

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Manager
DATE: November 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Thurston County and the Cities of Olympia and Lacey for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County and the Cities of Olympia and Lacey for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative.

This Interlocal Agreement was recommended for approval via the Council consideration agenda by the Public Works Committee at their October 23, 2025 meeting.

2) Background:

On September 19, 2023, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign an ILA supporting regionally coordinated implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP). The agreement proposed here replaces the original to streamline processes and reduce administrative work. As such it incorporates regional initiatives (like Energize Thurston for example) into the ILA, updates the frequency of Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories and Plan updates, and adds a new section on reallocation of funds due to any jurisdiction's budget reduction. All of these changes together will allow more time to be focused on implementation, rather than process.

3) Policy Support:

- City Council Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025-2026: Be a Leader in Environmental Health and Sustainability.
 - Resolution No. R2018-015 adopting common targets to reduce community wide greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.
 - Resolution No. R2021-001 accepting the TCMP as a framework to guide future action addressing local sources of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.
 - Resolution No. R2021-002 declaring a climate emergency and support for the mobilization of community and region wide efforts to mitigate climate change in order to provide a safe environment for future generations.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Recommend revisions to the ILA; resource implications would need be evaluated.
 - ☐ Decline to participate. The city would no longer be a member of the TCMC and would be choosing not to implement the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan regionally.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Costs for the ILA are shared equally among the parties, as the benefits of the Collaborative are designed to be equally shared. City Council approved the 2025/2026 biennium budget which sufficiently allocates \$87,000 in 2025 and \$110,000 in 2026 from the General Fund for the implementation of this ILA.

6) Attachments:

A. Interlocal Agreement