

TO: City Council  
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator  
DATE: May 23, 2023  
SUBJECT: Carbon Sequestration White Paper Update

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1) Recommended Action:

No action is recommended. This item is for information only.

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2) Background:

Part of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Phase Three Interlocal Agreement (ILA) was a Work Program item "Regional Program for Carbon Sequestration." This item was intended to explore options for certifying, tracking, and administering a regional carbon sequestration program. This Work Program item was not completed by April 2022 and was carried over into Phase Four of the ILA as a Work Program item "Carbon Sequestration Program Design". The Thurston Regional Planning Council provided this white paper to the Climate Action Steering Committee in their February 2023 meeting.

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3) Policy Support:

2023-2024 Strategic Priority: Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability.

- Continue to update and advance the Climate Action Plan.
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4) Alternatives:

☐ No alternatives are suggested.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

None.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Carbon Sequestration as a Climate Mitigation Strategy for the Thurston Region
- B. Appendices