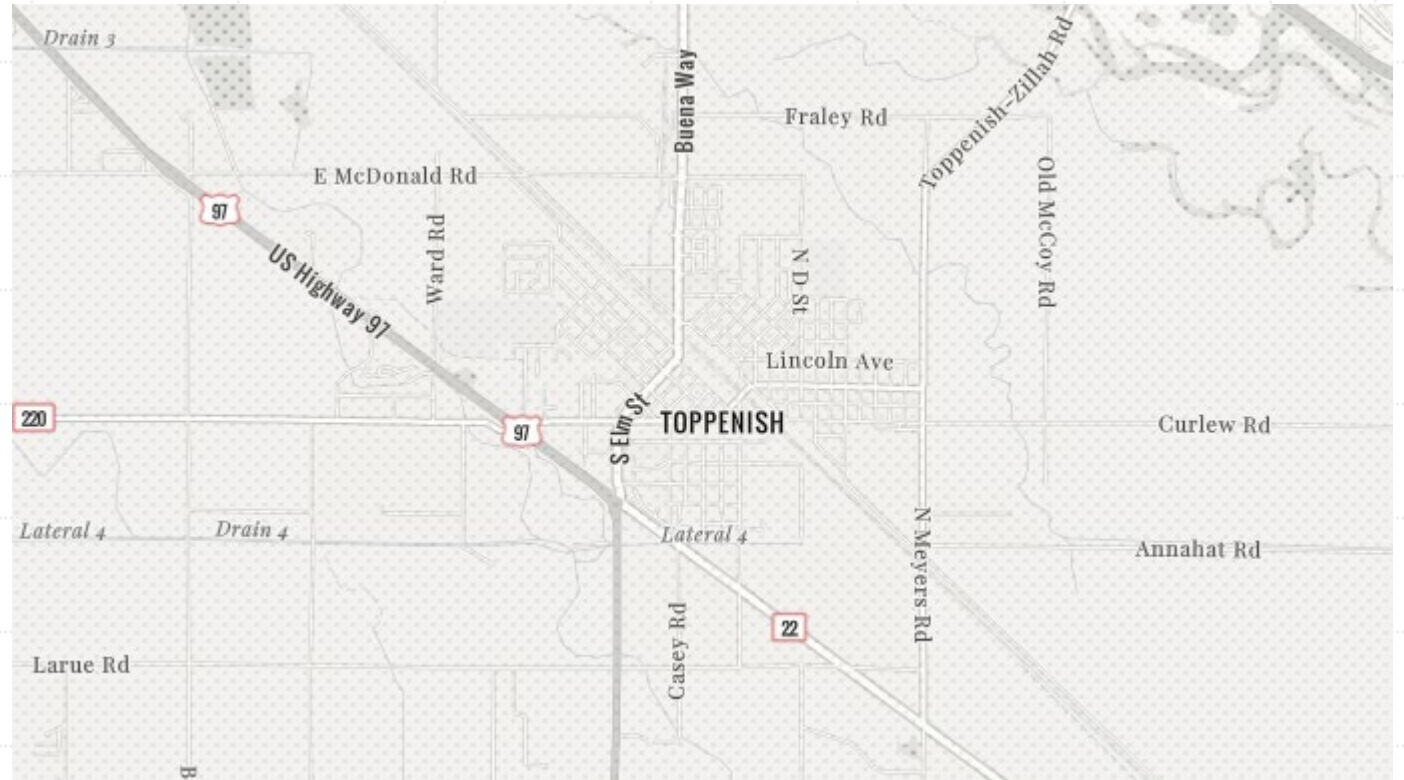


Toppenish Climate Element

Project Kickoff Meeting

Agenda

- Background/Process
- CPAT
- Public Engagement Strategy
- Climate Element
- Timeline



Background



HB1181: The WA Legislature passed this house bill into law in 2023 which requires Washington Cities to update their Comprehensive Plan to build community resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.



The WA State Dept. of Commerce has developed a guidance document for implementation, along with grant funding to support the process.



Toppenish received a \$150,000 grant from Commerce.

Process

- **Climate Policy Advisory Team**
 - Press release issued 9/24/24 – no responses
- Public Engagement Strategy
- Draft Climate Resiliency Element
- Adoption

Figure 2: Climate Element Guidance



Figure: Dept. of Commerce Climate Element Planning Guidance – Dec. 2023

Climate Policy Advisory Team



Focus – “Analyze climate information gathered through the periodic update engagement processes and provide recommendations on areas of focus.”



Advisory team members may include people with:

Experience in planning and land use policy

Experts in hazard mitigation, public health, transportation, fish and wildlife habitat, forests, agriculture, education, and other areas with climate nexus

Community engagement specialists

Representatives from regional clean air agencies and MPOs

Legal advisors

Elected officials

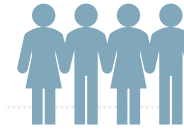
Public Engagement Strategy



Establish goals and outcomes
Design an equitable process
Engage broader community
Establish Tribal Engagement



Develop Vision Statement



Future public engagement as the
plan is developed

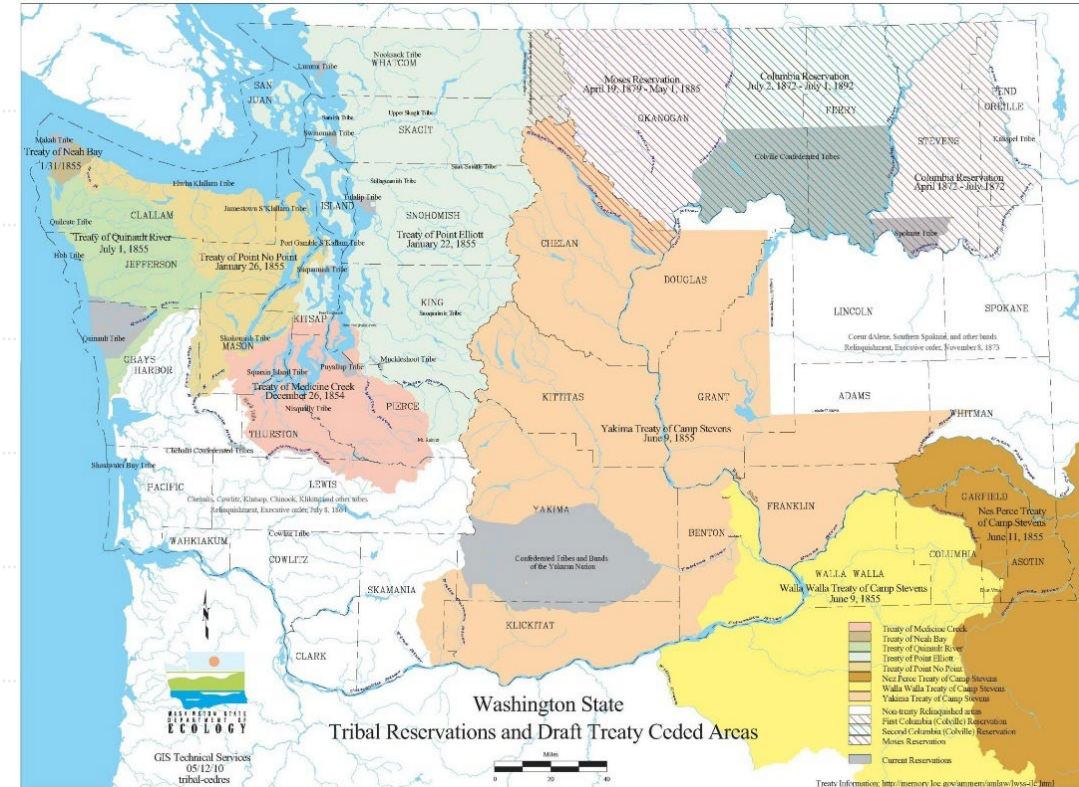
Web Page

The city established a project webpage dedicated to the Climate Element development process. Draft documents will be available for public review at various points throughout the planning period. Interested stakeholders will be able to sign up to receive regular updates throughout the planning period. Notices of upcoming public meetings will be posted when scheduled.



Tribal Engagement Strategy

New GMA requirements for Tribal Coordination were established in 2022 by House Bill 1717. RCW 36.70A.040 allows tribes to voluntarily participate in the local comprehensive planning process. The City of Toppenish currently engages with the Yakama Nation through the environmental review process. Additional engagement during this Climate Update process will occur if requested by the Yakama Nation.



Climate Resilience Sub-Element

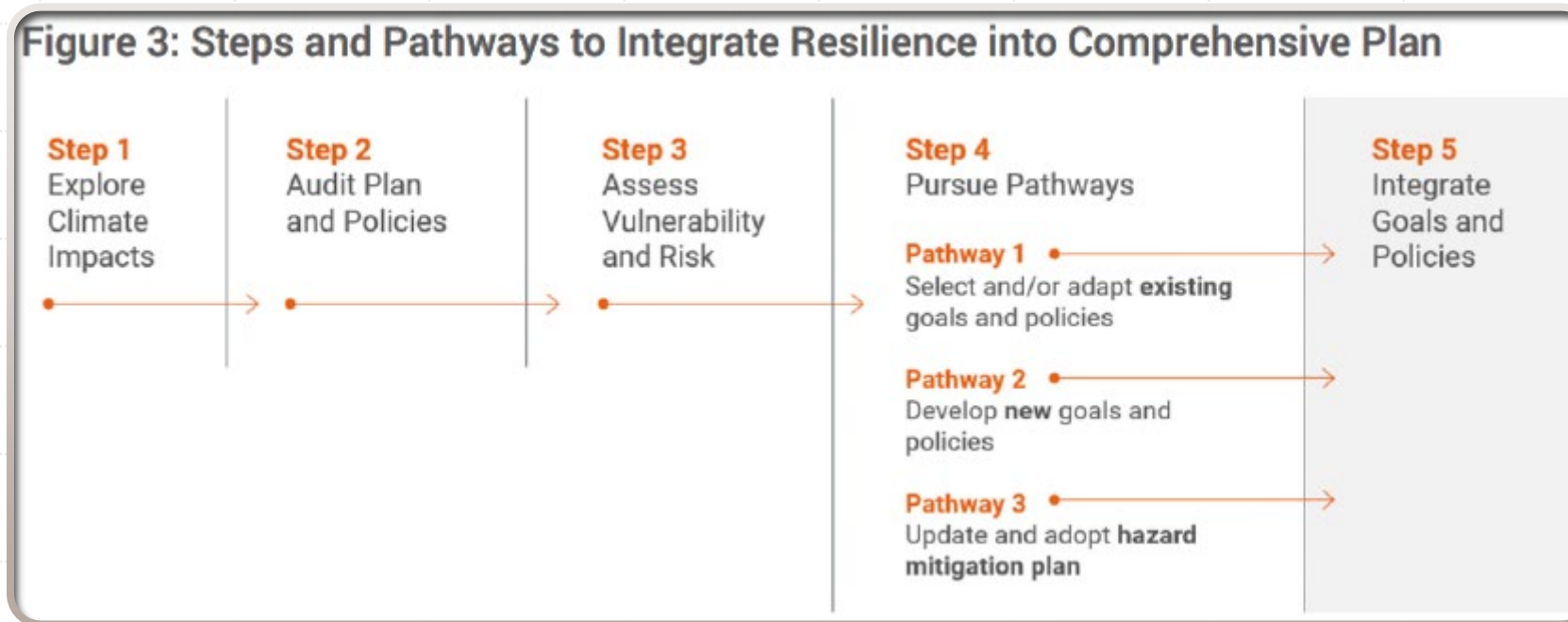


Figure: Dept. of Commerce Climate Element Planning Guidance – Dec. 2023

Hazards, Inventory, and Sectors

- Hazards

- Drought
- Extreme Heat
- Extreme Precipitation
- Flooding
- Wildfire

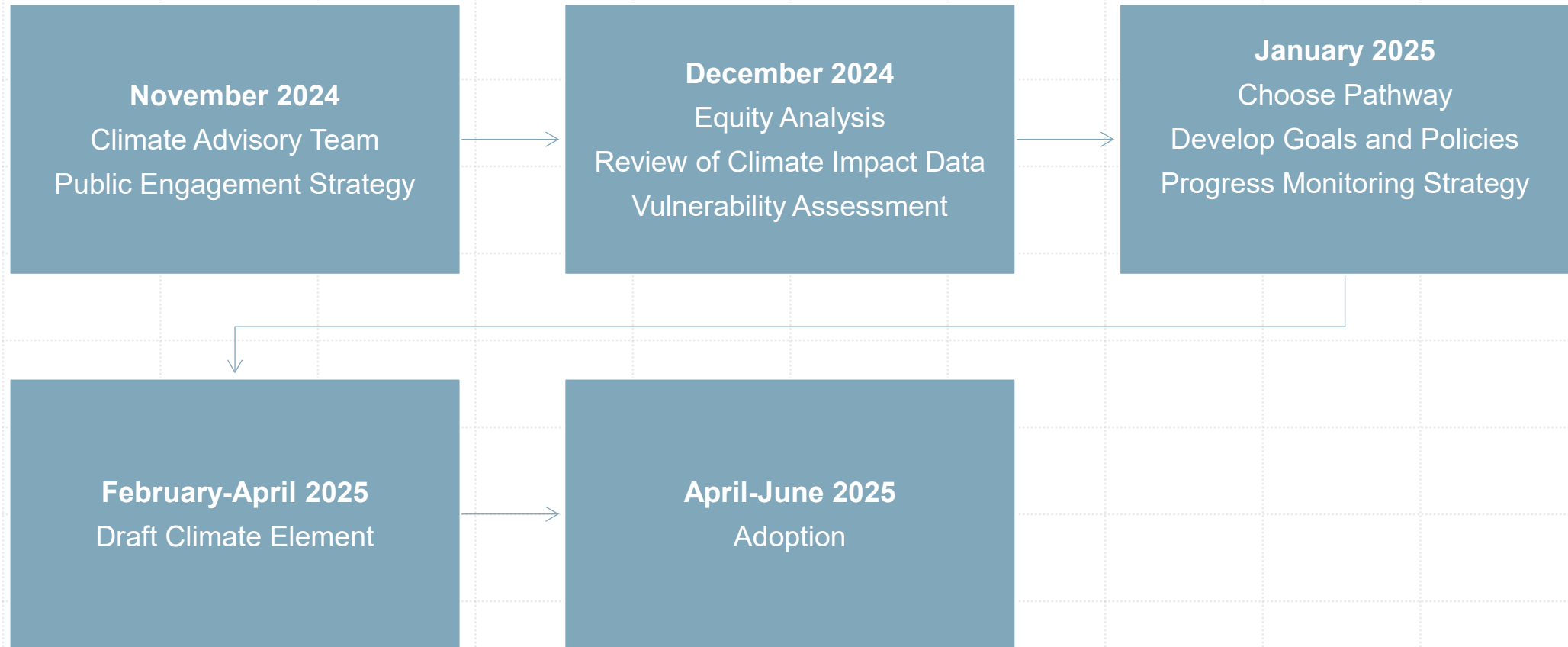
- Inventory

- Commercial/Industrial Buildings
- Local Retail and Service
- Floodplain
- Parks and Open Space
- Medical Practitioners
- Transportation Facilities
- Refuse Pickup
- Water Distribution
- Residential Uses

- Sectors

- Agriculture
- Buildings and Energy
- Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Ecosystems
- Emergency Management
- Human Health
- Transportation
- Waste Management
- Water Resources
- Zoning and Development

Timeline



Questions?

Project Kickoff Meeting



November 20, 2024

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