

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: November 26, 2024
SUBJECT: 2023 Sustainability Report

1) Recommended Action:

None. This item is for information only.

2) Background:

Since 2019, the City's interdepartmental Green Team has produced an annual report on sustainability measures. This year's report compares data from 2023 to data from both 2015 and 2019 baselines for sustainability metrics.

Additionally, there has been an annual progress report on Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan implementation since 2021. This year's report includes progress made in 2023.

3) Policy Support:

2025-2026 Strategic Priority: Be a Leader in Environmental Health and Sustainability

4) Alternatives:

☐ No alternatives identified at this time. Staff requests feedback on recommended actions and goals.

5) Fiscal Notes:

Staff participating on the Green Team collectively spend approximately 200 hours annually to collaborate on the implementation of sustainability measures, developing metrics, and reviewing the program's progress on its goals. Discreet projects with financial impacts are routinely budgeted and reviewed by City Council as appropriate.

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative funding is allocated on a biennial basis within the City budget. Discrete projects with financial impacts are reviewed by the City Council as appropriate.

6) Attachments:

- A. 2023 Green Team Sustainability Report
- B. 2023 Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Annual Report