Climate Change Work is Heating Up

The County has been hard at work implementing different components of our climate change goals.

Green Building Code

Funded by the Energy Efficiency and Community Development Block Grant, the green building stakeholders group has now met five times to discuss items such as green building incentives, education, job site recycling, and code barriers.

Staff has also designed a green building web page on the county website: [www.co.thurston.wa.us](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/)

Working Lands Plan

Thurston County’s farmland is rapidly disappearing. Since the mid 1950s when Thurston County was primarily farmland, the County has lost over 75 percent of its working agricultural lands.

Earlier this month, we adopted the Thurston County Working Lands Plan. The goal of this plan is to successfully accomplish the following three objectives:

1. Develop and implement a public outreach campaign to raise awareness among the agricultural and broader Thurston County community on the need for farmland preservation.

2. Evaluate strategies to integrate a Farm Preservation Program into the County’s Comprehensive Plan and Conservation Futures Program.

New Website - Check It Out

If you haven’t already seen it, I’m pleased to announce Thurston County has a new and improved website.

The new page is designed to have a more contemporary, spacious look that reflects the character of Thurston County, while enabling people to easily find the information they need. Hot topics and events such as a hearing on the Prairie-Oak Ordinance and information on the Yelm Highway Project, will be posted directly on the home page.

The Quicks Links section allows direct access to our most frequently searched topics.

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