Sustainability Action Plan

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Spokane Sustainability Action Plan

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Community Effort

2009 Sustainability Action Plan (Mayor Verner)

2019 Sustainability Action Subcommittee created

2021 Sustainability Action Plan (City Council led committee & staff)

Sustainability Action Subcommittee

SAS Workgroups

- Buildings & Energy
- Communication
- Environmental Justice & Equity
- Natural Environment
- Planning & Land Use
- Sustainable Workforce
- Transportation
- Waste & Recycling
- Water Resources

11 Climate Sectors:

- Agriculture & Food Systems
- Buildings & Energy
- Cultural Resources & Practices
- Economic Development
- Ecosystems
- Emergency Management
- Health & Well-being
- Transportation
- Waste Management
- Water Resources
- Zoning & Development

Strategies for Comp Plan integration

IS 1.5 Add Climate Action to the City's Comprehensive Plan

IS 2.6 Update city's Comprehensive Plan to include environmental and climate related priorities, especially as they relate to the SAP.

IS 7.4 Integrate projected climate impacts into data models for risk assessment

TL 8.1 Audit the Comprehensive Plan to align SAP policies to existing policies and programs and to identify gaps in order to update the Comp Plan with sustainability & climate goals

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Exhibit 2. Comprehensive Plan Element Report Card – Strength of Existing Policies

ELEMENTS	Resiliency	Equity	GHG
Land Use	Moderate	Weak	Moderate
Transportation	Moderate	Limited	Moderate
Capital Facilities and Utilities	Moderate	Limited	Limited
Housing	Moderate	Weak	Limited
Economic Development	Limited	Limited	Limited
Urban Design and Historic Preservation	Weak	Weak	Limited
Natural Environment	Strong	Weak	Moderate
Shorelines	Strong	Weak	Weak
Social Health	Limited	Limited	Limited
Neighborhoods	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Parks and Recreation	Limited	Limited	Limited
Local Governance and Citizenship	Weak	Limited	Weak

Strong: Several policies address climate risk and resilience/equity/GHG mitigation priorities well
Moderate: Some climate resilience/equity/GHG mitigation addressed with some strategies
Limited: Few climate considerations regarding resilience/equity/GHG mitigation addressed
Weak: No or minimal resilience/equity/GHG mitigation addressed

Policy Audit looked at these plans/codes

- Comprehensive Plan
- Shoreline Master Program (Chapter 14)
- Sustainability Action Plan
- Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan
- SMC 15.05 Climate Change

Conversation starters

Feedback question for discussion at CRSB:

- SAP strategies, that were identified in the Policy Audit and recommended to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan – as we work through the public process in the next year, what is most important to convey?

- Is the Sustainability Action Plan's goal of including equity considerations being met?

    - The City's Climate Planning consultant has prepared a Climate Impacts and Climate Justice memo which is meant to guide climate justice and resilience planning by informing the engagement process by identifying specific communities to engage in depth. The Sustainability Action Plan included an "equity checklist" on p. 27 to 29.