

2025 SOUTH THURSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP)



South Thurston County Wildfire Community Protection Plan

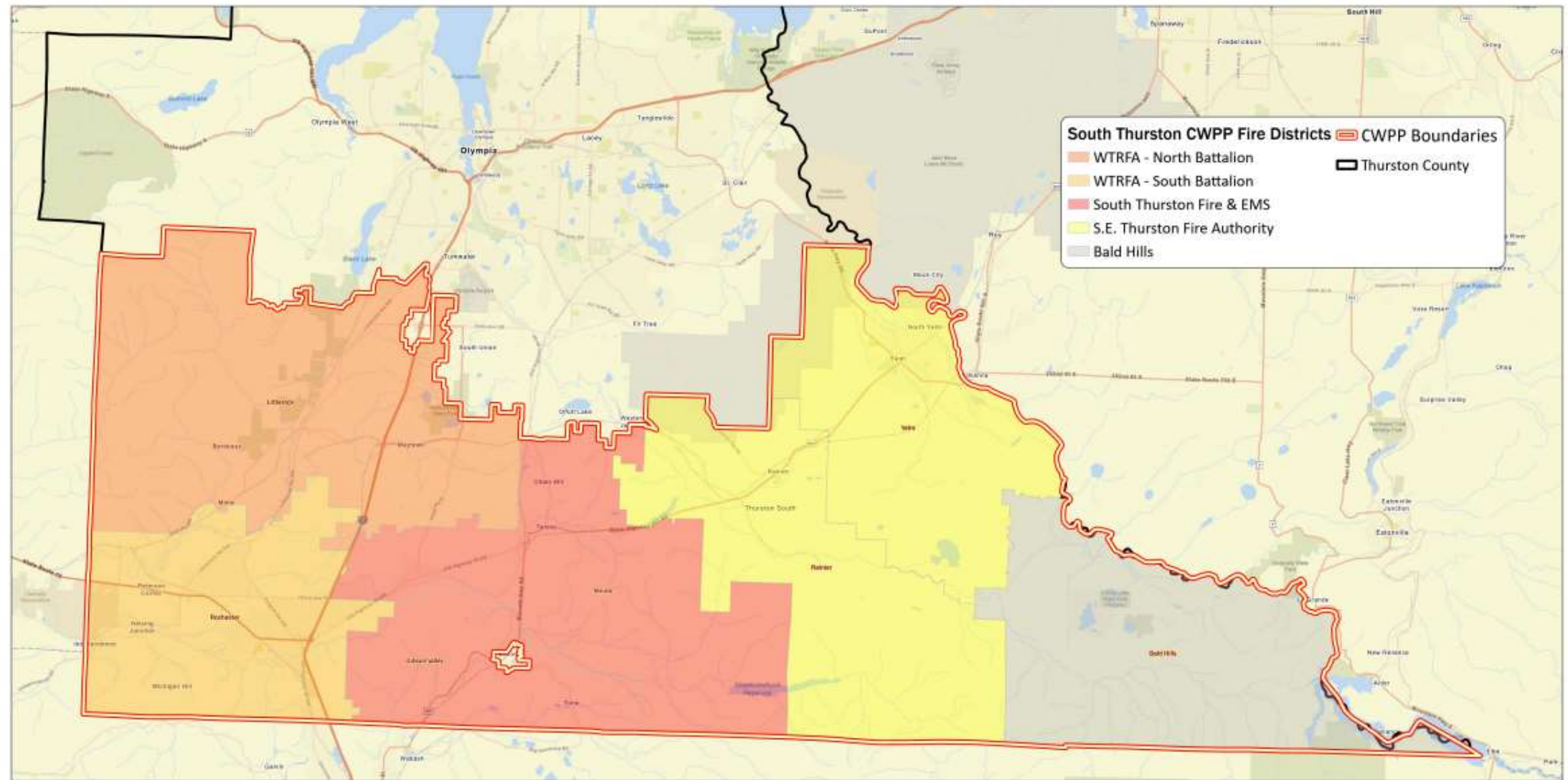
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Fire Districts & Plan Boundaries



Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003

Collaboration

- Must include local governments, fire departments, and the state forest service
- Community input and cross-boundary collaboration is key.

Prioritized Fuel Reduction

- Must identify the highest priority locations for fuels treatments across the landscape
- Emphasis on cross-boundary treatments

Structural Ignitability

- Must address reducing structural ignitability
- Emphasis on individual responsibility of homeowners

What a CWPP Is

Collaborative community effort to
determine, prioritize, and plan
actions that protect life, property, and
infrastructure from wildfire

A PLAN & A PROCESS

- A CWPP must include planned action items
- Action items should be SMART - specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound

What a CWPP Is Not

NOT A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT

- The CWPP does not require anyone to take action.
- The CWPP does not have legal recourse for failing to act on something in the plan.

NOT A FUNDING SOURCE

- The CWPP is not a source for funding.
- The CWPP is not a checkbox.

Community + Partner Engagement

Identification of stakeholders and partners:
core team development!

Assessing district and community capacity

Gathering community input

Ensuring diversity and representation

Parts of prioritization/implementation

SOUTH THURSTON CWPP PROCESS

Meeting Type	Meeting Date	Meeting Theme/Topics Covered	Location
Stakeholder Meeting #1	November 14, 2024	Community Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand existing data and resources neededIdentify community priorities and engagement	In-person: Yelm Community Center
Stakeholder Meeting #2	January 14, 2025	Hazard & Risk Assessment and WUI <ul style="list-style-type: none">Defining the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) of South Thurston CountyWildfire fuels in the areaUnderstanding high wildfire risk areas, vulnerable populations, and community values	Online
Community Engagement Meeting	March 6, 2025	Wildfire Risk and Wildfire Protection Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify community wildfire protection goalsDetermine high risk wildfire areas	In-person: West Thurston Regional Fire Authority Little Rock Station
Stakeholder Meeting #3	March 25, 2025	Mitigation and Implementation Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand current wildfire mitigation projects and identify recommended wildfire mitigation projects	Online
Stakeholder Meeting #4	April 18, 2025	Monitoring and Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify projects and wildfire risk areas that require monitoring and determine what those monitoring strategies are.Evaluation of the effectiveness of projects.	Online
Stakeholder Meeting #5 & Community Engagement Meeting	May 17, 2025	South Thurston CWPP Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community members and the Stakeholder Advisory group will understand how the plan has been developed and what it includes.	In-person at the Violet Prairie Grange in Tenino

Project Priority

Low Priority (L)	Non-urgent projects to be implemented when there is available time, capacity, and resources to limit wildfire risk but will not prevent harm to life and values.
Medium Priority (M)	Projects with a flexible timeline to be implemented as soon as time, capacity, and resources are available due to the potential impact they can play in reducing harm to life and values.
High Priority (H)	Projects that need to be implemented as soon as possible and have the greatest impact to life, critical infrastructure, and coordination.

Project Type

Item A	Fire Adapted Communities	Community group engagement and public education efforts and fire prevention and mitigation efforts through programs and activities that encourage individual and community action such as home hardening.
Item B	Fuel Reduction	Small and large-scale treatments to mitigate vegetative and structural fuels.
Item D	Wildfire Response	Emergency management planning to coordinate people and resources.

CWPP PARTNERS

