

SUSTAINABILITY CODE AMENDMENTS

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Purpose

Tacoma's Approach to Sustainability

Sustainability is a term that describes taking care of the environment, economy, and community in a way that allows present and future generations to thrive. Sustainability is less a specific outcome than a means to an end; it involves taking the long view and recognizing the integrated nature of the world and that natural resources are finite. A sustainable approach embeds these concepts in day-to-day decisions and aligns interests and actions toward shared community goals.

Tacoma's Vision

In Tacoma, we strive to achieve an exceptional quality of life for every generation and leave a legacy of stewardship. We work together to achieve lasting and equitable prosperity; build safe, healthy, vibrant communities; and minimize our negative impacts in order to conserve the natural resources that sustain us.

Climate Action Plan - 2008

- Moving People and Goods More Efficiently
- Enhancing Compact/Livable Neighborhoods
- Energy Efficiency in Our Buildings, Homes and Industries
- Reuse and Recycle ... from Buildings to Food Waste

STAR Community Rating

- Built Environment
- Climate and Energy
- Economy and Jobs
- Education, Arts and Culture
- Equity and Empowerment
- Health and Safety
- Natural Systems

Tacoma's Growth Strategy

- Centers
 - ▣ Dense, compact, mixed use, transit supportive
- MoMaP
 - ▣ Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- Critical Areas and Shorelines
 - ▣ Focusing growth away from sensitive areas, maintaining native vegetation and hydrological functions
- Design
 - ▣ Complete Streets, Bicycle and Pedestrian Design

Origin of the Scope of Work

- Regional Code Committee
- STAR Community Rating
- LEED-ND
- Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit

Scope of Work

- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Rain Catchment
- Exterior insulation
- Light Trespass
- Short and Long Term Bicycle Parking
- Shower and Changing Facilities
- Low Impact Development BMPs

Relationship to Other Projects

- Landscaping – 2013/2014
- Affordable Housing – 2014/2015
- Stormwater Management Program – 2013/2015
- Comprehensive Plan Update – 2013/2015

Next Steps

- Scope and supporting documentation for each topic
- Draft code amendments