

BURIEN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



To protect the health and well-being of our community members and economy, we are taking action to reduce Burien's greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate risks.

The City of Burien is embarking on its first ever climate action plan. A climate action plan is a plan to reduce Burien's greenhouse gas footprint and prepare for the impacts of climate change that we know are coming.

Implementing the Burien Climate Action Plan will:

- 🚗 Make **transportation** more sustainable
- ⚡ Ensure clean and reliable **energy**
- 🏠 Promote **green buildings** and **affordable housing**

- 🦅 Protect **water** and **natural systems**
- 👨👩👧👦 Strengthen **community resilience** and well-being
- 🐾 Reduce **local exposure** to pollution
- 🌳 Address **future impacts** from climate change

WHY SHOULD WE TAKE ACTION?

The **Burien Climate Action Plan** will affect how we heat and cool our homes, how we get around, our health, and how affordable it is to live in Burien. With your input, the City of Burien can develop more effective climate solutions through public investments, support for individual actions for change, and sustainable business strategies and opportunities—leading to tangible benefits for the whole Burien community, especially those overburdened by climate impacts.



- **Healthy, affordable communities**
- **Local green jobs**
- **Resiliency to economic & climate changes**
- **Healthy, beautiful landscapes**
- **Accessible, efficient transportation**
- **Long-term cost savings**

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PLAN FOCUS AREAS



Transportation & Land Use

- Create a clean, accessible, reliable, and equitable transportation system.
- Promote efficient land use that supports walking, bicycling, transit, and electric vehicles.



Buildings & Energy

- Expand renewable energy sources.
- Support efficient building standards.
- Create a more climate-resilient energy grid.
- Ensure we prioritize small businesses and overburdened communities by addressing higher energy and housing burdens.



Water & Natural Systems

- Improve water quality and management.
- Ensure equitable access to parks and green spaces.
- Enhance ecosystem health and community services while centering overburdened communities and building resilience to future climate impacts.



Community Resilience & Wellbeing

- Build awareness and improve public services to ensure all communities are prepared for climate-related impacts.
- Focus investments on communities that experience disproportionate climate impacts.



Materials & Consumption

- Reduce community waste generation.
- Increase recycling and composting.
- Extend the lifecycle of materials to work toward sustainable consumption.



PLAN TIMELINE

2020

- Prepare greenhouse gas emissions inventory

2021

- Develop community engagement strategy
- Assemble Community Advisory Group

- Identify top strategies and actions to meet our targets

- Work with Community Advisory Group to refine strategies and actions

- Hear priorities and concerns from the general public and stakeholders

- Release draft Climate Action Plan and incorporate feedback

2022

- Adopt final Climate Action Plan

GET INVOLVED! Tell us your priorities and concerns and learn what you can do to ensure that the Burien Climate Action Plan and its solutions—especially for housing, land use, transportation, parks, and green space—help create and sustain a vibrant and resilient Burien for years to come.



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