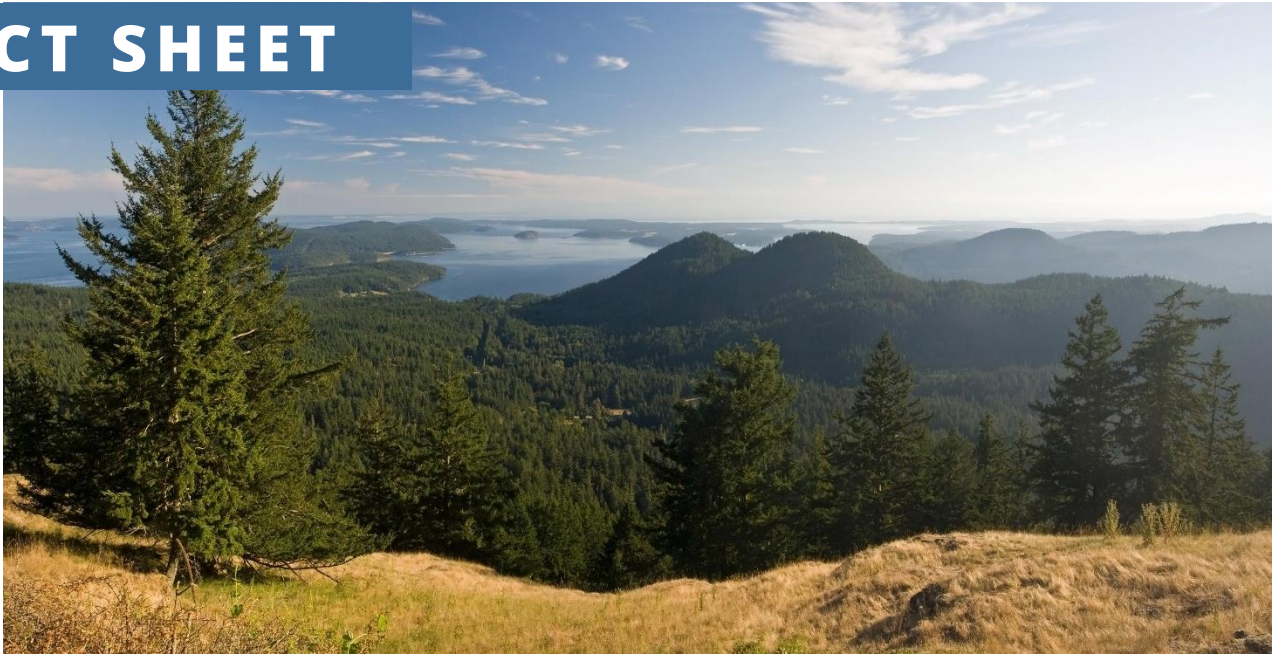


FACT SHEET



Climate Action Plan

In recognition of the serious threat climate change poses to our environment and community, San Juan County resolved to respond and adapt to climate change with Resolution 20-2020. In 2021, the County's Climate & Sustainability Program was established to further mobilize the effort to foster a climate-resilient, regenerative community.

The Vision

A critical priority is the development of a comprehensive and effective Climate Action Plan that meets our community's needs. With climate change expected to have a range of potentially harmful impacts on human health, the economy, and the environment, the need for such a plan is urgent. The Climate Action Plan will endeavor to set mitigation and adaptation goals based on reasonable targets and integrating existing community efforts. It will be shaped by our vision of a healthy, resilient Island environment, community and economy proactively managing the unpredictability of climate change.

Advisory Committee

The Climate & Sustainability Advisory Committee was established by the County Council in early 2022 to ensure coordination and communication of actions across departments and to feed into existing County advisory committees and commissions. The committee advises on policy, helps set priorities, and harnesses the momentum to help steer the County's Climate Action Plan.



Process and timeline

The San Juan Islands Climate Action Planning Process began in January 2022 with the formation of the advisory committee and development of a draft timeline. Work is on-going with an estimated Plan implementation date of Summer 2023.

San Juan Islands Climate Action Planning Process

	Program Set up	Conduct Information Review	Define Vision, Goal, Objectives, Results	Complete Gap Analysis	Revise & Prioritize	Finalize Recommendations	Adopt and Implement
Key Steps	Develop & secure approval for Advisory Committee Structure	Existing Info Review: IPCC Report, Scale&Speed Action Plan, County Climate Progress Card, OPALCO Year in Review Jan 2022 Meeting	Draft vision statement: What will the Islands be like in 2030 / 2050	Gather Missing Information: address gaps in info based on feedback, targeted towards objectives and measures <i>Greenhouse Gas emission inventory identified as a major gap.</i>	Revise and Finalize: Objectives and Measures, based on feedback from Gap Analysis Activities	Final GHG Analysis: Final greenhouse gas report prepared and incorporated (<i>if funded</i>)	Adoption: Move through plan adoption process with Council and Citizens
	Recruit Advisory Committee & secure approval of members	Develop informational on County website; Ask AC members for other relevant info to share Links to Transition San Juan, Resiliency Plan, UW Climate Impacts Site, indigenous knowledge / strategies	Draft Goal: Net Zero Emissions by 2050, achieving 50% reductions by 2030	Identify Additional Possible Actions: AC identify any gaps in objectives	Identify Owners and Costs: Define who will be responsible for each objective, its measure and how it will be funded and tracked over time	WA Model Climate Element: Cross-reference WA Dept. of Commerce's Model Climate Change Element, to be completed by June 2023	Set up Implementation SubComs: Establish SubComs that will work with Liaisons and staff to make progress on objectives, set clear tracking mechanisms. Build out from plan subcoms to engage broader community.
	Develop a planning process	Review Plans from Comparable Communities: Gather information and case studies from other like communities	Draft Objectives: Transform Transportation, Retrofit Buildings, Upgrade the Grid, Realign Food, Protect& Restore Nature, Clean Up Consumption, Manage Population Growth	Identify Strategies: articulate approaches (policies, actions, etc.) that advance objectives, have limited challenges and open opportunities	Prioritize Actions: articulate short and medium-term actions that can realistically be met in 4-8 years, are most critical to community, or move towards longer-term vision	Craft Final "Plan": Prepare a brief intro, process outline, and implementation table	Secure Funding: Identify and seek funding to implement recommendations
	Engage other Departments Review and update Climate progress card for 2021	Review Climate Plans of Local Tribes: Samish, Tulalip, Swinomish, Lummi, among others. Engage Tribes with invitation to participate via gov-to-gov relations.	Draft Measures of Success (Key Results): define the single measure to be used to determine progress and result for each objective	Summarize Findings: AC Subs provide one sheet on missing info, added actions, and strategies	Public Comment: Post draft plan for public comment	Update Council: Provide Council with update and identification of possible funding needs for 2023 during budget discussions	Begin Implementation and Tracking: Start with personal pledges, County Actions, and Business Actions
	Schedule first Advisory Committee for April 2022 Draft press release and member bios	Post information on line for public view Ask for personal pledges of action via survey Earth Day week	Invite other AC liaisons for information share in May	Subcoms connect with AC liaisons to better understand status and possibility of actions. AC Liaisons quarterly meeting Oct	Invite other AC liaisons for information share January	Public Comment: Post final plan for public comment	
AC	Advisory committee creation January 2022-March 2022	AC meeting #1 April 2022	AC Meeting #2 & #3 May - June 2022	AC Meetings #4,#5,#6 July-October 2022	AC Meeting #7,#8 Nov 2022 - Feb 2023	AC Meeting #9 March - May 2022	AC Meeting #10 June-July 2023 & beyond



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