

WHAT IS THIS CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING PROJECT?



A Climate Action Plan is a comprehensive strategy aimed at mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.



It involves assessing current emissions portfolios, setting goals, and implementing actions to achieve carbon neutrality.



The project engages stakeholders and the campus community to ensure a collaborative approach to climate action planning, and an understanding of environmental justice impacts.



WHAT EMISSIONS ARE COVERED?



Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions through onsite combustion of fossil fuels, such as in fleet vehicles and natural gas boilers.



Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions through purchased energy, such as electricity for lighting, heating, and cooling on campus.



Scope 3 emissions are all other indirect emissions, such as through associated with purchased goods or employee travel.



This plan will set a target for carbon neutrality in the university's Scope 1 & 2 emissions. Scope 3 emissions will be described, but won't be included in this plan's carbon neutrality target.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO SEE IN THE PLAN?



An accounting of our current scope 1 & 2 emissions, and a high-level overview of our scope 3 emissions.



Reaffirming our climate commitment, including setting a target date for carbon neutrality.



A clear roadmap of actions and investments needed to achieve the University's carbon neutrality target.



Identifying potential sources of funding.



A consideration of environmental justice implications of actions within the plan.

WHY ISN'T THERE A TARGET DATE AT THE BEGINNING?

Instead of choosing an aspirational date and creating actions to fit it, we are looking at several possible dates for carbon neutrality, and investigating what it would take to hit each date.

This is intended to be a decision-making tool for our campus, and will enable us to choose a date that is realistic and has a high likelihood of being met.

Campus engagement events (like this one!) will help us gather feedback on the pros and cons of different target dates.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?



Give us feedback and thoughts at events like this one!



Sign up for the email list to be informed of progress updates and outreach events.



Reach out to the Office of Sustainability at lbrewer@pugetsound.edu with any questions you have!

WHAT ARE WE ALREADY DOING?

This isn't the University's first investment in climate action! We've invested in sustainability in many areas on campus, and have made previous climate commitments such as being a signatory to the Talloires Declaration and achieving STARS Gold in 2012.

We have green buildings on campus already, such as Thomas Hall, Weyerhauser Hall, and the Facilities Services Complex which achieved LEED Gold certification. Additionally, Weyerhauser Hall uses a carbon-free geothermal system for heating.

We also have been awarded "Tree Campus USA" status for the past 10 years, and continue to invest in our on-campus tree canopy, which has direct energy conservation & climate mitigation and resilience benefits.