CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CLIMATE POLICY ADVISORY TEAM (CPAT) MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: In Person and Virtual / Zoom

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

    A. Discussion question: What's come up for you since our last meeting?

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4. **REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

    A. Minutes from April, 15, 2025 meeting

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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The Team is not accepting online public comments. *This portion of the agenda is set aside for the public to address the Committee on agenda items.* ***Comments are limited to a three (3) minute time limit.***

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

    A. Introducing the future emissions forecast and wedge analysis

    B. Review and discuss draft Climate Element goals and policies

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

    A. Engagement updates and discussion items: Survey process, Recap open house

    B. Review action items from the April meeting and identify action items from May meeting

8. **NEXT MEETING**

    Monday, June 2, 2025

9. **ADJOURN**

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1   **City of Lake Forest Park – Climate Policy Advisory Team**
2   **Regular Meeting Minutes: April 15, 2025; 7:00-9:00pm**
3   **Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom**
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5   **CPAT members present:** Chair David Kleweno (via Zoom), Vice Chair Anne Udaloy, Miriam
6   Bertram, Sarah Phillips, Janne Kaje, Stacey Spain, and Victoria Kutasz
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8   **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Alexandra Doty,
9   Cascadia (via Zoom); Marissa Milam, Cascadia (via Zoom); Maddie Seibert, Cascadia (via Zoom)
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11 **Members of the Public present:** none
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13 **CPAT members absent:** Jessica Côté (alternate)
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15 **Call to order:** Vice Chair Udaloy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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17 **Welcome and Introductions:**
18 **Discussion question: What's come up for you since our last meeting?**
19 Cmr. Kaje gave an update on fish populations and the good numbers from last fall.
20 CAC members Phillips and Bertram gave an update on funding for the climate hub.
21 The remaining CPAT members provided updates on climate issues.
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23 **Adoption of Agenda:** CPAT member Kaje motioned for the agenda to be approved, CPAT
24 member Phillips seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
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26 **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** CPAT member Bertram made a motion to approve the March 12,
27 2025, Meeting Minutes. CPAT member Kaje seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was
28 carried unanimously.
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30 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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32 **New Business:**
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34 **Old Business:**
35 **Brief overview of the GHG inventory results and launch GHG summary memo review, and**
36 **discuss updated VMT reduction strategies and target setting**
37 Ms. Doty reviewed the results for both the Communitywide GHG inventory and the municipal
38 operations GHG inventory. The next step is to develop draft policies based on the results from both
39 GHG inventory results for the Climate Element.
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41 Ms. Milam reviewed the commerce guidelines for VMT reduction, VMT reduction strategies, and
42 VMT reduction target setting. Ms. Milam discussed the approach to quantifying existing and
43 projected future VMT in Lake Forest Park.
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45 **Policy development process update**
46 Ms. Seibert led a presentation on updates from the policy audit. Cascadia has integrated findings
47 from VMT analysis, Climate Vulnerability Assessment, and community survey. Cascadia has also

1 met with the City's urban forest planner and a city council member to discuss the city's tree canopy
2 coverage.
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4 **Vulnerability Assessment initial findings on exposure and sensitivity**
5 Ms. Seibert led a presentation on the results of the Vulnerability Assessment. Ms. Seibert reviewed
6 key maps of critical areas and CPAT members provided insightful information regarding critical
7 areas in the city. For the next meeting, the draft vulnerability assessment will be available to review
8 in May.
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10 **Engagement updates and discussion items: Preliminary survey results, group interviews**
11 **process update, upcoming May 1 open house discussion**
12 Ms. Doty gave an update on engagement items. Key items being, the climate element survey closed
13 on April 10th, group interviews are underway with the high school Environmental Club and Interact
14 Club, and the Climate Open House is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st.
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16 **Review action items from the March meeting and identify action items from April meeting**
17 Ms. Doty also reviewed the action items for CPAT members, city staff, and the project team.
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19 **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025
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21 **Adjournment:**
22 Chair Kleweno called the meeting to adjourn at 9:02 PM.
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24   APPROVED:
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27   David Kleweno, Chair of Climate Policy Advisory Team

City of Lake Forest Park

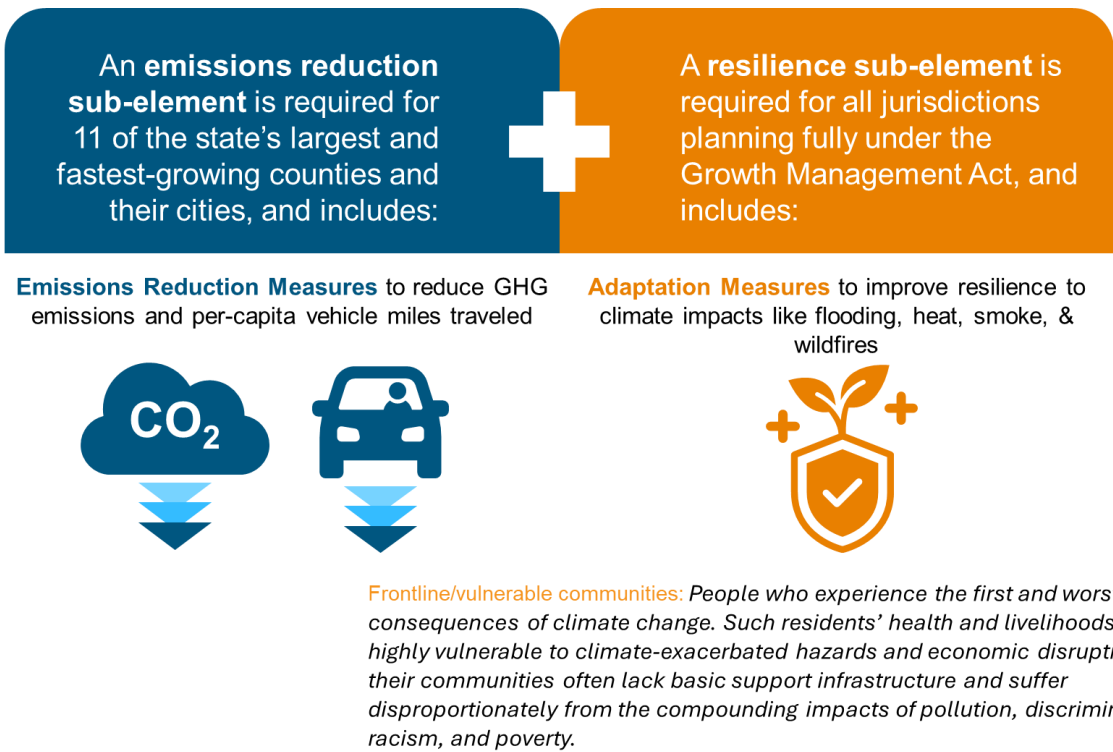# Climate Element Draft Policies

April 2025

Introduction

WA House Bill (HB) 1181

As part of the 2023 amendments to the Washington Growth Management Act (GMA), Washington House Bill (HB) 1181 requires cities and counties to integrate climate policies into their comprehensive plan updates. The City of Lake Forest Park must adopt policy changes that mitigate climate change impacts and enhance resiliency across multiple sectors. These policies must align with the Department of Commerce's Climate Planning Guidance (Growth Management Services, 2023).

Table 1. Overview of Climate Element Requirements

An **emissions reduction sub-element** is required for 11 of the state's largest and fastest-growing counties and their cities, and includes:

A **resilience sub-element** is required for all jurisdictions planning fully under the Growth Management Act, and includes:

Emissions Reduction Measures to reduce GHG emissions and per-capita vehicle miles traveled

Adaptation Measures to improve resilience to climate impacts like flooding, heat, smoke, & wildfires

Frontline/vulnerable communities: *People who experience the first and worst consequences of climate change. Such residents' health and livelihoods are often highly vulnerable to climate-exacerbated hazards and economic disruptions, and their communities often lack basic support infrastructure and suffer disproportionately from the compounding impacts of pollution, discrimination, racism, and poverty.*

Draft Policies Methodology

The project team followed Department of Commerce guidelines to conduct a policy audit and develop a list of initial draft Climate Element policies for City review. At a high level, we took the following steps:

- Audited core document policies and identified gaps and opportunities. More details are available in the Policy Audit Summary Memo.
- Cross-walked draft policies with several sources:
  - Commerce Menu of Measures

- City planning documents reviewed as part of the policy audit: Climate Action Plan; Legacy 100-Year Vision Report; Urban Forest Ecosystem Services and Values Report; Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan; Safe Highways Report; and Safe Streets Reports
- Peer cities in King County

- Met with Drue Epping and Councilmember Tracy Furutani about tree canopy priorities.
- Integrated findings from Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT analysis), Climate Vulnerability Assessment, and community survey conducted in 2025 as part of the Climate Element development process.

This is the first step in the policy development process. We'll be revisiting and refining the policies multiple times to incorporate feedback from the City, the Climate Policy Action Team (CPAT), and the community. We encourage as much input as possible at this early stage.

Following this initial review, we'll revise the draft based on the feedback we receive and continue to iterate. Additional input will also be gathered from:

- Staff Policy Meeting – April 23
- Survey and Interview Results – April 30
- Open House – May 1
- CPAT Meeting – May 14
- Climate Equity Assessment – May 15

Key Questions for Review

As you read through the draft policies and goals, please consider the following questions

- **Goal language:** Are there any major gaps in the goal statements or missing goal categories?
- **Policy language:** Do the action verbs and policy drivers make sense? Are there any that should be reworded for clarity or strength?
- **Standout policies:** Which policies seem particularly strong or effective? Are there any that seem weak or unnecessary and should be revised or removed?
- **Missing content:** Are there any major gaps in the policies or goal areas? Is there something important that's not addressed? Should it be added to an existing policy or developed as a new one?
- **Feasibility:** What do you think the City could realistically implement? Please share your thoughts on the feasibility of each policy so we can ensure they are actionable.

Guide to the Policy Tables

In the next sections, 22 draft Resilience sub-element policies and 24 draft GHG sub-element policies are organized into tables by policy goal.

The sections of each table contain the following information:

- **Policy ID** = A short numerical identifier for each policy.

- **Draft policy language** = The full language of each draft policy.

- **Source** = Documents and other inputs that support inclusion of the policy in the Climate Element. Sources include the Commerce Menu of Measures (stated as CMM in source column), Commerce Guidance Documents, Lake Forest Park planning documents, peer city policies, Vulnerability Assessment, Community Survey, and/or Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis. Any policies that are new (not in the current Comprehensive Plan) are noted as new.

- **Rationale** = Reasoning for specific language and/or implementation details.

In some cases, our team has recommended editing or removing current Comprehensive Plan policies:

- **Any edits to current Comprehensive Plan policies are noted in the policy tables** with ~~strikethroughs~~ indicating removed language and **bolding** indicating added text. In the following example, "and decrease local greenhouse gas emissions" is language our team recommends removing, and "and advocate for clean energy projects in Washington" is text we recommend adding to the policy.

  Example: "Participate in regional efforts to create a state-wide clean energy policy ~~and decrease local greenhouse gas emissions~~ **and advocate for clean energy projects in Washington.**"

- **In some cases (in Goal 5), we have recommended removing current Comprehensive Plan policies.** These policies are listed directly after the draft policies of the goal which is most relevant, with a rationale for removing each one. In all cases, we propose replacing any removed policies with more specific and detailed policies in the Climate Element.

Resilience Sub-Element

Goal 1. Enhance community resilience to wildfire smoke and extreme heat by strengthening infrastructure, community systems, and natural areas to reduce impacts on residents, workers, and critical services.			
ID	**Draft Policy**	**Source**	**Rationale**
CE1.1	Integrate cooling infrastructure such as trees, permeable pavement, and other heat-resistant features near high-traffic transportation areas with elevated temperatures, prioritizing the Town Center.	New; Commerce MM Policy T.06; Vulnerability Assessment Community Survey	This policy reduces heat-related risks and improves comfort, health, and walkability in high-use areas. The vulnerability assessment identified the Town Center as a priority area due to excessive heat exposure and high foot traffic.
CE1.2	Strengthen Lake Forest Park's critical areas and wildlife habitats by prioritizing natural cooling strategies such as planting shade-providing trees, expanding native vegetation, preserving and restoring wetlands and riparian buffers along creeks, ensuring shaded water sources, and creating connected habitat corridors to support salmon passage and ecological resilience.	New; Commerce MM Policy U.03; Vulnerability Assessment, Community Survey	Supports key City priorities in the Comprehensive Plan to protect wildlife and habitat and aligns with Commerce requirements. The city's creeks are active salmon runs, and efforts such as daylighting Lyon Creek support both ecological restoration and resilience goals.
CE1.3	Partner with local community groups and government agencies to expand access to cooling and clean air resources during extreme heat and wildfire smoke events—especially for low-income households, older adults, people with disabilities, and those with respiratory conditions. Support initiatives such as DIY clean air shelter education (e.g., HEPA filter box fans), A/C and air purifier rebates, cooling kits, and improved infrastructure in public spaces.	New; Commerce MM Policy T.06; Community Survey	Washington has a relatively low prevalence of air conditioning in homes, making it critical to expand cooling solutions as temperatures continue to rise. Providing additional options can help residents stay safe and comfortable during extreme heat. The City's only low-income housing is in a high heat area; there is a need to mitigate heat impacts to protect residents' health and reduce energy costs.

Goal 1. Enhance community resilience to wildfire smoke and extreme heat by strengthening infrastructure, community systems, and natural areas to reduce impacts on residents, workers, and critical services.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE1.4	Develop public education campaigns to raise awareness of heat risks, and connect residents with available resources during heat waves, ensuring widespread distribution through multiple channels such as online, community centers, local events, and multilingual outreach.	New; Commerce MM Policy T.06; Community Survey	Raising awareness and ensuring access to resources during heat waves can prevent illness and save lives. Using multiple outreach channels — including online platforms, community centers, local events, and multilingual materials — helps reach a broader and more diverse audience

Goal 2. Advance environmental justice and community well-being by prioritizing equitable climate policies, inclusive decision-making, and access to healthy, resilient environments for all residents.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE2.1	Ensure that socially and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods are not left out of the benefits of climate investments such as increased tree canopy, canopy retention, and green infrastructure, which help mitigate environmental stresses and improve quality of life.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-9.2; Commerce Guidance	Some communities face higher exposure to heat and pollution due to limited tree cover and infrastructure. Targeted investments in tree planting, retention, and maintenance can reduce urban heat, improve air quality, and support health and well-being, while promoting long-term climate resilience and equity.
CE2.2	Support nonprofit organizations that provide education and engagement in forest conservation strategies, while also prioritizing the protection of natural areas and ecosystems, with a focus on safeguarding local waterways and local salmon species.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-9.3	Partner with organizations such as the Conservation District to enhance the protection and restoration of natural areas and open spaces. While many parks are managed by the City, collaborating with external partners can strengthen restoration efforts, provide additional resources, and ensure that open space stewardship reflects broader community values and priorities.

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CE2.3	Support equitable monitoring of urban forestry's climate impacts, focusing on high-risk and underserved areas. Protect heritage trees, expand canopy coverage, and partner with King County's heat mapping to guide resilience planning.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-9.6	Monitoring provides valuable data to inform future tree planting and maintenance strategies, while protecting historical trees preserves community character, cultural heritage, and environmental benefits, such as shade and cooling and carbon sequestration.
CE2.4	Promote economic development by establishing green jobs, supporting workforce development, providing green tax credits for businesses, and encouraging green certifications through trade and education.	New; Commerce MM Policy R.04	The Economic Development section of the Comprehensive Plan emphasizes preserving and expanding Lake Forest Park's economic base for long-term sustainability. This strategy will not only promote environmental responsibility but also strengthens the local economy and workforce resilience.
C2.5	Ensure environmental justice by providing all residents, especially vulnerable populations, an equitable opportunity to learn about climate impacts, influence policy decisions, and co-develop equitable mitigation and recovery strategies that reflect community needs and priorities.	New; Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-9.1, Commerce Guidance, Community Survey	Providing equitable opportunities for education, participation, and co-development of solutions builds trust, addresses historical disparities, and leads to more effective and inclusive climate strategies that reflect the priorities and needs of the entire Lake Forest Park community. It also conforms with Commerce guidance to prioritize frontline communities in Climate Element policies. The vulnerability assessment found that the Block Group containing the only low-income housing unit in Lake Forest Park, located just south of Acacia Memorial Park, has the highest poverty rate in the City.

Goal 3. Preserve and protect Lake Forest Park water resources by advancing drought and flood resilience.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE3.1	Integrate water conservation and protection strategies into City planning to address drought, extreme heat, and other climate-related risks impacting water resources in Lake Forest Park.	New; CMM Goal ID# Y; Vulnerability Assessment, Community Survey	Integrating water conservation strategies into City planning helps ensure a reliable water supply, supports ecosystem health, and reduces pressure on infrastructure during climate-related events. The vulnerability assessment identified that on average, LFP residents' potable water usage is three times as high as the city's average on hot summer days.
CE3.2	Coordinate with the Lake Forest Park Water District and explore collaboration with the Saving Water Partnership to provide financial incentives such as rebates or tax credits for residents and businesses to install water-saving technologies and systems, including cisterns, drip irrigation, leak detection kits, and smart irrigation controllers.	New; Commerce MM Policy N06, Community Survey	Financial incentives make it easier for residents and businesses to adopt water-saving technologies, which is especially important as climate stressors like drought and extreme heat increase demand on local water systems. Partnering with the Lake Forest Park Water District and regional efforts like the Saving Water Partnership leverages existing expertise and resources, helping to accelerate conservation.
CE3.3	Promote drought resilience and water efficiency in urban planning through compact development, minimized impervious surfaces, and the use of water-saving design strategies.	New; LFP Comp Plan Policy U 4.3, Community Survey	Conserve water resources, improve groundwater recharge, and mitigate the impacts of drought by reducing runoff and promoting efficient land use when developing new projects, and incorporate these strategies when updating older infrastructure
CE3.4	Collaborate with local partners to restore floodplains and improve stream and river connectivity as a strategy to reduce flood risk.	New; Commerce MM Policy L.05; Vulnerability Assessment, Community Survey	Restoring floodplains and reconnecting rivers enhances ecological resilience, reduces flood risks, and improves water quality. Floodplains appear as a small part of the map in Lake Forest Park, but there are articles and comments supporting evidence that flooding occurs beyond the FEMA identified floodplain zones.

Goal 3. Preserve and protect Lake Forest Park water resources by advancing drought and flood resilience.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE3.5	Integrate flood resilience into the planning and maintenance of roads, sidewalks, trails, parks, and transit infrastructure in Lake Forest Park to reduce future flood risk and ensure these public assets remain safe, accessible, and functional during and after flood events.	New; Commerce MM Policy S.01; Vulnerability Assessment	Integrating flood-resilient infrastructure such as improved drainage, raised roadways, and flood-tolerant materials—can enhance mobility during heavy rain events. Ensuring that sidewalks and transit stops remain accessible in wet conditions will also support pedestrian safety and public transportation use note SR 104 and SR 522 are key routes.
CE3.6	Collaborate with multiple Water Districts and Sewer Districts to plan and implement resilience measures for critical water infrastructure—such as wells, reservoirs, treatment facilities, and sewer systems—in flood-prone areas to reduce vulnerability to flooding and other climate-related hazards.	New; LFP Comp Plan Goal U-4; Vulnerability Assessment	Storm-related flooding and landslides are likely to impact Lake Forest Park's stormwater and sewer systems, as well as power lines and communication infrastructure. There could be damage or backflow, leading to water quality concerns. Policies that require utility providers to elevate or reinforce infrastructure in flood-prone areas can help maintain essential services during and after major storm events.
CE3.7	Partner with local agencies and community organizations to apply sediment reduction techniques that minimize smoke hazards, enhance watershed stability, and support water quality and storage. Consider priority watersheds such as the Tolt and Cedar Rivers.	New; Commerce MM Policy L.07; Vulnerability Assessment	Sediment reduction techniques improve watershed resilience by reducing erosion, protecting water quality, and enhancing storage capacity.
CE3.8	Coordinate with land managers and community partners to implement erosion and landslide control techniques, to stabilize soils and safeguard local waterways following fire and flooding events.	New; Commerce MM L.07; Vulnerability Assessment	Reducing sediment in stormwater, such as in rivers, helps protect drinking water quality and minimizes the ecological impacts of wildfire smoke events. This should be prioritized on the western edge of the City, where landslides are more prevalent.

Goal 4. Strengthen emergency response systems to climate hazards by improving coordination, infrastructure, and community preparedness.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE4.1	Coordinate with local agencies (e.g., King County Emergency Management, Public Health – Seattle & King County, first responder agencies, and community-based organizations) to identify risk areas, develop targeted response plans, and ensure equitable access to resources, communication, and recovery assistance.	NEW; Commerce MM Goal ID #5, Community Survey	Develop inclusive education programs to help the community prepare for climate hazards. Efforts should include broad public education as well as targeted outreach to vulnerable populations, ensuring they have access to the information and resources needed to stay safe.
CE4.2	Develop a comprehensive waste management plan to address debris removal and waste disposal in post-emergency scenarios, in partnership with local waste service, emergency management agencies, and regional partners.	New; Tree Conversation Meeting, Community Survey	Effective debris and waste management is critical to restoring public safety, health, and infrastructure after emergencies. Coordinating with waste service providers and emergency partners ensures timely, efficient removal and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous materials, reduces environmental and public health risks, and supports faster community recovery.
CE4.3	Encourage on-site energy storage and back-up systems in homes and local Lake Forest Park businesses.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-9.5, Community Survey	On-site energy storage and backup systems improve energy reliability during outages, support emergency preparedness, and help reduce strain on the grid during peak demand or disasters.
CE4.4	Collaborate with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) and other regional partners to enhance real-time air quality monitoring and community guidance to protect public health during smoke events, building on existing communication systems and expanding outreach efforts to reach more residents, especially vulnerable populations.	New; Commerce MM Policy T:05, Community Survey	The LFP Comp Plan is currently missing general smoke resilience policies, so this policy complements other smoke-related policies and ensures that alert systems are developed to notify residents as quickly as possible. Smoke patterns can change rapidly and originate from distant sources

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Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Sub-Element

	Goal 5. **Reduce emissions from buildings** by supporting low-carbon building energy sources and energy efficient building design and retrofits.		
ID	**Draft Policy**	**Source**	**Rationale**
CE5.1	Encourage adoption of a standard for sustainability, environmental design, and energy conservation in public buildings.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy CF-4.11; Commerce MM E.07; Climate Action Plan, Community Survey	The City could provide structural and financial incentives (e.g., density bonuses and tax credits) to developers to certify projects under a third-party standard (e.g., LEED).
CE5.2	Implement renewable energy sources, and reduce energy use and potable water consumption by City buildings and operations.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy CF-4.4; Commerce MM E.06	Electricity and electric heat pumps in public facilities can reduce GHG emissions and help newer technologies become visible for the community.
CE5.3	Participate in regional efforts to create a state-wide clean energy policy ~~and decrease local greenhouse gas emissions~~ **and advocate for clean energy projects in Washington**.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-5.4	Collaborate with K4C on this work, which could have impacts that are broader than city limits. The edits to this current Comp Plan policy language note that state-level impact can also occur through clean energy projects in addition to policy.
CE5.4	Work with regional partners and stakeholders to seek and support funding for programs that focus on energy efficiency, community solar, and emerging clean energy technology with an emphasis on rentals, lower income households that are energy burdened, and/or communities more vulnerable to heat/smoke.	Commerce Guidance, Climate Action Plan	Collaborate with City Light to educate residents and provide resources, including rebates, to support the transition to more energy-efficient fuels. This will help lower emissions at the residential level.
CE5.5	**Build on existing utility-provided energy efficiency and building electrification programs and initiatives through expanding outreach and education programs.** Educate	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-5.3, Climate	Build on Seattle City Light's work. https://www.seattle.gov/city-light/residential-services/home-energy-solutions

	residents about incentives for emerging clean energy technology, such as tax exemptions for solar installations, and increase resident awareness of existing solar arrays and water heating systems in the city.	Action Plan, Peer city (Covington)	
CE5.6	Support permitting and approval processes for energy efficiency upgrades, building electrification retrofits, and clean energy projects, with the goal of reducing GHG emissions from buildings while maintaining grid capacity and reliability.	New; Peer city (Covington) GHG Policy Database	Residential and commercial buildings use large amounts of electricity. Jurisdictions can amend building and land use codes to streamline upgrades and retrofits that utilize zero-emission GHG features, reducing GHG emissions and mitigating climate change.

Goal 5: Current Comprehensive Plan Policies Proposed to Remove and Replace

There are several policies in the current Comprehensive Plan that this team recommends **removing from their current chapters and replacing with the proposed Climate Element policies**. Specific policies and rationales are below:

ID	Current Comprehensive Plan Policy (Recommended for Removal)	Draft CE Policy Replacement(s)	Rationale for Removing and Replacing the Policy
EQ5.1	Promote public and private clean energy pilot projects, such as a comprehensive network of electric vehicle charging stations or community solar projects, with the active participation of residents and businesses.	CE5.4, CE7.1, CE5.5	It is valuable to separate community solar from electric vehicle charging policy. The Climate Element has separate goals and policies to house these topics. • Policy CE 5.4 supports more types of clean energy projects. • Policy CE 7.1 adds more detail to electric vehicle charging planning. • Policy CE5.5 adds details on outreach to encourage active participation.
EQ5.2	Encourage reduced energy demand, support energy management technology, and encourage greater reliance on sustainable energy sources compared to conventional sources.	CE5.5, CE5.6	This policy is broad. Policies CE5.5 and CE5.6 contain more detail about how the City can accomplish these goals.
EQ5.5	Encourage businesses, residents, and new developments to utilize electric or solar energy.	CE5.6	Policy 5.6 contains more detail about how the City can accomplish these goals.

Goal 6 Reduce driving and enhance alternate transportation options.			
ID	**Draft Policy**	**Source**	**Rationale**
CE6.1	Collaborate with King County Metro on providing creative mobility options, such as Metro Flex or vanpool services, to support more accessible and reliable transit, prioritizing services to areas with underserved populations, particularly seniors, people with disabilities, and households with low incomes.	Comp Plan Policy T-6.4, VMT Study, Climate Action Plan	Commerce guidance indicates that environmental justice and equity should be priorities in policy. Bike and scooter-share programs will not be accessible to all, and micromobility solutions should reduce future VMT.
CE6.2	Prioritize, develop, and maintain mobility hubs in the Town Center and other transportation-efficient locations, especially near overburdened communities that lack sustainable transportation options.	New; Commerce MM I.16, Climate Action Plan	The development of mobility hubs may be incremental upgrades as opportunities arise such as: new or refurbishment of middle and multifamily housing plus commercial development; upgrade of bus stops; utility service work; introduction of electric vehicle charging.
CE6.3	Expand bicycle rack and locker capacity at appropriate transit stops, mobility hubs, and park & rides in a manner that meets Community Protection through Environmental Design guidelines.	Comp Plan Policy T-1.7, VMT Study, Climate Action Plan	This is an enabling policy that should reduce future VMT.
CE6.4	Collaborate with the cities of Shoreline and Kenmore to provide a streamlined, connected shared-use electric bicycle or scooter program that provides micromobility options across the neighboring cities.	Comp Plan Policy T-2.7, VMT Study	This is an enabling policy that should reduce future VMT.
CE6.5	Create and implement outreach and education initiatives and materials that inform the community about transit travel options.	Comp Plan Policy T-3.5, VMT Study	This is an enabling policy that should reduce future VMT.
CE6.6	Expand Lake Forest Park's "Safe Routes to School Program" participation, including an education and encouragement component, and continue to apply for local, state, and federal grants to enhance safe routes to schools.	Comp Plan Policy T-2.8, VMT Study, Climate Action Plan	This is an enabling policy that should reduce future VMT.

Goal 6 Reduce driving and enhance alternate transportation options.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE6.7	Develop a connected and complete multimodal network that prioritizes access to key destinations through Lake Forest Park - including the Town Center, transit stations, parks, and trails- that provides safe access for all ages and abilities. Implement the Safe Streets and Town Center Connections Plans to ensure safe, efficient, and direct pedestrian and bicycle access to the Town Center and transit stations.	Comp Plan Policy T1.1, Commerce MM H.03, VMT Study, Community Survey	Develop mode-specific plans, such as bicycle and pedestrian plans, adopt complete streets policies and ordinances, and consider multimodal transportation in neighborhood specific plans.

Goal 7 Facilitate a transition to electric vehicles by expanding charging and education.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE7.1	Align with existing building codes and regulations to draft an EV charging plan and support the expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the community, including municipal buildings, multifamily developments, major commercial areas, and parking garages, to advance the decarbonization of the transportation sector developments.	New; Commerce MM Goal AD; Climate Action Plan, Community Survey	Strengthening this policy is crucial given the growing state and countywide support for EV transition and infrastructure.
CE7.2	Determine funding and priorities to facilitate a City fleet transition to electric vehicles.	New; Climate Action Plan	Added as a complement to communitywide infrastructure. Convert public fleets to zero-emission vehicles by a target date (2035 is stated in the Climate Action Plan) and develop supporting infrastructure and programs (e.g., charging stations and dedicated lanes for electric cars and buses).
CE7.3	Promote the use of electric off-road equipment in City operations and among community members by providing educational resources, guiding access to available funding or rebate programs, and incorporating electric equipment options into City operations where feasible.	GHG Inventory, peer city (Covington)	Off-road equipment, such as construction and landscaping equipment, will become a larger proportion of GHG emissions as other sources are reduced. Early action to support a transition to electric equipment will have larger effects in the next decades.

Goal 8. Promote development that advances climate planning, resilience, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE8.1	Foster transit-oriented development by increasing density in areas well-served by transit, and prioritize infill development through the zoning and permitting process.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy LU-11.1; Commerce MM C.06	Incentivize infill by reducing impact fees and permitting fees, as well as by amending SEPA exemptions to allow residential infill development projects outright. Consider integrating into transportation or neighborhood planning. Also, consider any necessary code changes (zoning, design standards, parking, etc.) and develop incentives.
CE8.2	Implement complementary, mixed land use versus traditional zoning, such as locating businesses, parks, and schools in residential neighborhoods to promote cycling and walking, and reducing driving.	New; Commerce MM V.11, VMT Study, Community Survey	Creating walkable, accessible communities with mixed-use developments can reduce VMT. The majority of Washington cities, including Lake Forest Park, are zoned single-family and do not allow for commercial uses adjacent or integrated within the residential area. Amending land use regulations to require mixed-use developments can facilitate GHG reductions.
CE8.3	Eliminate parking minimums near transit-oriented development to encourage sustainable transportation choices, reduce development costs, and improve housing affordability.	New; Commerce MM AC.01 and C.05; VMT Study	This policy, which could be implemented in a development code, could help reduce impervious surfaces that exacerbate stormwater runoff and the urban heat island effect. This policy also could encourage active-transportation (walking, biking, riding transit) alternatives to driving automobiles; this reduces emissions, improves community health, and supports other co-benefits.
CE8.4	Support developments that utilize clean energy or reduced energy consumption.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy LU-11.3	Residential and commercial buildings use large amounts of electricity. Jurisdictions can create incentives for new residential and commercial buildings to utilize zero-emission GHG features, reducing GHG emissions and mitigating climate change.

Goal 9. Reduce waste generation and increase recycling

ID	Draft Policy	Source	Rationale
CE9.1	Set and achieve specific goals around waste generation and periodically measure waste via waste characterization study, in partnership with the City's waste collection service provider.	New; Commerce MM X.04	Provides a structured approach to tracking and reducing waste, ensuring measurable sustainability goals are met.
CE9.2	Focus on reducing generation and disposal of high-emission materials, such as organic waste and paper. Consider food rescue policies.	New; Commerce MM Goal D	Prioritizing organic waste and paper helps reduce methane emissions and the city's overall environmental impact. Prioritizing organic waste and paper helps reduce methane emissions and the city's overall environmental impact. BUT there is already an education and food waste policy in the EQ chapter of the Comp Plan.
CE9.3	Support equitable outreach and engagement around waste reduction, recycling, and composting in partnership with the City's waste collection service provider.	New, Commerce MM Goal D, Climate Action Plan	Engaging all community members ensures more inclusive and effective waste reduction efforts.
CE9.4	Facilitate the City's 70 percent recycling rate goal (as adopted by King County) and expand current recycling efforts, such as the battery recycling program at City Hall.	Current LFP Comp Plan Policy EQ-5.6, Climate Action Plan	Recycling, particularly food, paper, textile, and metal waste, will reduce GHG emissions.