit, a community becomes better

I want to see less pavement

Make a serious dent in greenhouse gas emissions

Absent in Burien: more parity between rich and poor, more walkable areas, increased services for those in need

Love about Burien: its cultural diversity, great downtown, small businesses, natural beauty and access to Puget Sound

Burien in 2030: Emissions reduced by 60% with full community engagement in transportation and energy transformation
Absent in Burien: interaction with and recognition for lower income residents of Burien by higher income residents.
What the plan should BE: actionable, inclusive, powerful.
Absent in Burien: public recognition of climate change being a priority for the city
Burien in 2050: A thriving, diverse, equitable community that enjoys a stable economy and access to meeting basic needs.
Sustainability means - not at risk; long term the plan should apply this to all aspects of residents life, with livable climate being the most obvious.
Need to be able to direct private entities and large corporations into taking action on sustainability (e.g. reducing packaging).
Need parts of the plan that harness community power/voice.
There is a lot of power in Burien's size. We should leverage that. Difficult for everyone to take part in this format of brainstorming. Need some system to spread message more broadly.
Empower citizens to live a more sustainable lifestyle
keep calm and plant trees, also educate our community to recycle properly
Consider this meeting, was it accessible? Need to make sure the approach is accessible.
Important that we start with the community. Outreach is at the heart of this plan. We won't get far without the community being involved.
Can't focus on too many things. If we try and focus on too much (e.g. the social component) we might lose focus.
Problem dictates what you have to do. We need to mitigate the sacrifice but
Trees are important for carbon sequestration
City needs to recognize importance of trees. Need to plant more trees; lots of strategies to get there
Technical issues tonight might have limited who was involved. We won't be able to accomplish what we want to accomplish without community involvement
The plan should focus on outcomes desired by the community and be wary of projecting the success of the plan on individual responsibility as has been done with recycling in the US.
Tax fossil fuels to reduce their use.
Remove tax break for homeowners.
Reflect climate action planning in codes.
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area and Goals - Building &amp; Energy</b>
Promote infrared heating panels as an alternative to forced hot air or electric radiant heating
Educate and support home owners in upgrading appliances and utilities to more efficient sources
Encourage solar hot water collectors as they are more tolerant of shading than solar electric panels
I would love to see commercial solar! We have tons of unused roof space in downtown Burien. What a great way for City Council to exemplify the change!
S2 - How can we help people take advantage of incentives when people have split Utilities (ex: electricity with SCL, gas with PSE)
Burien has mainly existing buildings. We should focus more on making these more efficient.

Can we transition away from natural gas toward more green electricity?
Talk to the youth. They are engaged on this issue
Think about what the science is telling us about what we need to reach and in what timeline. Dont just focus on what other towns are doing.
Tremendous amount of material available to be informed about climate action planning
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area and Goals - Transportation &amp; Land Use</b>
Establish and support a community bike advocacy group, either as a Burien standalone or as a chapter of an existing group.
Bike lanes! Please!!!!
Street cars between neighboring cities?
(contd from above) Could include: bike share, easy access maintenance, training, used bike purchase rebate
Encourage housing density
Charging stations and charging infrastructure, including at apartments and lower income housing
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area and Goals - Materials &amp; Consumption</b>
Used coffee grounds are a valuable medium for growing mushrooms and as compost in permaculture. Encourage shops to make reuse easy
How can we actually prioritize a circular economy to actually reduce waste generation
public waste and recycling (composting bins too?) bins
Prioritize solutions that are not overly optimistic about the potential of recycling.
Leverage the collective bargaining power of the community to eliminate single use plastics and packaging.
(contd) Accomplish this by using economic tools that positively support alternatives to single use packaging.
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area and Goals - Water &amp; Natural Systems</b>
Green roofs?
Increase community green spaces
Also, super excited to get out and work on restoring our public green spaces!
Incentivize property use for re-greening / foresting
<b>Climate Action Plan's Focus Area and Goals - Community Resilience &amp; Wellbeing</b>
How do we integrate climate into all the things we do? Climate should be a part of all the things we talk about/do.
Connect students with Sunrise Movement to facilitate youth community organizing
How are we planning to work with HSD?
How are we energizing the community around this issue?
Encourage school strikes for climate
Create a network of climate plan "evangelists" that can spread the plan and help connect people with actions