



Climate Planning in Ferndale

Overview

The City of Ferndale is measuring our community's greenhouse gas emissions and considering policies to help reduce our impact on the environment.

This planning will help make Ferndale a more resilient community and support other priorities—including health, housing, and transportation—that are affected by climate change.

Public input is an important part of our planning—scan the QR code on this sheet to learn more!

Washington's new climate planning law

In 2023 the Washington state legislature passed a law (HB 1181) requiring counties and cities to prepare for a changing climate and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The law directed cities to do this planning as part of the comprehensive plan update process. Comprehensive plans establish a community's vision for the next 20 years, across different "Elements" like Transportation, Land Use, and Economic Development.

Ferndale's next update to our comprehensive plan is due at the end of 2025, and in response to this new law we are developing a Climate Element for our plan.

Project timeline

- November 2024:** City staff and consultants begin analyzing our community's emissions and starting an engagement process.
- March–April 2025:** City distributes a survey seeking community feedback.
- June 2025:** City uses community feedback and emissions analysis to develop greenhouse gas reduction goals and a plan for achieving those goals.
- November 2025:** City adopts a Climate Element as part of its comprehensive plan update.



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