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Overarching Environment Goals

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C-1			Use best available science when developing and implementing environmental management policies and regulations.	New goal. Refer to the PSRC Policy Strength Continuum to include conditions for success and specific examples.	C-1			Recognize the significant role played by natural features and systems in determining the overall environmental quality and livability of Tumwater.	
	C-1.1		Wetlands, streams, shorelines of the state, fish and wildlife habitats, aquifers and critical aquifer recharge areas including wellhead protection areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas are designated as environmentally sensitive areas in accordance with the Growth Management Act to protect the functions and values of these critical areas as well as to protect against threats to health, safety, and property.	Updated current policy.	C-2			Designate and protect critical areas including wetlands, critical aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas in accordance with the Growth Management Act to protect the functions and values of these areas as well as to protect against threats to health, safety, and property.	
	C-1.2		Base regulations on the best available science to protect and enhance the functions and values of environmentally sensitive areas.	Split original Policy C-2.1 into C-1.2 and C-4.2		C-2.1		Include best available science in developing policies and development regulations to protect the functions and values of critical areas and consider conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries, consistent with the Growth Management Act.	
		C-1.2.1	Require and enforce mitigation to ensure no net loss of critical area functions.	Converted policy to implementation action. Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing		C-2.5		Require and enforce mitigation to ensure no net loss of critical area functions.	
		C-1.2.2	Use incentive programs, acquisition, appropriate regulations, and other techniques to preserve critical areas as permanent open space where development may pose hazards to health, property, or important ecological functions.	Converted policy to implementation action. Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing		C-2.2		Use incentive programs, acquisition, appropriate regulations, and other techniques to preserve critical areas as permanent open space where development may pose hazards to health, property, or important ecological functions.	

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		C-1.2.3	<i>In reviewing development proposals that may have an impact on any sensitive areas, consult with third party biologist and/or engineer to assess potential impacts and recommend development alternatives or mitigation.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-1.3		Protect the ecological integrity of the natural environment while allowing for compatible growth and development	How will we protect "ecological integrity of the natural environment"?		C-1.1		Protect the ecological integrity of the natural environment while allowing for compatible growth and development	
		C-1.3.1	<i>When updating development regulations review in conjunction with critical areas regulations to ensure compatibility.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-1.4		Make low impact development the preferred and commonly used approach to development.	New policy.					
		C-1.4.1	<i>Adopt current low impact development manuals, policies, development standards, regulations, and techniques.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-1.5		Use studies and plans such as the most recent version of the adopted <i>Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Thurston County</i> , the <i>Tumwater Urban Forestry Management Plan</i> , and <i>Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan</i> to inform policy and regulation development and implementation.	Updated and expanded current policy.		C-1.4		Implement the mitigation goals, objectives, and initiatives contained in the most recent version of the adopted <i>Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Thurston County</i> .	
C-2			Promote conservation of natural resources and the protection of the environment in cooperation with residents, business owners, schools, affected jurisdictions, and tribes.	New goal.		C-1.2		Promote conservation of natural resources and the environment in cooperation with residents, business owners, schools, affected jurisdictions, and tribes.	
	C-2.1		Support education programs in the community that outline the need for natural resource conservation and protection of critical areas and look to create opportunity for community action.	New policy to capture educational component of policies and regulations.		C-1.3		Encourage and support active measures to protect and enhance Tumwater’s natural environment.	

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		C-2.1.1	Support the work of the Stream Team	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Water Resources & Sustainability Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
		C-2.1.2	Support the work for the City Tumwater Green Team	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff – Green Team Timeline: Ongoing					
C-3			Enhance water quality	New goal.					
	C-3.1		Protect and enhance water quality by preserving the amenity and ecological functions of water features through land use plans, innovative land development, public education, and stormwater regulations.	New policy.					
		C-3.1.1	Work with LOTT to enable sewer services for new development.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
		C-3.1.2	Provide adequate stormwater detention control for new development, including low impact development techniques.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
		C-3.1.3	Update development codes to require and implement low impact development provisions.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
		C-3.1.4	Work with the Tumwater and Olympia School Districts, LOTT, and other local entities to educate the public in how to maintain water quality within the natural drainage basins.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-3.2		Support restoration of river and stream channels and associated wetland and riparian areas to enhance water quality, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and mitigate flooding and erosion.	Current policy.		C-2.6		Support restoration of river and stream channels and associated wetland and riparian areas to enhance water quality, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and mitigate flooding and erosion	

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	C-3.3		Allow public access to wetlands, streams, and lakes for scientific, educational, and recreational use, provided the public access is carefully sited, sensitive habitats and species are protected, and hydrologic continuity is maintained.	Current policy.		C-2.7		Allow public access to wetlands, streams, and lakes for scientific, educational, and recreational use, provided the public access is carefully sited, sensitive habitats and species are protected, and hydrologic continuity is maintained.	
	C-3.4		Manage water resources to preserve ecosystem services, including recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, flood protection, water supply, and open space.	New policy.					
		C-3.4.1	<i>Enforce regulations that protect water resources while allowing recreational use of those resources.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
		C-3.4.2	<i>Implement the Salmon Creek Basin Plan.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
		C-3.4.3	<i>Monitor storm drain outfalls and adjust water quality maintenance, as necessary.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-3.5		Work with the City of Olympia, Thurston County, and other affected entities to enhance and protect water quality in the region.	New policy.					
		C-3.5.1	<i>Coordinate implementation strategies and regulations with the City of Olympia and Thurston County.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
C-4			Enhance Natural Drainage Systems	New goal.					
	C-4.1		Consider entire watersheds in surface water management plans, with responsibility shared between Tumwater, other cities, and the County.	New policy.					

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		C-4.1.1	Work with the City of Olympia and Thurston County to ensure that regulations regarding surface water management provide for consistent surface water management.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: City Council and Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
		C-4.1.2	Continue involvement with watershed planning efforts through participation in the Salmon Creek Basin and watershed planning efforts.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-4.2		Develop conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries, consistent with the Growth Management Act.	Split original Policy C-2.1 into C-1.2 and C-4.2		C-2.1		Include best available science in developing policies and development regulations to protect the functions and values of critical areas and consider conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries, consistent with the Growth Management Act.	
	C-4.3		Protect and enhance natural drainage systems to maintain and improve water quality, reduce public costs, and prevent environmental degradation by using best management construction practices and current stormwater treatment and flow control standards on new and redevelopment projects.	New policy.					
		C-4.3.1	Enforce regulations that prohibit or minimize the degradation of the natural drainage systems.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-4.4		Use current stormwater treatment and flow control standards on new and redevelopment projects.	New policy.					
		C-4.4.1	Enforce regulations and methods that would protect quality and quantity of stormwater runoff entering Tumwater’s streams and wetlands.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					

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	C-4.5		Require resource industries to use management practices that prevent erosion and sedimentation and pollutants from entering ground or surface waters.	New policy.					
		C-4.5.1	<i>Enforce regulations and methods that minimize the amount of erosion, sedimentation, and water pollutants created by resource industries.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
C-5			Improve Air Quality	New goal.					
	C-5.1		Continue to support and rely on the various State, federal, and local programs to protect and enhance air quality.	New policy.					
		C-5.1.1	<i>Work with the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency and with Federal and State agencies to ensure that air quality is protected within Tumwater.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-5.2		Require tree and vegetation retention and landscaping to provide filtering of suspended particulates.	New policy.					
		C-5.2.1	<i>Enforce tree and vegetation retention and landscape codes that allow the use of existing vegetation to be used for biofiltration.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-5.3		Support public transportation, non-motorized transportation, and transportation demand management programs to reduce vehicle miles traveled, greenhouse gas emissions, and other locally generated air pollutants.	New policy.					
		C-5.3.1	<i>Work with local employers to adopt transportation demand management programs to encourage their employees to use alternative forms of transportation to reduce vehicle trips and emissions.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
		C-5.3.2	<i>Enforce regulations that require new development to adopt transportation demand management programs.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					

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Environmentally Sensitive Areas

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C-6			Protect Streams and Lakes	New goal.					
	C-6.1		When impacts from new development are unavoidable, ensure that those impacts will not result in the loss of natural functions or wildlife habitat.	New policy.					
		C-6.1.1	Enforce regulations that mandate a minimum buffer area around rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-6.2		Preserve, protect, enhance, and restore natural stream channels for their hydraulic, ecological, and aesthetic functions through development regulations, land dedications, easements, incentives, acquisition, and other means as adjacent development activities occur.	New policy to replace old.		C-2.20		Promote the enhancement or restoration of streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands as adjacent development activities occur.	
		C-6.2.1	Enforce regulations that protect natural stream channels.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-6.3		Use State standards and guidance for the selection of best management practices and techniques for in-channel and in-water construction to protect and restore fish passage and wildlife habitat in natural waterways.	New policy.					
		C-6.3.1	Update regulations to reference State standards and guidance for in-channel and/ or in-water construction.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					

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	C-6.4		Rehabilitate degraded stream channels and banks by using public programs and new development or redevelopment, where conditions permit. Require any necessary alteration of creeks to include mitigation and ongoing maintenance which at a minimum address water quality, floodplain protection, fish and wildlife habitat, channel stability, vegetative cover, maintenance of instream flows, and impacts to downstream property owners.	New policy.					
		C-6.4.1	<i>Work with the school district, nonprofit organizations, and other public agencies to implement programs to rehabilitate streams and creeks. Such programs could be implemented separately or combined and may include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Establishing a school curriculum from K-12 that would adopt and rehabilitate a creek.</i><i>Working with public agencies or a nonprofit agency, such as the Adopt- A-Stream Foundation, in coordination with school programs.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-6.5		Require the use of stormwater infiltration techniques where feasible in private and public developments to maintain or restore natural flows in streams and protect fisheries and recreation resources.	New policy.					
		C-6.5.1	<i>Update development codes to encourage use of low impact development techniques.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					

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		C-6.5.2	Retain existing wetlands and creeks on the site of new development and require the maintenance of natural features.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
C-7			Enhance Wetlands	New goal.					
	C-7.1		Protect wetlands not as isolated units, but as ecosystems, and essential elements of watersheds.	Current policy.		C-2.8		Protect wetlands not as isolated units, but as ecosystems, and essential elements of watersheds.	
	C-7.2		Preserve and enhance unique, outstanding, peat, sphagnum, forested, or significant wetlands from adjacent new development by providing a buffer around the wetland adequate to protect its natural functions. Encroachments into significant wetlands may be allowed when no feasible alternative exists, and enhancements are provided to replace the lost wetland’s functions and values.	New policy.					
		C-7.2.1	Enforce development regulations for significant wetlands.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-7.3		Develop public access to wetlands for scientific and recreational use when sensitive habitats are protected.	New policy.					
		C-7.3.1	Develop regulations that would allow public access to sensitive areas habitat; provided that such access does not impact such habitat areas.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-7.4		Allow reasonable use of property containing existing wetlands to avoid a regulatory taking following State guidance.	New policy.					
		C-7.4.1	Enforce regulations that allow the reasonable use of a piece of property that is totally impacted by a sensitive area.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					

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	C-7.5		Prohibit altering of wetlands for speculative purposes.	New policy.					
		C-7.5.1	<i>Enforce specific regulations to prohibit speculative landfills in wetland areas.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-7.6		In wetlands used as stormwater detention sites, maintain water level fluctuations like natural conditions, unless plants and animals in the wetland can adapt to new levels as documented by a wetland biologist.	New policy.					
		C-7.6.1	<i>Enforce regulations that would ensure the water level fluctuations within wetland areas are maintained similar to natural conditions as part of new development.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
C-8			Protect Groundwater	New goal.					
	C-8.1		Protect aquifers, aquifer recharge areas, and wellhead protection areas used for the public water supply from contamination.	Updated current policy.		C-2.9		Protect the quality and quantity of groundwater used for public water supplies.	
		C-8.1.1	<i>Work with the State Department of Ecology and others to delineate aquifer recharge areas and determine if additional regulations to protect these areas are needed.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
		C-8.1.2	<i>Update regulations, as necessary.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-8.2		Protect streams, wetlands, and lakes that serve to recharge aquifers from contamination.	New policy.					
		C-8.2.1	<i>Enforce regulations to minimize impacts from new development.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					

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C-9			Protect Geological Hazardous Areas, such as Steep Slope, Landslide, Erosion, and Seismic Hazard Areas	New goal.					
	C-9.1		Regulate development intensity, site coverage, and vegetation removal in geologically hazardous areas to minimize drainage problems, soil erosion, siltation, and landslides.	Current policy.		C-2.13		Regulate development intensity, site coverage, and vegetation removal in geologically hazardous areas in order to minimize drainage problems, soil erosion, siltation, and landslides.	
	C-9.2		Minimize soil disturbance and maximize retention and replacement of native vegetative cover for any land uses permitted in erosion and landslide hazard areas.	Current policy.		C-2.14		Minimize soil disturbance and maximize retention and replacement of native vegetative cover for any land uses permitted in erosion and landslide hazard areas.	
	C-9.3		Design land use development to prevent property damage and environmental degradation and enhance greenbelt and wildlife habitat values.	New policy.					
		C-9.3.1	Enforce regulations to minimize impacts from new development.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-9.4		Decrease development intensity as slopes increase to mitigate problems of drainage, erosion, siltation, and landslides. Retain slopes of 40 percent or more in a natural state, free of structures and roads. Ensure that developments that create slopes of 40 percent or more provide appropriate drainage, erosion, siltation, and landslide mitigation measures.	New policy.					
		C-9.4.1	Enforce regulations that would limit or prohibit development on steep areas.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-9.5		Preserve severe landslide hazard areas from development.	New policy.					

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		C-9.5.1	Limit development within severe landslide areas.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-9.6		Require best erosion and sedimentation prevention practices be used on construction projects.	New policy.					
		C-9.6.1	Enforce regulations that require special construction practices to reduce or prevent erosion and sedimentation in erosion hazard areas.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-9.7		Require appropriate engineering, building design, and construction measures to minimize the risk of structural damage and fire and injury to occupants, and to prevent post-seismic collapse in areas with severe seismic hazards.	New policy.					
		C-9.7.1	Enforce building and fire codes that require construction to standards that account for the severity and frequency of seismic activity in the south Puget Sound area.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-9.8		Encourage special building design and construction measures in areas with severe seismic hazards to minimize the risk of structural damage, fire, and injury to occupants during a seismic event and to prevent post-seismic collapse.	Modify current version of policy.		C-2.15		Encourage special building design and construction measures in areas with severe seismic hazards to minimize the risk of structural damage, fire, and injury to occupants during a seismic event and to prevent post-seismic collapse.	
		C-9.8.1	Enforce building and fire codes that require construction to standards that account for the severity and frequency of seismic activity in the south Puget Sound area.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
C-10			Preserve Floodplains	New goal.					

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	C-10.1		Prevent land alterations that would increase potential flooding and minimize the alteration of natural surface water features that retain or carry floodwaters, such as wetlands, floodplains, rivers, streams, and lakes.	Current policy.		C-2.10		Prevent land alterations that would increase potential flooding and minimize the alteration of natural surface water features that retain or carry floodwaters, such as wetlands, floodplains, rivers, streams, and lakes.	
	C-10.2		Require mitigation for adverse environmental impacts from engineered flood control measures.	Current policy.		C-2.11		Require mitigation for adverse environmental impacts from engineered flood control measures.	
	C-10.3		Work cooperatively to meet regulatory standards for floodplain development as these standards are updated for consistency with relevant federal requirements including those related to the Endangered Species Act.	Current policy.		C-2.12		Work cooperatively to meet regulatory standards for floodplain development as these standards are updated for consistency with relevant federal requirements including those related to the Endangered Species Act.	
	C-10.4		Emphasize non-structural methods in planning for flood prevention and damage reduction. Design new developments or land modifications in the 100-year floodplains to maintain natural flood storage functions and minimize hazards.	New policy.					
	C-10.5		Protect 100-year floodplains by limiting development and encouraging low-impact uses such as open space, trails, and parks, locating roads and structures above the 100-year flood level, and requiring new development to replace existing flood storage capacity lost due to filling.	New policy.					
		C-10.5.1	<i>The Federal Emergency Management Agency designates floodplain areas. Enforce regulations that restrict development in such areas.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					

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	C-10.6		Allow no permanent structures within the floodway due to risks associated with deep and fast-flowing waters unless appropriate flood control measures have been taken. Allow no land uses in a floodway that would divert water from the floodway, change flood elevation or obstruct natural flow, unless appropriate flood control measures have been taken such that there are no additional offsite impacts and no degradation of water quality. Allow no development in the floodway fringe that would reduce the existing level of flood storage.	New policy.					
		C-10.6.1	<i>The Federal Emergency Management Agency designates floodplain areas. Enforce regulations that restrict development in such areas.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
C-11			Enhance Wildlife Habitat	New goal.					
	C-11.1		Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat corridors to minimize habitat fragmentation, especially along existing linkages and in patches of native habitat by enhancing vegetation composition and structure and incorporating indigenous plant species compatible with the site.	Modify current version of policy.		C-2.21		Protect wildlife corridors to minimize habitat fragmentation, especially along existing linkages and in patches of native habitat by enhancing vegetation composition and structure, and incorporating indigenous plant species compatible with the site.	
		C-11.1.1	<i>Adopt regulations that protect wildlife habitat areas for endangered or threatened species.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
		C-11.1.2	<i>Continue working with Thurston County to monitor the performance of the Salmon Creek Basin Plan.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
		C-11.1.3	<i>Adopt regulations that would require buffer areas adjacent to wetlands, streams and creeks, and steep slope areas.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					

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	C-11.2		Protect and preserve habitats for species, which have been identified as endangered, threatened, or sensitive by the state or federal government, giving special consideration: to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	Current policy		C-2.16		Protect and preserve habitats for species, which have been identified as endangered, threatened, or sensitive by the state or federal government, giving special consideration: to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.	
		C-11.2.1	<i>Implement salmon habitat protection and restoration priorities in approved Water Resource Inventory Area 13 and 23 plans.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>		C-2.18		<i>Implement salmon habitat protection and restoration priorities in approved Water Resource Inventory Area 13 and 23 plans.</i>	
	C-11.3		Maintain habitats that support the greatest diversity of fish and wildlife through conservation and enhancement of critical areas.	Current policy		C-2.17		Maintain habitats that support the greatest diversity of fish and wildlife through conservation and enhancement of critical areas.	
		C-11.3.1	<i>Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions and tribes to identify, protect, and develop enhancement plans and actions for habitat networks and wetlands that cross-jurisdictional lines.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>		C-2.19		<i>Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions and tribes to identify, protect, and develop enhancement plans and actions for habitat networks and wetlands that cross-jurisdictional lines.</i>	
	C-11.4		When developing on forested property adjacent to steep slopes, wetlands, stream ravines, or stream corridors, encourage development to provide additional buffer areas to provide wildlife and fisheries habitat.	New policy.					
		C-11.4.1	<i>Enforce regulations that allow the clustering of residential units to preserve as much open space area as possible.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					
	C-11.5		Foster native vegetation and control invasive species to preserve and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.	New policy.					
		C-11.5.1	<i>Develop regulations requiring all new development to establish native vegetation as the dominant plant species in buffers around wetlands, streams, creeks, and steep slope areas.</i>	<i>New implementation action</i> <i>Primary responsibility: Staff</i> <i>Timeline: Ongoing</i>					

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		C-11.5.2	Develop regulations allowing buffer width reductions for redevelopment situations as part of an approved vegetation management plan.	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					

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New Goal	New Policy	New Action	Initial Staff Proposed Language	Staff Notes	Old Goal	Old Policy	Old Action	Current Goal, Policy, or Action	Planning Commission Notes
C-12			Support Urban Agriculture	New goal.					
	C-12.1		Recognize the importance of farmland conservation and local food production in maintaining the quality of life and long-term sustainability of Tumwater.	No change from current version of policy.		C-3.1		Recognize the importance of farmland conservation and local food production in maintaining the quality of life and long-term sustainability of Tumwater.	
	C-12.2		Work with community groups to support the continued viability of agriculture and encourage community support for it.	No change from current version of policy.		C-3.4		Work with community groups to support the continued viability of agriculture and encourage community support for it.	
		C-12.2.1	Support the efforts of the Thurston Food System Council and similar organizations to develop a vibrant food system through access to healthy, local, affordable, culturally appropriate, sustainably produced food to assist the community in having reliable access to sufficient quantity of affordable nutritious food.	Existing implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing			C-3.4.1	Support the efforts of the Thurston Food System Council to develop a vibrant food system through access to healthy, local, affordable, culturally appropriate, sustainably produced food to assist the community in having reliable access to sufficient quantity of affordable nutritious food.	
C-13			Support Urban Forestry	New goal.					
	C-13.1		Maximize retention of a healthy tree cover and native vegetation and encourage restoration, replacement, and enhancement of unhealthy trees and disturbed vegetation as recommended in the adopted <i>Tumwater Urban Forestry Management Plan</i> consistent with the Growth Management Act and the requirements of protected habitat.	Modify current version of policy.		C-1.5		Maximize retention of a healthy tree cover and native vegetation and encourage restoration, replacement, and enhancement of unhealthy trees and disturbed vegetation.	
		C-13.1.1	Implement the actions in the <i>Tumwater Urban Forestry Management Plan</i> .	New implementation action Primary responsibility: Staff Timeline: Ongoing					
	C-13.2		Ensure that harvesting for conversion to other uses occurs in a manner compatible with land uses of the surrounding area and maintenance of water quality and environmentally critical areas.	Current policy.		C-3.5		Ensure that harvesting for conversion to other uses occurs in a manner compatible with land uses of the surrounding area and maintenance of water quality and environmentally critical areas.	
C-14			Protect Mineral Resource Lands	New goal.					

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	C-14.1		Allow mineral extraction industries to locate where prime natural resource deposits exist.	Current policy.		C-3.6		Allow mineral extraction industries to locate where prime natural resource deposits exist.	
	C-14.2		Conserve designated mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance for mineral extraction, and the use of adjacent lands should not interfere with the continued use of the designated mining sites that are being operated in accordance with applicable best management practices and other laws and regulations.	Current policy.		C-3.7		Conserve designated mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance for mineral extraction, and the use of adjacent lands should not interfere with the continued use of the designated mining sites that are being operated in accordance with applicable best management practices and other laws and regulations.	
	C-14.3		Restore mineral extraction sites as the site is being mined. The site should be restored for appropriate future use, and it should blend with the adjacent landscape and contours.	Current policy.		C-3.8		Restore mineral extraction sites as the site is being mined. The site should be restored for appropriate future use and it should blend with the adjacent landscape and contours.	

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Goals, Policies, and Actions Moved to Other Elements or Deleted and Not Replaced

New Goal	New Policy	New Action	Initial Staff Proposed Language	Staff Notes	Old Goal	Old Policy	Old Action	Current Goal, Policy, or Action	Planning Commission Notes
			Moved to new Climate Element.	Moved to new Climate Element and update to reflect adoption of a net zero goal by 2050 per HB 1181.		C-1.6		Reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85 percent below 2015 levels by 2050 to ensure that local communities do their part to keep the global average temperature from rising more than 2°C.	
			Moved to new Climate Element.	Moved to new Climate Element.		C-1.7		Implement the strategies contained in the most recent version of the accepted Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.	
			Proposed for deletion	Tumwater does not formally designate agricultural lands within the City.		C-3.2		Zone designated agricultural lands at very low densities to ensure the conservation of the resource for continued agricultural use.	
			Proposed for deletion	Tumwater does not formally designate agricultural lands within the City.		C-3.3		Limit non-agricultural development within designated agricultural areas to non-prime farmland soils where possible.	