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**Anacortes Planning Commission**  
**Municipal Building - Council Chambers**  
**904 6th Street**

**May 14, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Minutes**
  - a. Minutes of November 13, 2024 are Submitted for Approval
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Public Hearings**
6. **Other Business**
  - a. 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Amendments to the Economic Development Element Goals & Policies - Introduction
  - b. 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Amendments to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element Goals and Policies - Introduction
  - c. 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update - Climate Element and Environment & Conservation Element Goals & Policies - Continued Discussion
7. **Planning Department Update**
8. **Adjournment**

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## **Anacortes Planning Commission Minutes - November 13, 2024**

### **Roll Call**

Chairperson Linda Martin called to order the Anacortes Planning Commission meeting of November 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Jim Stoneman, William McCombs, Frank Jeretzky, Paul Ryan, Luke Currier, and Mike Mills were present.

### **Minutes**

#### **Minutes of 08/28/2024 were submitted for approval.**

Mike Mills moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Jim Stoneman seconded. All ayes.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment received.

### **Public Hearings**

#### **SDP-2024-0005: Port of Anacortes T Dock - Shoreline substantial development permit application - Open record public hearing and recommendation to City Council**

Grace Pollard said T-dock is located at the end of 13th St. The shoreline designation is urban and the zoning is commercial on the upload side and commercial marine waterward. This is in line with the adjacent properties. The proposal is complete removal of 115 creosote piles, the creosote deck planks, 29 pressure-treated fender piles, a 55-foot-long concrete apron, the retaining wall footings and portions of the pedestrian walkway. The reconfigured T-dock will include approximately 35 24-inch steel pipe piles, 5 30-inch new steel pipe piles, 24 10-inch new steel fender piles, and the decking will now be made of concrete panels. The biggest change is that they are extending the connection to the shoreline the entire length of T-dock. It is not expanding waterward; rather the space between the original dock and the shoreline that is being filled in with the new pier. They are also updating the electrical, stormwater and lighting. This is a type 4 City Council decision with a Planning Commission recommendation. She reviewed the application process that has already occurred. The closed record hearing with City Council is scheduled for November 25th. The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is a planning document that outlines the goals & policies for the use, development, protection and restoration of all shorelines within the city limits. This proposal is a permitted use in the SMP. One of the biggest things about the SMP is to ensure no net loss of shoreline functions and features. That is demonstrated through mitigation sequencing, which she reviewed. The dock was built in 1977 and is still functioning, but in need of an upgrade. Part of the proposed mitigation sequencing included enhancing the habitat along the northeast side of the marina. They are suggesting installing large woody debris so that fish and marine creatures will use as their habitat. This ensures no net loss of habitat function and values. The project is consistent with the applicable SMP policies and development regulations. This does not change the pedestrian connection around the marina. The project is anticipated to provide long-term shoreline improvement over existing conditions through improving the water quality in Cap Sante marina and installing the new habitat. This project requires local, state and federal permits. We are responsible for ensuring that this meets the local requirement. There are many other agencies that will be reviewing this for compliance.

Ms. Pollard reviewed the staff recommendation that the Planning Commission recommend approval to City Council of this shoreline permit subject to the conditions listed in the staff report. None of these conditions were a surprise to the Port. Many of them are standard requirements.

Mike Mills stated he reviewed the mitigation planning and the staff report and was very impressed with the number of steps being taken to not further degrade this environment. It was disappointing to learn that the past uses and development degraded the natural habitat. He would like to re-establish those.

Kevin Anderson, Port of Anacortes, reviewed his powerpoint. T-dock is nearing the end of its lifespan. This dock has a lot of business going on. It's free to use and primarily used for fisheries, oil spill response and

ship channeling. Our goal is to support marina commerce; restore safety, alleviate a traffic bottleneck and build a durable, lasting piece of infrastructure. The dock is used by 6 Puget Sound tribes, supports 30 local jobs, and generates approximately \$14 million in economic activity in Anacortes. The dock is showing signs of wear and is becoming less safe. The king tides come all the way above the piles. It will be a 3-step process to get this done. First we will install habitat structures prior to demolition and construction; then we will demo the existing creosote treated structure and lastly, construct the new enlarged T-dock. He pointed out that the habitat mitigation meets all the various agency requirements. The proposal is to install 18 large woody debris structures. These will be great places for invertebrates and animals to hide and live. The site we chose is the most impacted around the marina. Regarding the demolition, we will start with removing elements we can salvage or reuse. We will have silt fences in place and continue to do monitoring so that we minimize the impacts. Then the piles will be removed with either a land or water-based crane and load them on a truck for disposal. The construction of the new dock will include installation of the sheet pile upland to prevent seismic outfall; then we will cast in place abutment on top of the sheet pile. After that, the fender piles will be installed. On top of those, the pile caps and concrete deck will be installed. Lastly, the utilities and deck gear will be installed. The new deck will be approximately 0.7 feet taller, which will allow for flow to drain at the back of the dock.

Luke Currier asked Kevin to explain why creosote is bad.

Mr. Anderson clarified that there's a lot of carbon in them, which affects the fish's ability to migrate. It also affects the eggs of juvenile forage fish. Creosote is a phototoxin. It was really good in the past, but now we know it's not good for the environment.

Mike Mills wondered if the Port has any activity or usage trends over the past 5-10 years.

Kevin Anderson said it's been fairly stable.

Linda Martin referenced the techniques to remove the piles asking what a bubble curtain is.

Kevin Anderson stated it is a ring of tubing with perforations that is put around the pile. They add air to it, which causes the bubbles to keep fish and wildlife away during construction.

Linda Martin asked how long the project is expected to take and if it will have an economic impact.

Mr. Anderson commented that the Port realizes by having the dock offline, there will be an impact. We will have some areas designated for use while T-dock is not available. We prefer to do the work between mid-August to mid-February, when habitat impacts are lower. We will have a pedestrian detour around the site. Jenkins Dossen clarified that they are planning fall 2026 until early spring 2027. To support T-dock users during that time, we will utilize Curtis Wharf. It has more capacity to handle these needs during the construction window.

Public hearing opened.

No testimony taken.

Public hearing closed.

Mike Mills moved to recommend approval of SDP-2024-0005 subject to the 11 conditions of approval in the staff report. Paul Ryan seconded. All ayes.

**2025 Comprehensive Plan Update - Proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map, urban growth area boundaries, and the goals and policies in the Land Use, Housing, and Transportation elements.**

Libby Grage gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan process. The Comprehensive Plan is the primary policy document that guides growth and development consistent with the community's vision. The development regulations are specific laws governing how and where development occurs. These implement the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. The deadline for completion of this process is December 31, 2025. The Comprehensive Plan includes 9 elements along with updates to the Anacortes Municipal Code (AMC), Development and Critical Areas regulations. We've had ongoing public outreach and communication, including the Planacortes webpage. The first phase includes data analysis, audits of existing documents, and reviewing what has changed since the last Comprehensive Plan update. City Council

established the 2025 docket of amendments. Some of those items will be discussed tonight. A climate team has been established. Draft revisions to goals and policies for Land Use, Housing, and Transportation elements were released for public review and comment. Currently, we are in a period of public comment. When this comes back to the Planning Commission in 2025, we will be bringing you the Economic Development, Utilities and Capital Facilities elements, which will be followed by more public hearings. Lastly, there will be the Parks & Recreation, Environment & Conservation, and Climate elements. Once we are done with all the elements, staff will compile a complete integrated draft Comprehensive Plan which is the start of phase 2. There will be public hearings, recommendation by the Planning Commission and adoption by City Council.

Ms. Grage reviewed the public hearing topics for tonight: Land Use element including the FLUM and Urban Growth Area boundary changes; Land Use Designation text amendments, and the goals & policies for the Housing and Transportation elements. Staff is requesting that the Planning Commission make a recommendation on the FLUM to City Council. She reviewed the webpage and where to find the documents for the various elements.

Libby Grage moved on to the staff recommendations for the FLUM. Proposed amendment #1 "Oklahoma", staff is not recommending the commercial overlays at this point, so this proposal is being recommended to be tabled indefinitely or until the next Comprehensive Plan update. She moved on to #2, the overlay concept at 37th St & Commercial Ave; next overlay area is between 12th St & H Ave; another was on Oakes Ave and lastly at D Ave and 29th St. Staff is not considering these overlay areas at this time. The locations are not as practical as originally thought. We also haven't had any requests for this type of development, so we would like to consider this at a later date. The next request is #3, Port of Anacortes Airport zoning change. Staff recommends approval. The next is #4, Fidalgo pool zoning changes to public. Staff recommends approval of this change. Regarding FLUM #5, the Skillings property change from industrial to residential, staff recommends approval. Then #6, Port of Anacortes marine terminal east of N Ave, staff recommends approval. She moved on to FLUM #7, Port of Anacortes Cap Sante marina area. This area has several different zoning designations, so the Port is requesting to change them all to CM. Staff recommends approving the northern portion, but keeping the current zoning for the west and southern parking lot. She moved on to FLUM #8, City of Anacortes request to add 9 parcels to the UGA with the intent of annexation and inclusion in the ACFL. Staff recommends approval.

Linda Martin asked if this requests includes the gravel pit.

John Coleman clarified the gravel pit would not be included in the ACFL. We will continue to use it for Facilities & Parks Department storage. There is a trail connection which we intend to keep.

Libby Grage referenced FLUM #9, Signal Hill, stating that they originally proposed a much larger area for inclusion in the UGA. City Council docketed only 3 of the parcels for potential inclusion in the UGA. Staff recommend denial due to the land capacity analysis, which determined that we have sufficient capacity to accommodate growth without including these parcels.

Public hearing opened.

No comment received.

Libby Grage moved on to draft goals and policies for Housing, Land Use and Transportation elements. There was no public comment given for the Land Use element.

Ms. Grage reviewed the Housing goals & policies tracker.

Xuhua Mu, Anacortes said she submitted 3 different comments via email. She hasn't had a chance to review the land use documents and wonders if there will be time for her to comment on that later. She read her submitted email regarding housing. As for integrating manufactured housing in all neighborhoods, these are built to HUD codes, not the residential site built codes. Lateral load for manufactured homes is different from site-built homes. Back in October, she reviewed the Attorney General complaints and the #1 complaint was the rent hike for mobile home rent fees. While these are economically affordable, she wonders if this makes sense for Anacortes.

Libby Grage brought up the transportation goals & policies tracker.

Xuhua Mu said she likes quite a few of these policies. She expressed concern that T-3.17 is completely out of date. She suggests really updating this document and making it relevant to today. All of the documents referenced are too out of date. Bike and pedestrian usage is very low. The highest volume is single-occupancy vehicles. Let's make sure we address the current needs first, then move on to those other modes of transportation. She recommends designing the transportation system for the needs of the users, not for the technology. She opposes the tracking system. She wonders what that data will be used for. A design problem will not be resolved by technology.

Andrea Dahl, Anacortes, expressed concern about access into and out of Anacortes via Highway 20 in the ferry area. She wonders if there is code that requires the ability to safely exit an area in a timely manner.

Libby Grage said she will look to see if there is code and get back to Ms. Dahl. We are looking to make sure that the City is ready for climate issues that could create these emergencies.

Erica Pickett, Anacortes, stated she's in favor of planning for bikes and pedestrians. She reminded drivers that when they see a bicycle or pedestrian, there's more space on the road for you to use. She recommends widening the shoulders on 12th Street to make emergency access more available.

Ms. Grage went back to the FLUM and referenced the staff recommendations in the packet.

Mike Mills commented he found that #8 was quite compelling; but #9 was less so. He understands that on paper the City doesn't need to expand the UGA, but the market will drive what actually gets built.

John Coleman clarified that if we can't demonstrate a need to extend the UGA, the County will likely not allow it, which is why staff recommends not including this in the UGA. Currently, we can accommodate growth within the city limits. At the time this was docketed, we did not have the land use analysis results.

Linda Martin said it's wise to deny this one because there is no need. Even if we did approve it, we would have to justify this to the County and we aren't able to do that.

Public comment closed

Jim Stoneman moved to recommend that the City Council pass a resolution to support the City's application to add the city-owned parcels to the urban growth area and direct staff to remove the properties owned by Signal Hill LLC from the urban growth area expansion application. Frank Jeretzky seconded.

Commissioners McCombs, Martin, Stoneman, Jeretzky and Currier ayes; Commissioners Mills and Ryan nays. Motion passes.

## **Other Business**

### **Planning Department Update**

John Coleman stated staff took the Planning Commission recommendations for the county planning policies to City Council last night. Ultimately, they chose to select 2 of the Planning Commission recommendations. They also recommended to support the CPP's as written with those to additions. Staff is working on those changes and will send that to the Skagit Council of Governments. There will not be a meeting on November 20, 2024.

We really appreciate all the work the Planning Commission has been doing. The next meeting will be December 11th to review the proposed ordinance to comply with HB 5290, which has to do with permit process timelines.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



## Planning Commission Agenda Bill

**Meeting Date:** May 14, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 6.a.

**Subject:** 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Amendments to the Economic Development Element Goals & Policies - Introduction

**Staff Contact:** Libby Grage, John Coleman

**Approved for Submittal to Commission by**

Libby Grage  
John Coleman

**Action Type**

Discussion

**Summary Statement:** The consultant for the City's Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan will present draft amendments to the goals and policies.

**Background:** See attached staff memo dated 5/5/25.

**Previous Action:** Past Planning Commission meetings related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update are listed on the project webpage ([www.planacortes.org](http://www.planacortes.org)) under the "Meeting & Event Info" tab, with hyperlinks to meeting agendas, packets, and videos.

**Competing Viewpoints Considered:** Written comments regarding the draft Economic Development goals and policies may be submitted to [CompPlan@anacorteswa.gov](mailto:CompPlan@anacorteswa.gov). A Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for May 28, 2025 at 6:00pm.

**Recommended Motion:** N/A - discussion only.

**Alternative Actions:** N/A

**Attachments (listed in order presented):**

1. Staff Memo, 5/5/25
2. Updated Draft Economic Development Goals & Policies Revision Tracker
3. Draft Economic Development Goals & Policies Revision Tracker



Date: May 5, 2025

To: Planning Commission

From: Planning, Community & Economic Development Department (PCED)

Re: Staff Memo - 2025 Comprehensive Plan & Development Regulations Update  
Economic Development Element Goals and Policies  
Preliminary amendment proposals

## Introduction

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At the May 14, 2025 meeting, the Planning Commission will begin reviewing proposed amendments to the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan's Economic Development Element. This memo was prepared in advance of the meeting to provide background information meant to aid the Planning Commission and community members in reviewing and commenting on the proposed revisions. The city will continue to collect public comments throughout the review and update process.

## Economic Development Element

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### Statutory Requirements

An Economic Development Element is a mandatory element of the Comprehensive Plan under the Growth Management Act. The GMA requires that the Economic Development element establish local goals, policies, objectives and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life.

### 2016 Economic Development Element

The City's 2016 Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Element comprises the goals and policies (Volume 1) and background information (Volume 2).

The Economic Development Element Volume 1 has 8 goals, each with its own set of supporting policies. For the 2025 update, we intend to amend the policies under each of these goals to address HB 1181 (2023) and emerging issues and make any necessary additions/amendments to the goals/policies as determined through the public process.

These are the existing Economic Development Element goals:

- **Goal ED-1. Balanced Economy.** Foster a balanced, diversified, and sustainable local economy that contributes to Anacortes' high quality of life.
- **Goal ED-2. Retail & Commercial.** Enhance commercial businesses which serve the community's needs for goods and services.
- **Goal ED-3. Tourism.** Maintain and enhance year round opportunities for sustainable tourism in keeping with the Community's vision.
- **Goal ED-4. Manufacturing and Industrial.** Strengthen the marine trades economy and encourage other manufacturing and industrial opportunities.
- **Goal ED-5. Other Growth Economic Sectors.** Attract businesses in other sectors that offer growth opportunities and provide high wage jobs.
- **Goal ED-6. Provide Education and Training.** Collaborate with educational institutions to meet employer and workforce needs.
- **Goal ED-7. Enhance Regulatory Predictability.** Streamline regulations and permitting.
- **Goal ED-8. Ongoing Commitment.** Continue to collaborate with public and private partners to pursue local and regional economic development.

## Preliminary Draft Amendment Proposals

The initial draft amendment proposals for the Economic Development Element goals and policies are provided in the Goals & Policies Revision Tracker attachment. The attachment presents the existing goals and policies as currently written, a strike-through/underline version showing proposed changes, and the rationale for the proposed changes.

The following summarizes key elements of the amendment proposals (see **the attached Revision Tracker** for the specific proposed text changes):

- New policies addressing attraction of knowledge-based enterprises offering alternative technologies and services and support for expansion of local medical care facilities
- Revisions to integrate climate-related considerations
- Consolidation of overlapping policies and relocation, when applicable, to improve readability and clarity
- Updates to improve specificity and directness in policies to make them easier to implement

# Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Update

## Economic Development Goals and Policies Tracker

**DRAFT** May 1, 2025

*Rev. 1 – Addressing arts & the creative economy*

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### Introduction

This tracker contains suggested updates to the 2016 Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Goals & Policies based on Leland Consulting Group (LCG)’s audit of the existing Goals & Policies as well as information in the Economic Development Background Report, Western Washington Economic Development Study and staff input. Key takeaways from the audit of Economic Development Goals & Policies are found below:

#### Economic Development

- The structure of the goals and policies remains a relevant and useful framework – starting with a balanced and diverse economy, commercial businesses that serve local needs, tourism, and growth sectors.
- Many of the policies remain relevant and are useful to retain going forward.
- There are several recommendations to consider consolidating goals and policies with one another, where the intent may be quite similar.
- There are several policies where more specifics would be useful, such as specific industries or businesses or specific entities the City should partner with on strategy development.

Economic Development Element

| Goal or Policy            | Existing Page Number | Existing Goal or Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                                                            | First Draft Proposed Policy Revision<br><i>The policies will undergo at least another round of revisions before their estimated final adoption in 2025</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Goal ED-1                 |                      | <b>Balanced Economy. Foster a balanced, diversified and sustainable local economy that contributes to Anacortes's high quality of life.</b>                                                                                             | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.1             |                      | Pursue a balanced economy through the protection and enhancement of the community's natural, historical, and cultural amenities, and the improvement of the well-being of its residents.                                                | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.2             |                      | Promote economic resilience by encouraging a diversity of businesses not reliant on a single business sector or large employer. Include strategies for increasing business sector diversity in the economic development strategic plan. | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.3             |                      | Provide a stable tax base to support the costs of desired public facilities and services.                                                                                                                                               | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.4             |                      | Encourage expansion of existing employers and attraction of new employers that pay wages sufficient to support family households and fund needed public services.                                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.5             |                      | Support existing commercial, manufacturing and industrial enterprises as a vital part of Anacortes's economy.                                                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.6             |                      | Facilitate the retention, growth and new location of small and locally-owned business.                                                                                                                                                  | Facilitate the retention, growth and new location of small and locally-owned business, <a href="#">through marketing, technical assistance, allowing live-work units, and/or providing incubator space for microenterprise.</a>                                                                                                                                         | Combined with ED-2.11, also added mention of live-work units to consolidate with Policy ED-1.11                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.7             |                      | Encourage low-impact home-based businesses in residential areas.                                                                                                                                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.8             |                      | Invest in public facilities and services that improve business conditions and quality of life and are affordable to residents and businesses.                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-1.9</del>  |                      | <del>Attract a diverse population, including artists, innovators, and families that contribute to a vibrant multigenerational community.</del>                                                                                          | <a href="#">Collaborate with the Anacortes Creative District to foster the growth of Anacortes' creative economy through recruitment and support of creative and artistic businesses, supporting the Anacortes Arts Festival and additional arts and cultural events, and marketing Anacortes as a destination for art and culture.</a>                                 | <a href="#">Focus policy specifically on arts and creative economy.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Policy ED-1.10            |                      | Support the development of an adequate range of affordable housing opportunities for the local workforce to increase the attractiveness of the city to employers.                                                                       | Support the development of <del>an adequate range of a variety of housing types that can serve all income levels throughout the city, affordable housing opportunities for the local workforce to increase to facilitate workforce housing affordability and increase the attractiveness of the city to employers</del> <a href="#">and creative economy employees.</a> | Adjusted language to better match new housing legislation terminology and requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <del>Policy ED-1.11</del> |                      | <del>Allow for live/work opportunities as described in the Land Use Element to expand options for small or startup businesses.</del>                                                                                                    | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Added mention of live-work units to consolidate with ED-1.6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Policy ED-1.12            |                      | Develop a strategic plan for economic development in coordination with local stakeholders, such as the Port of Anacortes.                                                                                                               | Develop a strategic plan for economic development in coordination with local stakeholders, <del>such as the Port of Anacortes</del> <a href="#">and work with local businesses and non-profits to implement the findings and recommendations of the plan.</a>                                                                                                           | The city is in the process of completing such a strategic plan. Suggest eliminating reference to the Port because there are many relevant stakeholders besides the Port. Added language to encourage follow-up activities to actuate the findings of the economic development strategic plan. |
| Policy ED-1.13            |                      | Engage in frequent communication with local businesses and resources outside the region to better understand industry trends, cooperatively plan for future needs and work toward common goals.                                         | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-1.14</del> |                      | <del>Provide state of the art broadband infrastructure, including high-capacity fiber optic cable, for business, education, public affairs, and consumer uses.</del>                                                                    | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Consolidated with ED-1.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Goal or Policy             | Existing Page Number | Existing Goal or Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                                                           | First Draft Proposed Policy Revision<br><i>The policies will undergo at least another round of revisions before their estimated final adoption in 2025</i>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <a href="#">Policy ED-</a> |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Coordinate with regional economic development organizations to</a><br><del>Identify and encourage development of industry clusters that can share technologies, facilities and labor resources.</del>                                                                                                                                    | Moved from ED-5.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">Policy ED-</a> |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Attract knowledge-based enterprises offering alternative technologies and services, including green industries such as environmental services and energy technologies.</a>                                                                                                                                                               | Moved from ED-5.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                            |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Support expansion of local medical care facilities as sources of jobs and income, as well as support services to the community.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moved from ED-5.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Goal ED-2                  |                      | <b>Retail &amp; Commercial. Enhance commercial businesses which serve the community's needs for goods and services.</b>                                                                                                                | <b>Retail &amp; Commercial. <del>Enhance</del> Retain and grow commercial businesses which serve the community's needs for goods and services.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Adjusted language to clarify actions rather than the more vague "enhance"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Policy ED-2.1              |                      | Encourage residents to support local businesses and keep money within the community.                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="#">Through the forthcoming economic strategic plan, incentives, marketing, and other work, promote the formation and support of local businesses that serve the needs of residents and visitors – such as small specialty retailers, mercantile, and the provision of community spaces – in order to retain money within the community.</a> | Combined ED-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.6 here and added specificity of how city might support local businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <del>Policy ED-2.2</del>   |                      | <del>Strive to recapture local household spending that currently goes to businesses in surrounding communities.</del>                                                                                                                  | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <del>Policy ED-2.3</del>   |                      | <del>Encourage new businesses, such as small specialty retailers, mercantile, or complementary brand retailer, that provide goods not currently available within the community.</del>                                                  | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <del>Policy ED-2.4</del>   |                      | <del>Encourage new businesses that serve local residents as well as visitors.</del>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Policy ED-2.5              |                      | Promote the development of uses, such as high density residential and overnight accommodations, that maintain or increase shopper density within the Central Business District.                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-2.6</del>   |                      | <del>Encourage uses that provide gathering and meeting places.</del>                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <del>Policy ED-2.7</del>   |                      | <del>Consider implementing limits on non-retail uses in core Central Business District areas after careful review of successful implementations elsewhere.</del>                                                                       | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | In reviewing AMC Table 19.41.050, it appears this policy was not pursued too strictly in the 2019 development regulation updates. A variety of non-retail uses such as day care, office, medical, and personal services are permitted in the CBD zone – and this is appropriate as commercial heart of Anacortes. This may also conflict with other policies. |
| Policy ED-2.8              |                      | Consider providing for small commercial nodes in noncommercial zones, where appropriate access is available, in order to expand local neighborhood access to goods and services.                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-2.9              |                      | Encourage higher density residential development within and near the Central Business District as support for Downtown businesses.                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-2.10             |                      | Strive to provide for a range of sites for a variety of retail development including sites that serve auto-oriented customers as well as those serving pedestrians.                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-2.11</del>  |                      | <del>Explore the City's potential role in providing incubator space for microenterprise and small start-up retail businesses that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies for commercial and retail areas.</del> | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into Policy ED-1.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-2.12             |                      | Encourage development of circulation routes, signage, and information displays between Cap Sante Marina, Downtown and other commercial areas.                                                                                          | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Policy ED-2.13            |                      | Provide for adequate, convenient, and safe parking for cars and bicycles in all commercial areas.                                                                                       | <del>Retain</del> Monitor vehicle parking and expand bicycle parking and electric vehicle charging infrastructure to ensure adequate, convenient, and safe parking for cars and bicycles in all commercial areas.                                                                                           | Updated language for consistency with Climate element.                                                                                  |
| Policy ED-2.14            |                      | Encourage commercial businesses that provide professional, financial and medical services to residents and visitors.                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Goal ED-3</b>          |                      | <b><u>Tourism</u>. Maintain and enhance year round opportunities for sustainable tourism in keeping with the Community's vision.</b>                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.1             |                      | Pursue opportunities that recognize Anacortes's unique historic heritage, culture, recreational amenities and natural setting.                                                          | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.2             |                      | Actively work with business and tourism associations as well as other local organizations to establish a brand for Anacortes as a recognizable tourist destination.                     | Actively work with business, <del>and</del> tourism, <b>and arts</b> associations as well as other local organizations to establish a brand for Anacortes as a recognizable tourist destination.                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.3             |                      | Consider creation of a City culture and tourism office to manage marketing and tourism promotion.                                                                                       | Consider creation <b>and funding</b> of a City culture and tourism office to manage marketing and tourism promotion.                                                                                                                                                                                        | Adjusted to include seeking funding                                                                                                     |
| Policy ED-3.4             |                      | Enhance entrances to the City with extensive landscaping and appropriate signage.                                                                                                       | Enhance entrances to the City with <del>extensive</del> landscaping and appropriate <b>gateway</b> signage.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Adjusted language. "Extensive" seemed out of place. Could be further strengthened by identifying specific gateway locations if desired. |
| Policy ED-3.5             |                      | Encourage activities and facilities that attract visitors throughout the year.                                                                                                          | <del>Encourage</del> Coordinate marketing and programming of activities and facilities that attract visitors throughout the year <b>and increase the length of potential visitor experience.</b>                                                                                                            | Combined with ED-3.12                                                                                                                   |
| Policy ED-3.6             |                      | Encourage activities and facilities that serve residents as well as tourists.                                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.7             |                      | Encourage development of expanded lodging options to support overnight stays by tourists and other visitors.                                                                            | Encourage development of expanded lodging options to support overnight stays by tourists and other visitors <b>through land use and marketing.</b>                                                                                                                                                          | Added more specificity on ways the city might do this.                                                                                  |
| Policy ED-3.8             |                      | Attract users of Washington State Ferries and other nearby destinations to spend time in Anacortes and patronize local businesses.                                                      | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.9             |                      | Encourage development of a civic community gathering place and a destination events/concert/meeting/music venue or conference center with hotel in the downtown/waterfront area.        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.10            |                      | Expand the amount and variety of attractions available to visitors, such as a fishing pier, sawmill museum, or other attractions that build on Anacortes's unique history and identity. | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.11            |                      | Promote Downtown Anacortes, including the Central Business District and Cap Sante Marina, the central Fidalgo Bay waterfront and south Commercial Avenue, as visitor destinations.      | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| <del>Policy ED-3.12</del> |                      | <del>Coordinate marketing and programming of visitor activities to increase the length of potential visitor experience.</del>                                                           | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Consolidated into ED-3.5                                                                                                                |
| Policy ED-3.13            |                      | Coordinate marketing with other nearby attractions such as Deception Pass, Whidbey Island, and San Juan Islands.                                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.14            |                      | Improve vehicular and pedestrian connections between downtown and the waterfront and downtown and the State Ferry Terminal, including potential development of a shuttle service.       | Improve vehicular and pedestrian connections between downtown and <b>both</b> the waterfront and <del>downtown and</del> the State Ferry Terminal, including potential development of a shuttle service, <b>to enhance accessibility to businesses and services, and help the City reduce GHG emissions</b> | Added clarity on connection to Economic Development and cross-reference to GHG emissions reduction to align with climate element.       |
| <b>Goal ED-4</b>          |                      | <b><u>Manufacturing and Industrial</u>. Strengthen the marine trades economy and encourage other manufacturing and industrial opportunities.</b>                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |

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| Policy ED-4.1            |                      | Leverage marine traditions while protecting the natural environment and balancing public use of shoreline areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.2            |                      | Encourage location and retention of manufacturing, industrial, marine trade, high-tech and sustainable industry jobs that pay wages commensurate with the cost of living in Anacortes.                                                                                                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.3            |                      | Support special purpose facilities, such as a heavy boat lift, and the deep water port to enhance the competitive advantage for marine trades and marine industrial uses.                                                                                                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.4            |                      | Provide for adequate sites for supportive uses near marine dependent uses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.5            |                      | Provide for adequate sites for large scale manufacturing operations, including sites near navigation channels and truck routes.                                                                                                                                                                                              | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.6            |                      | Provide for maker spaces, incubator facilities and live/work options for smaller or startup enterprises.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.7            |                      | Anticipate and plan for potential future desired uses at the March Point refineries as product types, manufacturing processes, economic competitiveness, and transportation methods change.                                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">Coordinate with Skagit county to</a> anticipate and plan for potential future desired uses at the March Point refineries as product types, manufacturing processes, economic competitiveness, and transportation methods change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Added mention of County, since the refinery is in the UGA.                                                                         |
| <del>Goal ED-5</del>     |                      | <del>Other Growth Economic Sectors. Attract businesses in other sectors that offer growth opportunities and provide high-wage jobs.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Policies consolidated under other goals as described below.                                                                        |
| Policy ED-5.1            |                      | <del>Identify and encourage development of industry clusters that can share technologies, facilities and labor resources.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Move</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Updated and moved under Goal ED-1                                                                                                  |
| Policy ED-5.2            |                      | <del>Attract knowledge-based enterprises offering alternative technologies and services, including green industries such as environmental services and energy technologies.</del>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Move</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moved under Goal ED-1                                                                                                              |
| Policy ED-5.3            |                      | <del>Encourage expansion of higher education opportunities locally through existing programs such as the Marine Technology Center and Shannon Point Marine Center, as well as attracting new educational facilities.</del>                                                                                                   | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Redundant with Policy ED-6.2                                                                                                       |
| Policy ED-5.4            |                      | <del>Support expansion of local medical care facilities as sources of jobs and income, as well as support services to the community.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Move</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moved under Goal ED-1                                                                                                              |
| <b>Goal ED-6</b>         |                      | <b>Provide Education and Training. Collaborate with educational institutions to meet employer and workforce needs.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Good goal to retain.                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-6.1</del> |                      | <del>Encourage opportunities to train the workforce to develop skills for new technologies and family-wage jobs.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Consolidated with Policy ED-6.2                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-6.2            |                      | Collaborate with educational facilities (NW Center of Excellence for Marine Manufacturing and Technology, Shannon Point Marine Center, Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, Skagit Valley College, etc.) and other public and private institutions to provide education and training for a broad range of careers and interests. | Collaborate with educational facilities (NW Center of Excellence for Marine Manufacturing and Technology, Shannon Point Marine Center, Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, Skagit Valley College, etc.) and other public and private institutions to provide education and training for a broad range of careers, <del>and</del> interests, <a href="#">technologies, and to provide family-wage jobs.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Promote awareness, education, and training for green job opportunities, particularly for lower-income, underemployed, and/or frontline communities.</a></li> </ul> | Consolidated with Policy ED-6.1. Added sub-bullet point to connect with “green jobs pipeline” in Climate Element Policy C ID: R.04 |
| Policy ED-6.3            |                      | Encourage educational opportunities in entrepreneurship, innovation and mentoring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-6.4            |                      | Encourage expansion of existing educational institutions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal ED-7</b>         |                      | <b>Enhance regulatory predictability. Streamline regulations and permitting.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |

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| Policy ED-7.1  |                      | Provide an efficient, clear and economical permitting process as a means of enhancing the City's goal for quality customer service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-7.2  |                      | Craft land use and development regulations that offer a balance of predictability and flexibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <del>Craft</del> <a href="#">Maintain</a> land use and development regulations that offer a balance of predictability and flexibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Updated to "maintain", as there was a major code update in 2019 that achieved this policy.                                                    |
| Policy ED-7.3  |                      | Monitor local economic conditions and update economic development policies at least every five years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-7.4  |                      | Encourage the redevelopment of key and/or underused buildings and parcels through incentives and public/private partnerships.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-7.5  |                      | Provide incentives for land uses that enhance the city's vitality through a variety of regulatory and financial strategies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-7.6  |                      | Support public/private partnerships to facilitate or fund infrastructure improvements that will result in increased economic opportunity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Goal ED-8      |                      | <b>Ongoing commitment. Continue to collaborate with public and private partners to pursue local and regional economic development.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-8.1  |                      | Actively work with other jurisdictions, educational institutions, environmental groups, agencies, economic development organizations, and local business associations to stimulate business retention, and implement interlocal and regional strategies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-8.2  |                      | Improve marketing of the City's economic assets by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventorying and describing areas available for new and redevelopment activity.</li> <li>• Engaging in cooperative activities with the Port of Anacortes, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, state and county entities, tourist development agencies, Navy, private developers and realtors.</li> <li>• Considering establishment of a Community and Business Development office or role to support and facilitate location of new business in Anacortes consistent with the Community's vision.</li> </ul> | Improve marketing of the City's economic assets by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventorying and describing areas available for new and redevelopment activity.</li> <li>• Engaging in cooperative activities with the Port of Anacortes, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, state and county entities, tourist development agencies, Navy, private developers and realtors.</li> <li>• Considering establishment of a Community and Business Development office or role to support and facilitate location of new business in Anacortes consistent with the Community's vision.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Raising awareness of local business efforts to reduce emissions and increase resilience.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Promoting how the use of local businesses can help Anacortes meet GHG emission reduction goals.</a></li> </ul> | Added sub-bullets to align with Climate policy C ID: R-06 relating to patronizing local businesses as a means to support emissions reductions |
| Policy ED-8.3  |                      | Develop meaningful, measurable goals and strategies that promote community-desired economic development and monitor progress toward meeting those goals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |

# Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Update

## Economic Development Goals and Policies Tracker

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### Introduction

This tracker contains suggested updates to the 2016 Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Goals & Policies based on Leland Consulting Group (LCG)’s audit of the existing Goals & Policies as well as information in the Economic Development Background Report, Western Washington Economic Development Study and staff input. Key takeaways from the audit of Economic Development Goals & Policies are found below:

#### Economic Development

- The structure of the goals and policies remains a relevant and useful framework – starting with a balanced and diverse economy, commercial businesses that serve local needs, tourism, and growth sectors.
- Many of the policies remain relevant and are useful to retain going forward.
- There are several recommendations to consider consolidating goals and policies with one another, where the intent may be quite similar.
- There are several policies where more specifics would be useful, such as specific industries or businesses or specific entities the City should partner with on strategy development.

Economic Development Element

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| Goal ED-1                  |                      | <b>Balanced Economy.</b> Foster a balanced, diversified and sustainable local economy that contributes to Anacortes’s high quality of life.                                                                                             | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.1              |                      | Pursue a balanced economy through the protection and enhancement of the community’s natural, historical, and cultural amenities, and the improvement of the well-being of its residents.                                                | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.2              |                      | Promote economic resilience by encouraging a diversity of businesses not reliant on a single business sector or large employer. Include strategies for increasing business sector diversity in the economic development strategic plan. | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.3              |                      | Provide a stable tax base to support the costs of desired public facilities and services.                                                                                                                                               | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.4              |                      | Encourage expansion of existing employers and attraction of new employers that pay wages sufficient to support family households and fund needed public services.                                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.5              |                      | Support existing commercial, manufacturing and industrial enterprises as a vital part of Anacortes’s economy.                                                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.6              |                      | Facilitate the retention, growth and new location of small and locally-owned business.                                                                                                                                                  | Facilitate the retention, growth and new location of small and locally-owned business, <a href="#">through marketing, technical assistance, allowing live-work units, and/or providing incubator space for microenterprise.</a>                                                                                          | Combined with ED-2.11, also added mention of live-work units to consolidate with Policy ED-1.11                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.7              |                      | Encourage low-impact home-based businesses in residential areas.                                                                                                                                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-1.8              |                      | Invest in public facilities and services that improve business conditions and quality of life and are affordable to residents and businesses.                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-1.9</del>   |                      | <del>Attract a diverse population, including artists, innovators, and families that contribute to a vibrant multigenerational community.</del>                                                                                          | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The mention of artists and innovators are the only apparent link to economic development.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Policy ED-1.10             |                      | Support the development of an adequate range of affordable housing opportunities for the local workforce to increase the attractiveness of the city to employers.                                                                       | Support the development of <del>an adequate range of a variety of housing types that can serve all income levels throughout the city, affordable housing opportunities for the local workforce to increase to facilitate workforce housing affordability and increase</del> the attractiveness of the city to employers. | Adjusted language to better match new housing legislation terminology and requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <del>Policy ED-1.11</del>  |                      | <del>Allow for live/work opportunities as described in the Land Use Element to expand options for small or startup businesses.</del>                                                                                                    | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Added mention of live-work units to consolidate with ED-1.6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Policy ED-1.12             |                      | Develop a strategic plan for economic development in coordination with local stakeholders, such as the Port of Anacortes.                                                                                                               | Develop a strategic plan for economic development in coordination with local stakeholders, <del>such as the Port of Anacortes and work with local businesses and non-profits to implement the findings and recommendations of the plan.</del>                                                                            | The city is in the process of completing such a strategic plan. Suggest eliminating reference to the Port because there are many relevant stakeholders besides the Port. Added language to encourage follow-up activities to actuate the findings of the economic development strategic plan. |
| Policy ED-1.13             |                      | Engage in frequent communication with local businesses and resources outside the region to better understand industry trends, cooperatively plan for future needs and work toward common goals.                                         | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-1.14</del>  |                      | <del>Provide state of the art broadband infrastructure, including high-capacity fiber optic cable, for business, education, public affairs, and consumer uses.</del>                                                                    | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Consolidated with ED-1.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">Policy ED-</a> |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Coordinate with regional economic development organizations to identify and encourage development of industry clusters that can share technologies, facilities and labor resources.</a>                                                                                                                      | Moved from ED-5.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <a href="#">Policy ED-</a> |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Attract knowledge-based enterprises offering alternative technologies and services, including green industries such as environmental services and energy technologies.</a>                                                                                                                                                               | Moved from ED-5.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                            |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Support expansion of local medical care facilities as sources of jobs and income, as well as support services to the community.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moved from ED-5.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Goal ED-2</b>           |                      | <b>Retail &amp; Commercial.</b> Enhance commercial businesses which serve the community's needs for goods and services.                                                                                                                | <b>Retail &amp; Commercial.</b> <del>Enhance</del> <b>Retain and grow commercial businesses which serve the community's needs for goods and services.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | Adjusted language to clarify actions rather than the more vague "enhance"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Policy ED-2.1              |                      | Encourage residents to support local businesses and keep money within the community.                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="#">Through the forthcoming economic strategic plan, incentives, marketing, and other work, promote the formation and support of local businesses that serve the needs of residents and visitors – such as small specialty retailers, mercantile, and the provision of community spaces – in order to retain money within the community.</a> | Combined ED-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.6 here and added specificity of how city might support local businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <del>Policy ED-2.2</del>   |                      | <del>Strive to recapture local household spending that currently goes to businesses in surrounding communities.</del>                                                                                                                  | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <del>Policy ED-2.3</del>   |                      | <del>Encourage new businesses, such as small specialty retailers, mercantile, or complementary brand retailer, that provide goods not currently available within the community.</del>                                                  | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <del>Policy ED-2.4</del>   |                      | <del>Encourage new businesses that serve local residents as well as visitors.</del>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Policy ED-2.5              |                      | Promote the development of uses, such as high density residential and overnight accommodations, that maintain or increase shopper density within the Central Business District.                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-2.6</del>   |                      | <del>Encourage uses that provide gathering and meeting places.</del>                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into ED-2.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <del>Policy ED-2.7</del>   |                      | <del>Consider implementing limits on non-retail uses in core Central Business District areas after careful review of successful implementations elsewhere.</del>                                                                       | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | In reviewing AMC Table 19.41.050, it appears this policy was not pursued too strictly in the 2019 development regulation updates. A variety of non-retail uses such as day care, office, medical, and personal services are permitted in the CBD zone – and this is appropriate as commercial heart of Anacortes. This may also conflict with other policies. |
| Policy ED-2.8              |                      | Consider providing for small commercial nodes in noncommercial zones, where appropriate access is available, in order to expand local neighborhood access to goods and services.                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-2.9              |                      | Encourage higher density residential development within and near the Central Business District as support for Downtown businesses.                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-2.10             |                      | Strive to provide for a range of sites for a variety of retail development including sites that serve auto-oriented customers as well as those serving pedestrians.                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-2.11</del>  |                      | <del>Explore the City's potential role in providing incubator space for microenterprise and small start-up retail businesses that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies for commercial and retail areas.</del> | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Consolidated into Policy ED-1.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-2.12             |                      | Encourage development of circulation routes, signage, and information displays between Cap Sante Marina, Downtown and other commercial areas.                                                                                          | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-2.13             |                      | Provide for adequate, convenient, and safe parking for cars and bicycles in all commercial areas.                                                                                                                                      | <del>Retain</del> <a href="#">Monitor vehicle parking and expand bicycle parking and electric vehicle charging infrastructure to ensure adequate,</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                | Updated language for consistency with Climate element.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                           |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                         | convenient, and safe parking for cars and bicycles in all commercial areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-2.14            |                      | Encourage commercial businesses that provide professional, financial and medical services to residents and visitors.                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Goal ED-3</b>          |                      | <b><u>Tourism.</u> Maintain and enhance year round opportunities for sustainable tourism in keeping with the Community's vision.</b>                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.1             |                      | Pursue opportunities that recognize Anacortes's unique historic heritage, culture, recreational amenities and natural setting.                                                          | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.2             |                      | Actively work with business and tourism associations as well as other local organizations to establish a brand for Anacortes as a recognizable tourist destination.                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.3             |                      | Consider creation of a City culture and tourism office to manage marketing and tourism promotion.                                                                                       | Consider creation <a href="#">and funding</a> of a City culture and tourism office to manage marketing and tourism promotion.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Adjusted to include seeking funding                                                                                                     |
| Policy ED-3.4             |                      | Enhance entrances to the City with extensive landscaping and appropriate signage.                                                                                                       | Enhance entrances to the City with <del>extensive</del> landscaping and appropriate <a href="#">gateway</a> signage.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Adjusted language. "Extensive" seemed out of place. Could be further strengthened by identifying specific gateway locations if desired. |
| Policy ED-3.5             |                      | Encourage activities and facilities that attract visitors throughout the year.                                                                                                          | <del>Encourage</del> <a href="#">Coordinate marketing and programming of</a> activities and facilities that attract visitors throughout the year <a href="#">and increase the length of potential visitor experience.</a>                                                                                                     | Combined with ED-3.12                                                                                                                   |
| Policy ED-3.6             |                      | Encourage activities and facilities that serve residents as well as tourists.                                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.7             |                      | Encourage development of expanded lodging options to support overnight stays by tourists and other visitors.                                                                            | Encourage development of expanded lodging options to support overnight stays by tourists and other visitors <a href="#">through land use and marketing.</a>                                                                                                                                                                   | Added more specificity on ways the city might do this.                                                                                  |
| Policy ED-3.8             |                      | Attract users of Washington State Ferries and other nearby destinations to spend time in Anacortes and patronize local businesses.                                                      | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.9             |                      | Encourage development of a civic community gathering place and a destination events/concert/meeting/music venue or conference center with hotel in the downtown/waterfront area.        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.10            |                      | Expand the amount and variety of attractions available to visitors, such as a fishing pier, sawmill museum, or other attractions that build on Anacortes's unique history and identity. | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.11            |                      | Promote Downtown Anacortes, including the Central Business District and Cap Sante Marina, the central Fidalgo Bay waterfront and south Commercial Avenue, as visitor destinations.      | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| <del>Policy ED-3.12</del> |                      | <del>Coordinate marketing and programming of visitor activities to increase the length of potential visitor experience.</del>                                                           | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Consolidated into ED-3.5                                                                                                                |
| Policy ED-3.13            |                      | Coordinate marketing with other nearby attractions such as Deception Pass, Whidbey Island, and San Juan Islands.                                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-3.14            |                      | Improve vehicular and pedestrian connections between downtown and the waterfront and downtown and the State Ferry Terminal, including potential development of a shuttle service.       | Improve vehicular and pedestrian connections between downtown and <a href="#">both</a> the waterfront and <del>downtown and</del> the State Ferry Terminal, including potential development of a shuttle service, <a href="#">to enhance accessibility to businesses and services, and help the City reduce GHG emissions</a> | Added clarity on connection to Economic Development and cross-reference to GHG emissions reduction to align with climate element.       |
| <b>Goal ED-4</b>          |                      | <b><u>Manufacturing and Industrial.</u> Strengthen the marine trades economy and encourage other manufacturing and industrial opportunities.</b>                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy ED-4.1             |                      | Leverage marine traditions while protecting the natural environment and balancing public use of shoreline areas.                                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |

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| Policy ED-4.2            |                      | Encourage location and retention of manufacturing, industrial, marine trade, high-tech and sustainable industry jobs that pay wages commensurate with the cost of living in Anacortes.                                                                                                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.3            |                      | Support special purpose facilities, such as a heavy boat lift, and the deep water port to enhance the competitive advantage for marine trades and marine industrial uses.                                                                                                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.4            |                      | Provide for adequate sites for supportive uses near marine dependent uses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.5            |                      | Provide for adequate sites for large scale manufacturing operations, including sites near navigation channels and truck routes.                                                                                                                                                                                              | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.6            |                      | Provide for maker spaces, incubator facilities and live/work options for smaller or startup enterprises.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-4.7            |                      | Anticipate and plan for potential future desired uses at the March Point refineries as product types, manufacturing processes, economic competitiveness, and transportation methods change.                                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">Coordinate with Skagit county to</a> anticipate and plan for potential future desired uses at the March Point refineries as product types, manufacturing processes, economic competitiveness, and transportation methods change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Added mention of County, since the refinery is in the UGA.                                                                         |
| <del>Goal ED-5</del>     |                      | <del>Other Growth Economic Sectors. Attract businesses in other sectors that offer growth opportunities and provide high wage jobs.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Policies consolidated under other goals as described below.                                                                        |
| <del>Policy ED-5.1</del> |                      | <del>Identify and encourage development of industry clusters that can share technologies, facilities and labor resources.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Move</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Updated and moved under Goal ED-1                                                                                                  |
| <del>Policy ED-5.2</del> |                      | <del>Attract knowledge-based enterprises offering alternative technologies and services, including green industries such as environmental services and energy technologies.</del>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Move</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moved under Goal ED-1                                                                                                              |
| <del>Policy ED-5.3</del> |                      | <del>Encourage expansion of higher education opportunities locally through existing programs such as the Marine Technology Center and Shannon Point Marine Center, as well as attracting new educational facilities.</del>                                                                                                   | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Redundant with Policy ED-6.2                                                                                                       |
| <del>Policy ED-5.4</del> |                      | <del>Support expansion of local medical care facilities as sources of jobs and income, as well as support services to the community.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Move</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moved under Goal ED-1                                                                                                              |
| <b>Goal ED-6</b>         |                      | <b>Provide Education and Training. Collaborate with educational institutions to meet employer and workforce needs.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Good goal to retain.                                                                                                               |
| <del>Policy ED-6.1</del> |                      | <del>Encourage opportunities to train the workforce to develop skills for new technologies and family-wage jobs.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Consolidate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Consolidated with Policy ED-6.2                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-6.2            |                      | Collaborate with educational facilities (NW Center of Excellence for Marine Manufacturing and Technology, Shannon Point Marine Center, Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, Skagit Valley College, etc.) and other public and private institutions to provide education and training for a broad range of careers and interests. | Collaborate with educational facilities (NW Center of Excellence for Marine Manufacturing and Technology, Shannon Point Marine Center, Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, Skagit Valley College, etc.) and other public and private institutions to provide education and training for a broad range of careers, <del>and</del> interests, <a href="#">technologies, and to provide family-wage jobs.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Promote awareness, education, and training for green job opportunities, particularly for lower-income, underemployed, and/or frontline communities.</a></li> </ul> | Consolidated with Policy ED-6.1. Added sub-bullet point to connect with “green jobs pipeline” in Climate Element Policy C ID: R.04 |
| Policy ED-6.3            |                      | Encourage educational opportunities in entrepreneurship, innovation and mentoring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-6.4            |                      | Encourage expansion of existing educational institutions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal ED-7</b>         |                      | <b>Enhance regulatory predictability. Streamline regulations and permitting.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy ED-7.1            |                      | Provide an efficient, clear and economical permitting process as a means of enhancing the City’s goal for quality customer service.                                                                                                                                                                                          | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |

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| Policy ED-7.2  |                      | Craft land use and development regulations that offer a balance of predictability and flexibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <del>Craft</del> <a href="#">Maintain</a> land use and development regulations that offer a balance of predictability and flexibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Updated to “maintain”, as there was a major code update in 2019 that achieved this policy.                                                    |
| Policy ED-7.3  |                      | Monitor local economic conditions and update economic development policies at least every five years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-7.4  |                      | Encourage the redevelopment of key and/or underused buildings and parcels through incentives and public/private partnerships.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-7.5  |                      | Provide incentives for land uses that enhance the city’s vitality through a variety of regulatory and financial strategies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-7.6  |                      | Support public/private partnerships to facilitate or fund infrastructure improvements that will result in increased economic opportunity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Goal ED-8      |                      | <b><u>Ongoing commitment. Continue to collaborate with public and private partners to pursue local and regional economic development.</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-8.1  |                      | Actively work with other jurisdictions, educational institutions, environmental groups, agencies, economic development organizations, and local business associations to stimulate business retention, and implement interlocal and regional strategies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy ED-8.2  |                      | Improve marketing of the City’s economic assets by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventorying and describing areas available for new and redevelopment activity.</li> <li>• Engaging in cooperative activities with the Port of Anacortes, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, state and county entities, tourist development agencies, Navy, private developers and realtors.</li> <li>• Considering establishment of a Community and Business Development office or role to support and facilitate location of new business in Anacortes consistent with the Community’s vision.</li> </ul> | Improve marketing of the City’s economic assets by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventorying and describing areas available for new and redevelopment activity.</li> <li>• Engaging in cooperative activities with the Port of Anacortes, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, state and county entities, tourist development agencies, Navy, private developers and realtors.</li> <li>• Considering establishment of a Community and Business Development office or role to support and facilitate location of new business in Anacortes consistent with the Community’s vision.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Raising awareness of local business efforts to reduce emissions and increase resilience.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Promoting how the use of local businesses can help Anacortes meet GHG emission reduction goals.</a></li> </ul> | Added sub-bullets to align with Climate policy C ID: R-06 relating to patronizing local businesses as a means to support emissions reductions |
| Policy ED-8.3  |                      | Develop meaningful, measurable goals and strategies that promote community-desired economic development and monitor progress toward meeting those goals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Retain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |



## Planning Commission Agenda Bill

**Meeting Date:** May 14, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 6.b.

**Subject:** 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update - Draft Amendments to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element Goals and Policies - Introduction

**Staff Contact:** Libby Grage, John Coleman

**Approved for Submittal to Commission by**

Libby Grage  
John Coleman

**Action Type**

Discussion

**Summary Statement:** The Parks & Recreation Department Director, Jonn Lunsford, will present draft amendments to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Background:** See attached staff memo dated 5/5/25.

**Previous Action:** Past Planning Commission meetings related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update are listed on the project webpage ([www.planacortes.org](http://www.planacortes.org)) under the "Meeting & Event Info" tab, with hyperlinks to meeting agendas, packets, and videos.

**Competing Viewpoints Considered:** Written comments regarding the draft Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element goals and policies may be submitted to [CompPlan@anacorteswa.gov](mailto:CompPlan@anacorteswa.gov). A Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for May 28, 2025 at 6:00pm.

**Recommended Motion:** N/A - discussion only.

**Alternative Actions:** N/A

**Attachments (listed in order presented):**

1. Staff Memo, 5/5/25
2. Draft Parks, Recreation & Open Space Goals & Policies Revision Tracker



Date: May 5, 2025

To: Planning Commission

From: Planning, Community & Economic Development Department (PCED)

Re: Staff Memo - 2025 Comprehensive Plan & Development Regulations Update  
Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Element Goals and Policies  
Preliminary amendment proposals

## Introduction

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At the May 14, 2025 meeting, the Planning Commission will begin reviewing proposed amendments to the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element. This memo was prepared in advance of the meeting to provide background information meant to aid the Planning Commission and community members in reviewing and commenting on the proposed revisions. The city will continue to collect public comments throughout the review and update process.

## Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element

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### Statutory Requirements

A Parks & Recreation Element is a mandatory element of the Comprehensive Plan under the Growth Management Act. The statutory requirements for what must be included in a Parks & Recreation element are:

- Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period;
- An evaluation of facilities and service needs;
- An evaluation of tree canopy coverage within the urban growth area (new with HB 1181); and
- An evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.

### 2016 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element

The City's 2016 Comprehensive Plan Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element comprises the goals and policies (Volume 1) and incorporates by reference a standalone [Parks and](#)

[Recreation Master Plan](#) in order to satisfy the requirements under the Growth Management Act in RCW 36.70A.070(8). The Parks and Recreation Master Plan contains an inventory of Anacortes' parks and recreation facilities, projected needs, level of service recommendations, and capital project recommendations. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is also intended to satisfy the grant eligibility requirements of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element Volume 1 has 9 goals, each with its own set of supporting policies. For the 2025 update, we intend to amend the policies under each of these goals to address HB 1181 (2023) and emerging issues and make any necessary additions/amendments to the goals/policies as determined through the public process.

These are the existing Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element goals:

- **Goal PR-1. Park & Recreational Facilities.** Provide a range of high quality and easily accessible park and recreational areas, facilities and opportunities that will serve a wide range of age groups, recreational interests and ability levels.
- **Goal PR-2. Shoreline Access.** Increase the opportunities for public access to and enjoyment of the shorelines of Anacortes, including both physical and visual access.
- **Goal PR-3. Efficient Parks Program Management.** Provide parks, open space, recreation facilities, and a comprehensive recreation services program to the citizens of Anacortes in a well-run, economical and cost-effective manner.
- **Goal PR-4. Community Engagement.** Engage the public in decisions about planning, acquisition, redevelopment and management of the park and recreation facilities and programs.
- **Goal PR-5. Parks Facilities Maintenance.** Develop and implement parks and maintenance procedures that enhance the quality and durability of our park facilities.
- **Goal PR-6. Parks Funding.** Ensure adequate funding sources for parks and recreation planning, development, management and maintenance and maintain a plan for capital improvements to guide capital expenditures.
- **Goal PR-7. Environmental Stewardship.** Design, construct and manage parks facilities and programs with sensitivity to the protection and restoration of environmental resources and natural habitats.
- **Goal PR-8. Forestlands Management.** Manage the Anacortes Community Forestlands (ACFL) with the principal goals of maintaining and enhancing habitat, aesthetic, and recreational values.

- **Goal PR-9. Open Space Connectivity.** Establish and acquire a network of open space and public access corridors.

## Preliminary Draft Amendment Proposals

The 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update docket adopted in [Resolution 3161](#) directs that the content of the existing standalone Parks & Recreation Master Plan be migrated into the Comprehensive Plan during the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update process, negating the need for a standalone parks plan. The Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of updating the facilities inventory, future needs analysis, level of service and other information for inclusion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

The initial draft amendment proposals for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element goals and policies are provided in the Goals & Policies Revision Tracker attachment. The attachment presents the existing goals and policies as currently written, a strike-through/underline version showing proposed changes, and the rationale for the proposed changes.

The following summarizes key elements of the amendment proposals (see **the attached Revision Tracker** for the specific proposed text changes):

- Updates to address equitable and improved access to parks
- New policy promoting collaborative creation of quality public spaces and recreational opportunities that enhance community well-being through encouraging social interaction
- New policy about support for arts and culture as an important part of community identity and the local economy
- Revised policy directing a comprehensive future update of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space element, and guidance for issues to address
- New policy to consider establishing a full-time park ranger position to enhance public safety
- New policy referencing the standalone Anacortes Community Forest Lands Master Plan and conservation easements which guide management of the ACFL
- Updated policy around open space connectivity
- New goal and supporting policies addressing the Senior Activity Center
- Consolidation of overlapping policies and relocation, when applicable, to improve readability and clarity
- Updates to improve directness in policies to make them easier to implement
- Changes to reflect the status of policies that have been implemented

# Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Update

## Parks & Recreation Element Goals and Policies Tracker

**DRAFT** May 5, 2025

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### Introduction

This goals and policies tracker reviews the Parks, Recreation & Open Space element of the 2016 Anacortes Comprehensive Plan in support of the 2025 periodic update. Further updates and additions will be added to the to meet Climate element requirements and better connect policies that are both parks/recreation and climate related.

Parks & Recreation Element

Goals and Policies

| Goal or Policy | Existing Goal or Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | First Draft Proposed Policy Revision<br><i>The policies will undergo at least another round of revisions before their estimated final adoption in 2025</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                                  |
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| Goal PR-1.     | <b>Park &amp; Recreational Facilities.</b> Provide a range of high quality and easily accessible park and recreational areas, facilities, and opportunities that will serve a wide range of age groups, recreational interests, and ability levels. | <b>Parks &amp; Recreational Facilities.</b> Provide a range of high quality, <a href="#">safe</a> , and easily accessible park and recreational areas, facilities, and opportunities that will serve a wide range of age groups, recreational interests, and ability levels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Broadened to address safety.                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-1.1  | Provide park areas that are convenient to and accessible for the residents of Anacortes.                                                                                                                                                            | Provide park <a href="#">areas and facilities</a> that are convenient to and accessible for <del>the-all</del> residents of Anacortes.<br>a. <a href="#">Identify areas where there are gaps in access and target areas of highest need when prioritizing parks projects. Special emphasis should be placed on underserved locations and communities.</a><br>b. <a href="#">Prioritize development of safe walking and biking routes to public parks, green spaces, and recreational facilities to improve access.</a> | Policy broadened to identify specific actions to help improve access to parks and recreation facilities                               |
| Policy PR-1.2  | Provide programs for as many people of diverse abilities, ages, and genders as our resources allow.                                                                                                                                                 | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                       |
| Policy PR-1.3. | Provide facilities and activities that are accessible per ADA standards and are sensitive to issues of universal accessibility in spirit. Increase awareness of accessible features via signage, publicity, and other means.                        | <del>Provide facilities</del> <a href="#">Design spaces</a> and activities that are <a href="#">welcoming to people of all ages and abilities.</a> <del>accessible per ADA standards and are sensitive to issues of universal accessibility in spirit.</del> Increase awareness of accessible features via signage, publicity, and other means.                                                                                                                                                                        | Broadens this policy to reference principles of universal design. ADA design is already a requirement of federal law.                 |
| Policy PR-1.4. | Provide a balance of both active and passive recreation opportunities that encourage active lifestyles, facilitate lifelong participation and generate a respect for the natural environment.                                                       | Provide a balance of <del>both active and passive</del> recreation opportunities that encourage active lifestyles, facilitate lifelong participation, and generate a respect for the natural environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Removed the words active and passive from this goal because the type of recreation would be determined to by permitting requirements. |
| Policy PR-1.5. | Develop a comprehensive multi-purpose trail system to serve recreational and non-motorized transportation functions for a variety of users, including handicapped-accessible routes where feasible.                                                 | Develop a comprehensive multi-purpose trail system to serve recreational and non-motorized transportation functions for a variety of users, including <del>handicapped</del> -accessible routes where feasible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | "Accessible" is the modern term.                                                                                                      |
| NEW POLICY     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (NEW) <a href="#">Provide quality civic spaces and public places for community use and benefit with recreational opportunities that encourage social interaction, such as sidewalks with pedestrian amenities, public plazas, performance space, and pocket parks.</a><br>a. <a href="#">Engage community members and partners from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in collectively reimagining and reinventing public spaces.</a>                                                                          | New policy to expand the idea of what a park or recreation facility is and promote development of community gathering spaces.         |

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|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. <a href="#">Continue programs to incorporate art into public and private places and buildings.</a></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Design spaces to incorporate elements that reflect Anacortes' shared identity, local heritage, and sense of place.</a></li> <li>d. <a href="#">Encourage and support other public, non-profit, and private entities in providing public spaces serving the community.</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                           |
| Policy PR-1.6.             | Improve the arterial and neighborhood street system in the City to make provision for bicycle and pedestrian connections.                                                                                             | Remove                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | See PR-1.1, which incorporates this idea.                                                                                 |
| <a href="#">NEW POLICY</a> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">(NEW) Continue to support arts and culture as an important component of community identity and the local economy.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Recognizes Parks and Recreation's role in supporting the arts.                                                            |
| Policy PR-1.7.             | Support and encourage the Anacortes Community Forest Lands Management Plan's provision for the maintenance of a trail system for recreational users.                                                                  | Remove                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Fits better in PR-8 re: ACFL. Relocated.                                                                                  |
| Policy PR-1.8.             | Develop a long range master plan for the provision of recreational programs and services.                                                                                                                             | <p><del>Develop a long-range master plan for the provision of recreational programs and services</del></p> <p><a href="#">Budget for and conduct a comprehensive review and update of the Parks &amp; Recreation element to guide programming, services, and investments needed to best serve the community. The review and update should consider (but not be limited to):</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">National, regional, and local programming trends.</a></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Equitable access to parks and programming for the entire community.</a></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Evolving community needs and expectations.</a></li> <li>d. <a href="#">Staff and budget resources needed to comply with cultural resources, critical areas, stormwater, shorelines and other regulations impacting development and maintenance activities.</a></li> <li>e. <a href="#">Impacts resulting from or exacerbated by climate change on park and recreation facilities and operations.</a></li> <li>f. <a href="#">The expanding role of the Parks and Recreation Department in providing services to the community.</a></li> <li>g. <a href="#">Adequate and sustainable funding sources/options to support expected levels of service.</a></li> </ul> | This policy provides some guidance for issues to consider with the next major update of the Parks and Recreation element. |
| Policy PR-1.9.             | Include neighboring pocket parks when appropriate to allow for community connections.                                                                                                                                 | Remove                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Incorporated into new policy re: quality civic spaces, above.                                                             |
| Policy PR-1.10.            | In cooperation with community partners (e.g. Anacortes School District, the Boys & Girls Club, etc.) explore options for potential development of a community center as a place where people can gather and recreate. | In cooperation with community partners <del>(e.g. Anacortes School District, the Boys &amp; Girls Club, etc.)</del> explore <a href="#">feasibility, including funding</a> options, for potential development of a community center as a place where people can gather and recreate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | This is a more general approach that does not exclude future partners.                                                    |

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| <b>Goal PR-2.</b> | <b>Shoreline Access.</b> Increase the opportunities for public access to and enjoyment of the shorelines of Anacortes, including both physical and visual access.                                                                                                                                                                                         | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-2.1     | Place a high priority on completing the multi-use trail along Guemes Channel from the Depot Arts Center to Washington Park with links to other natural areas including the ACFL and Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve.                                                                                                                                    | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-2.2.    | Pursue public-private and other agency partnerships in developing conveniently-spaced public access points to the Guemes Channel trail that include parking and other facilities that are designed to be compatible with their surroundings.                                                                                                              | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-2.3.    | Work with the Port of Anacortes to develop and interconnect Cap Sante Marina and surrounding areas including:<br>A. Continuing to support transient moorage facilities.<br>B. Developing a public fishing pier.<br>C. Enhancing landscaping, roadways, signage and pedestrian walkways.<br>D. Developing a small boating facility and associated parking. | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-2.4.    | Develop a public trailer boat launch adjacent to the downtown area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <del>Develop</del> <u>Support</u> a public trailer boat launch adjacent to the downtown area <u>for small boat and hand powered craft.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Larger boats have a launch opportunity at Cap Sante Marina, small craft are looking for access on this side of Anacortes.                                                                                                                                                |
| Policy PR-2.5.    | City owned rights-of-way or street ends that afford access to, or views of, marine shorelines should be evaluated for suitability as street end parks and/or wildlife corridors and developed as such if appropriate.                                                                                                                                     | <u>Evaluate</u> <del>City-owned public</del> rights-of-way <del>or</del> <u>and</u> street ends that afford access to, or views of, marine shorelines <del>should be evaluated</del> for suitability as street end parks and/or wildlife corridors. <del>and developed</del> <u>a plan for improving them</u> as such <u>when feasible, and consistent with the Shoreline Master Program. if appropriate.</u> | There some street ends that are parks, and others that serve as parks but are not officially parks. This can be a problem for maintenance and enforcement of after-hours vehicle parking. Staff could do an assessment of these assets for inclusion in the Park system. |
| <b>Goal PR-3.</b> | <b>Efficient Parks Program Management.</b> Provide parks, open space, recreation facilities, and a comprehensive recreation services program to the citizens of Anacortes in a well-run, economical and cost-effective manner.                                                                                                                            | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-3.1.    | Develop safe, high quality facilities that serve multiple purposes and functions whenever appropriate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-3.2.    | Avoid duplication of recreational programming with non-departmental organizations unless the demand for additional programs exceeds the supply.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Avoid duplication of recreational programming with <del>non-departmental organizations</del> <u>non-profit or for-profit organizations</u> unless the demand for additional programs exceeds the supply.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | In a small town with limited resources we try not to duplicate what other organizations or local businesses are offering.                                                                                                                                                |
| Policy PR-3.3.    | Manage recreation on an economically sound basis, evaluating the need for fees on a case-by-case basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Policy PR-3.4.    | Provide leadership for all park and recreation activities in Anacortes by assisting other agencies, groups, and individuals in their efforts to improve their quality of life. Act as a catalyst to help special interest groups organize and run their own programs, especially when for the benefit of local residents. | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Policy PR-3.5.    | Foster and promote stewardship of the Anacortes Park and open space system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Policy PR-3.6.    | Place planning emphasis on the development of a linked system of parks and open spaces.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Remove – relocated.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | This fits better under the Open Space connectivity goal (PR-9.) and has been consolidated with PR-9.2.                                                                                                    |
| Policy PR-3.7.    | Broaden the public understanding of parks to include sidewalks, boulevards, street ends and open space on other public properties.                                                                                                                                                                                        | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Policy PR-3.8.    | When developing acquisition plans for new parks consider and provide for maintenance and operation costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Policy PR-3.9.    | Prepare master plans for development or improvement of existing parks based upon real needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Prepare master plans for development or improvement of existing parks based upon <del>real needs</del> <u>community support and departmental goals</u> .                                                                                                                                         | This description is more accurate as to how plans are actually developed.                                                                                                                                 |
| Policy PR-3.10.   | Recruit, involve, and utilize volunteers in the planning and delivery of park and recreation programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Policy PR-3.11.   | Develop and implement parks and maintenance procedures that enhance the quality and durability of our park facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Develop and implement <del>parks plans</del> and <del>maintenance</del> procedures that enhance the <u>safety</u> , quality, <del>and</del> durability <u>and sustainability</u> of our parks, <u>community forestlands, and all related</u> facilities.                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Policy PR-3.12.   | Maintain adequate funding sources for parks and recreation planning, development, management and maintenance and maintain a plan for capital improvements to guide capital expenditures, utilizing City funding, grants and fees for programs.                                                                            | Maintain adequate funding sources for parks and recreation planning, development, management and maintenance. Maintain a plan for capital improvements to guide capital expenditures, utilizing City funding, grants, fees for programs <u>and a possible levy to secure necessary funding</u> . | The addition of a possible levy in the future is important to consider especially if a community center is established. This, in addition to our current programming, is likely to require extra funding. |
| Policy PR-3.13.   | Continue to promote close working relationships with the Anacortes School District, Skagit County, the Port of Anacortes, citizen groups, volunteers and others who provide recreation programs and services including jointly funded projects where applicable.                                                          | Continue to promote close working relationships with the Anacortes School District, Skagit County, the Port of Anacortes, <u>Samish Indian Nation</u> , citizen groups, volunteers and others who provide recreation programs and services including jointly funded projects where applicable.   |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| NEW               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>(NEW) Consider proving a full-time, fully commissioned Park ranger, employed in the Police Department, dedicated to working in the City's Parks and Forestlands.</u>                                                                                                                          | This is a new policy. It reflects the changes made by APD to their plan regarding the growing need for law enforcement in the parks system.                                                               |
| <b>Goal PR-4.</b> | <b>Community Engagement.</b> Engage the public in decisions about planning, acquisition, development and management of park and recreation facilities and programs.                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Community Engagement.</b> Engage the public in decisions about planning, acquisition, development and management of park, <u>forest lands</u> , <del>and</del> recreation facilities and programs.                                                                                            | Added community forest lands.                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| Policy PR-4.1.    | Maintain community engagement and a public feedback system to increase the community's awareness of and involvement in such issues as changes in recreation interests, park maintenance, city operations and services, etc. through the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Forest Advisory Board.                                                                                                                                                                                      | Maintain community engagement and a public feedback system to increase the community's awareness of and involvement in such issues as changes in recreation interests, park maintenance, city operations and services, etc. through the Parks and Recreation Advisory <del>Committee</del> <a href="#">Commission, Arts Commission</a> , and Forest Advisory Board.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Corrected mis-identification and added Arts Commission.                   |
| Policy PR-4.2.    | Utilize the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Forest Advisory Board's monthly meetings to hear public comments and take feedback on community interests and concerns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Utilize the Parks and Recreation Advisory <del>Committee</del> <a href="#">Commission, Arts Commission</a> and Forest Advisory Board's monthly meetings to hear public comments and take feedback on community interests and concerns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Corrected mis-identification and added Arts Commission.                   |
| Policy PR-4.3.    | The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will advise the City Council regarding the management of the Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve. The Commission shall receive input from a subcommittee made up of interested community members who should have representation from environmental educators, the Shannon Point Marine Research Center, Evergreen Islands, Friends of the Forest, Anacortes School District, Samish Nation, Washington State Ferry System and others as appropriate. | The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will advise the City Council regarding the management of the Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve. The Commission shall receive input from <a href="#">the public, community partners and sovereign Indian Nations while following permit guidelines as necessary under local, state and federal requirements.</a> <del>a subcommittee made up of interested community members who should have representation from environmental educators, the Shannon Point Marine Research Center, Evergreen Islands, Friends of the Forest, Anacortes School District, Samish Nation, Washington State Ferry System and others as appropriate.</del> | This policy was updated to reflect current practices.                     |
| Policy PR-4.4.    | The ACFL Advisory Board will advise City Council on management of all the lands that formerly comprised Heart Lake State Park, as well as Mt. Erie including the summit; and the area around Little Cranberry Lake dedicated in 1964 by City Council as Little Cranberry Lake Park.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                           |
| Policy PR-4.5.    | Use a variety of modalities to communicate with the public including direct mailings, the City of Anacortes website, the government access television channel, e-mail lists, local popular press, local radio stations, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Use a variety of modalities to communicate with the public including direct mailings, the City of Anacortes website, the government access television channel, e-mail lists, local popular press, <a href="#">social media</a> , local radio stations, etc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Social media is a primary way we communicate with the public.             |
| <b>Goal PR-5.</b> | <b>Parks Facilities Maintenance.</b> Develop and implement parks and maintenance procedures that enhance the quality and durability of our park facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Incorporated this goal and policies into PR-3 Efficient Parks Management. |
| Policy PR-5.1     | Provide a high level of maintenance for all City facilities appropriate to the needs of the park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                           |
| Policy PR-5.2.    | Develop specific maintenance plans for some areas of the park system that address staffing priorities, equipment needs, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Remove</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                           |

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| <b>Goal PR-6.</b> | <b>Parks Funding.</b> Ensure adequate funding sources for parks and recreation planning, management, maintenance and maintain a plan for capital improvements to guide capital expenditures.                                          | <b>Parks Funding.</b> Ensure adequate funding sources for parks and recreation planning, management, maintenance and maintain a plan for capital improvements to guide capital expenditures.                                                                                                                                                  | This section discusses funding for more than just parks.                                                                                                        |
| Policy PR-6.1.    | Prepare, maintain, and implement a comprehensive park, recreational and open space plan that fulfills the requirements for state and local granting agencies.                                                                         | <del>Prepare, maintain, and implement a comprehensive</del> <u>Review and periodically update the pParks, rRecreational, and oOpen sSpace element to ensure plan</u> that <u>it</u> fulfills the requirements <del>for of the Growth management Act and</del> state and local granting agencies.                                              | The Parks, Recreation & Opens Space element is intended to be this plan.                                                                                        |
| Policy PR-6.2.    | Pursue grant funding as appropriate to acquire and develop parks facilities and recreation programs.                                                                                                                                  | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Policy PR-6.3.    | Establish an operating budget that addresses the public demand, needs and interests as expressed in public opinion surveys.                                                                                                           | Establish an operating budget that addresses the public demand, needs and interests. <del>as expressed in public opinion surveys.</del> <u>Acknowledge growing population and need for adequate staffing to cover increased demands for parks services, recreation programing and maintenance at other city facilities.</u>                   | Our budget is not based on public opinion surveys. This change is more accurate regarding the current state of departmental needs and planning to address them. |
| Policy PR-6.4.    | Develop fees and charges policy for residents of the City of Anacortes that is based on the ability to pay with costs shared between the City and the user.                                                                           | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Policy PR-6.5.    | Work with Skagit County to develop a specific approach to meeting the needs of those people living outside the City limits but likely to utilize City park and recreation services.                                                   | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Policy PR-6.6     | Require new residential development to provide impact fee payments to the City.                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Remove.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | The City currently charges park impact fees for residential and commercial uses.                                                                                |
| Policy PR-6.7.    | Adjust park impact fees to keep park facilities current with growth.                                                                                                                                                                  | <del>Adjust park impact fees to keep park facilities current with growth.</del> <u>Monitor growth and, at least every periodic update cycle, update the forecast of future park facility needs based on adopted levels of service.</u> Update park impact fees to keep current with <del>growth</del> <u>the rising cost of construction.</u> | This a more specific goal for keeping up with population growth.                                                                                                |
| Policy PR-6.8.    | Foster partnerships and cooperative efforts with other agencies, jurisdictions, citizen groups and volunteers in planning for parks, recreation, and open space opportunities.                                                        | Foster partnerships and cooperative efforts with other agencies, jurisdictions, citizen groups and volunteers in planning <del>and identifying funding</del> for parks, recreation, and open space opportunities.                                                                                                                             | The addition of funding makes for creating more realistic goal setting.                                                                                         |
| Policy PR-6.9.    | Continue to promote close working relationships with the Anacortes School District, Skagit County, the Port of Anacortes, and others who provide recreation programs and services including jointly funded projects where applicable. | <b>Remove.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Repeat of Policy 3.13.                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Goal PR-7.</b> | <b>Environmental Stewardship.</b> Design, construct and manage parks facilities and programs with sensitivity to the                                                                                                                  | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                   | protection and restoration of environmental resources and natural habitats.                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.1.    | Design and operate all park projects to comply with the City's Critical Areas, Tree Preservation, Stormwater and Shoreline Regulations.                                                                                                   | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.2.    | Include greenbelts in new park development or park redevelopment where appropriate; these greenbelts should include pedestrian connections, wildlife corridors and park/forestland buffers wherever practicable and reasonable.           | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.3.    | Provide recreational opportunities while preserving and enhancing the resource value of each site (natural, cultural, historic, and recreational, etc.).                                                                                  | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.4.    | Promote stewardship of native habitat for wildlife and native vegetation where the choice contributes to habitat value in parks or areas of parks with natural lands, especially for sensitive habitats and habitats that are in decline. | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.5.    | Maintain or improve the functional integrity of watercourses, wetlands, bodies of water and their shores by keeping them in their existing natural condition where appropriate or restoring them as appropriate.                          | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.6.    | Continue to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides and to test the use of less toxic alternatives, particularly in areas immediately adjacent to waterways and wetlands.                                       | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.7.    | Continue program to remove non-native invasive plant species from parks, the ACFL, and city green spaces.                                                                                                                                 | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.8.    | Increase recycling collection, purchase recycled products and promote energy conservation in parks facilities.                                                                                                                            | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.9.    | Purchase alternative fuel vehicles and requirement when appropriate for parks maintenance needs.                                                                                                                                          | Purchase alternative fuel vehicles <del>and requirement</del> when appropriate for parks maintenance needs.                                                | Edited because the previous version did not make sense. |
| Policy PR-7.10.   | Take measures to minimize storm water runoff from park grounds using Low Impact Development (LID) when appropriate.                                                                                                                       | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.11.   | For stormwater discharge from Anacortes Parks, provide treatment that effectively reduces or eliminates trash, oil, toxicants and fecal bacteria prior to being discharged to marine water of the Puget Sound when appropriate.           | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| Policy PR-7.12.   | Review and implement environmentally sound practices. This could include looking at water consumption, electrical power consumption, paper use, fertilizer use, herbicide use, gas consumption, etc.                                      | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |
| <b>Goal PR-8.</b> | <b>Forestlands Management.</b> Manage the Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL) with the principal goals of                                                                                                                             | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                              |                                                         |

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|                   | maintaining and enhancing habitat, aesthetic, and recreational values.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| NEW POLICY        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">(NEW). Continue to manage all uses and activities within the Anacortes Community Forestlands (ACFL) in accordance with the adopted Anacortes Community Forest Lands Plan, recorded conservation easements, and applicable municipal code provisions.</a>                                                                       | Directs readers to the standalone ACFL Master Plan, which contains its own use and management policies, and other mechanisms that address activities within the ACFL.                                                                   |
| Policy PR-8.1.    | The Anacortes Community Forest Lands' (ACFL) are critical areas having the designation as a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area.                                                                                                                                                       | <del>Maintain t</del> The Anacortes Community Forest Lands' (ACFL) <del>are</del> critical areas <del>having the</del> designation as a <a href="#">Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area - Habitat of Local Importance</a> .                                                                                                        | Reworded to use correct terminology and use active voice.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| NEW POLICY        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">(NEW) Develop a set of standard operating procedures for common maintenance and repair activities within the ACFL, including best management practices to ensure impacts to ecological functions are avoided, minimized, or mitigated when necessary.</a>                                                                      | Maintenance and repair of trails and other facilities within the ACFL often requires review under the City's critical areas regulations. A set of SOPs may help expedite review while ensuring critical areas functions are maintained. |
| Policy PR-8.2.    | Acquisition and habitat restoration funding for the ACFL, shoreline areas, and wildlife corridors will remain a high priority.                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Prioritize a</a> Acquisition and habitat restoration funding for the ACFL, shoreline areas, and wildlife corridors <del>will remain a high priority</del> .                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy PR-8.3.    | The Anacortes Community Forest Lands should be managed to maintain their pristine and/or fragile environment and to preserve watersheds, wildlife habitats, wetlands, and aesthetic values, while providing for appropriate low-impact recreational uses with priority for residents. | <b>Remove.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | This is repeated in the ACFL Plan, which is referenced in a new policy under Goal PR-8.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Policy PR-8.4.    | Continue to work towards the placement of conservation easements on all lands either currently in or added to the ACFL.                                                                                                                                                               | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy PR-8.5.    | Continue to support the basic operation of the ACFL with General Fund dollars and augment that with interest from the Forest Endowment Fund.                                                                                                                                          | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy PR-8.6.    | Continue to find ways to fund the Forest Endowment fund either with the Conservation Easement Program (CEP) that can be as successful as the CEP.                                                                                                                                     | Continue to find ways to fund the Forest Endowment fund <a href="#">as opportunities present themselves</a> . <del>either with the Conservation Easement Program (CEP) that can be as successful as the CEP.</del>                                                                                                                         | Previous sentence was unclear.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR 8.7     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">Promote the work of citizen science groups for collecting data in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. Groups seeking to do this work as is currently done by the Friends of the ACFL and Transition Fidalgo, need to gain approval of the Forest Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Director or their designee.</a> | This reflects the desire for scientific data in the ACFL and our current practices.                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Goal PR-9.</b> | <b>Open space connectivity.</b> Establish and acquire a network of open space and public access corridors.                                                                                                                                                                            | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy PR-9.1.    | Develop an integrated open space network plan that identifies connection opportunities between historical, cultural, aesthetic, archaeological, biological, natural, recreational, and educational sites.                                                                             | <b>Remove.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Consolidated with PR-9.2.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Policy PR-9.2. | Maintain and periodically update the “Open Space Connectivity Map” to identify greenbelt and open space areas within the urban growth area and between urban growth areas, generally consistent with the Skagit Countywide UGA Open Space Concept Plan (2009). This includes connections that link the Tommy Thompson Trail, Cap Sante, Washington Park, the downtown, marinas, city trails, schools and other assets; and links between the Community Forestlands and Deception Pass State Park. | <del>Maintain and periodically update the “Open Space Connectivity Map” to identify</del> <u>Identify and plan for a linked system of open space corridors within the urban growth area, including lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails, and connection of critical areas.</u> <del>greenbelt and open space areas within the urban growth area and between urban growth areas;</del><br>A. Maintain and periodically update the “Open Space Connectivity Map”. <u>The map should be</u> generally consistent with the Skagit Countywide UGA Open Space Concept Plan (2009), <del>which</del> <u>This</u> includes connections that link the Tommy Thompson Trail, Cap Sante, Washington Park, the downtown, marinas, city trails, schools and other assets; and links between the Community Forestlands and Deception Pass State Park.<br>B. <u>Identify potential open space connection opportunities across adjacent parcels when development is proposed.</u><br>C. <u>Identify potential open space connection opportunities between historical, cultural, aesthetic, archaeological, biological, natural, recreational, and educational sites.</u> | Updated language for consistency with WAC 365-196-335; to identify connection opportunities between parcels when development is proposed and to consolidate PR-9.1 with PR-9.2. |
| Policy P-9.3.  | Funding the protection of open space required for habitat, wildlife movement, public access, non-motorized recreational corridors, and similar purposes shall continue to be a City priority .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Prioritize f</u> Funding the protection of open space required for habitat, wildlife movement, public access, non-motorized recreational corridors, and similar purposes <del>shall continue to be a City priority</del> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Updated for clarity and directness.                                                                                                                                             |
| Policy PR-9.4. | Unopened or under-developed rights-of-way shall be evaluated for use as non-motorized public and community access and wildlife corridors prior to granting any vacation or encroachment easement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Retain u</u> Unopened or under-developed <u>public</u> rights-of-way <del>shall be evaluated</del> for use as non-motorized public and community access and wildlife corridors <del>prior to granting any vacation or encroachment easement.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Update for consistency in use of terms and directness.                                                                                                                          |
| Policy PR-9.5. | Consider methods to preserve areas with open space value adjacent to Anacortes Community Forest Lands, including native growth protection easements and building setbacks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Retain as is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| NEW GOAL       | <u>(NEW) Senior Activity Center. The Senior Activity Center’s mission is to create a place where seniors thrive. Our vision is to enrich the lives of our participants by creating a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive environment.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | New goal and supporting policies to reflect the addition of the Senior Activity Center into the Parks and Recreation Dept.                                                      |
| NEW POLICY     | <u>(NEW) Work with local, regional and national partners to share resources and ideas, understand senior needs, and proactively respond to the emerging needs of older adults in Anacortes.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| NEW POLICY     | <u>(NEW) Develop, implement and execute programs that align with community needs and available staff and volunteer resources. Most programs will target participants in the 55+ demographic, however, as a City Parks and Recreation facility, we have an increasing desire to serve residents of all ages by facilitating multi-generational activities.</u>                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| NEW POLICY     | <u>(NEW) Actively recruit, train and support Center volunteers who are key to the success of our operational objectives.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| NEW POLICY     | <u>(NEW) Maintain effective and stewardship of City and private donor resources and contributions for capital and programming needs of the Center.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |



## Planning Commission Agenda Bill

**Meeting Date:** May 14, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 6.c.

**Subject:** 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update - Climate Element and Environment & Conservation Element Goals & Policies - Continued Discussion

**Staff Contact:** Libby Grage, John Coleman

**Approved for Submittal to Commission by**

Libby Grage  
John Coleman

**Action Type**

Discussion

**Summary Statement:** The Planning Commission decided to continue their discussion of the draft goals and policies for the Climate Element and Environment & Conservation Element to the May 14, 2025 PC meeting.

**Background:** The draft Climate Element & Environment & Conservation Element goals and policies that were previously provided in the packet for the 4/23/25 public hearing are attached.

**Previous Action:** The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments at their April 9, 2025 regular meeting and the April 30, 2025 public hearing. Past Planning Commission meetings related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update are listed on the project webpage ([www.planacortes.org](http://www.planacortes.org)) under the "Meeting & Event Info" tab, with hyperlinks to meeting agendas, packets, and videos.

**Competing Viewpoints Considered:** Staff will bring the revised elements back to the Planning Commission later in 2025 for further public review and public hearings.

**Recommended Motion:** N/A - discussion only

**Alternative Actions:** N/A

**Attachments (listed in order presented):**

1. Draft Climate Goals & Policies - Revision Tracker (4/17/25 version)
2. Draft Climate Goals & Policies - Clean List (4/17/25 version)
3. Draft Environment & Conservation Goals & Policies Revision Tracker (4/17/25 version)
4. Public Comments Received 4/23/25 after 3pm thru 5/6/25 at 6pm
5. Public Comments Received 5/6/25 after 6pm thru 5/14/25 at 3pm

# Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Update

## Climate Goals and Policies Tracker

DRAFT April 17, 2025

### Introduction

This goal and policy tracker reviews the 2016 Anacortes Comprehensive Plan in support of the 2025 periodic update. MAKERS and Parametrix, through on-going work with the Climate Team, developed recommendations for the new Anacortes Climate Element, which includes both new goals, and some updates to existing goals and policies. Some frequent abbreviations used in this audit:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ACFL: Anacortes Community Forest Land | GHG: Greenhouse Gas                      | RCW: Revised Code of Washington   |
| AMC: Anacortes Municipal Code         | GMA: Growth Management Act               | SLR: Sea level rise               |
| CE: Climate Element                   | EC: Environment and Conservation Element | SMP: Shoreline Management Program |
| CF: Capital Facilities Element        | LU: Land Use Element                     | VMT: Vehicle Miles Traveled       |

### Guiding Principles

- **Leadership and Collaboration:** Be a regional leader by taking local action to anticipate, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and work collaboratively with local municipalities, regional and state agencies, and tribal communities whenever feasible to achieve shared climate adaptation goals.
- **Multi-benefit Strategies:** Seek multi-benefit strategies to climate change adaptation and mitigation that also address community needs and priorities.
- **Economic Sustainability:** Identify potential impacts to local economy and businesses and seek mitigation strategies that will foster economic development as the City adapts to climate change.
- **Broad Community Engagement:** Engage with all sectors of the community and ensure voices of vulnerable and overburdened communities are heard. Work to minimize and mitigate impacts to these groups to support equitable adaptation to climate change.
- **Evidence-based and Adaptive:** Use best available science to identify impacts and build on the success of others when developing strategies. Monitor change and track progress over time, so that goals and policies can adapt as new information becomes available.
- **Feasible and Action-oriented:** Assess feasibility of strategies and prioritize them based on the overall economic and environmental costs and benefits to balance near-term results with planning for and investing in long-term solutions.

### How the Policy Tracker is Organized

| Goal or Policy Source                                                                  | Referenced Commerce Measure or Existing Goal/Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                 | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change | CE #               | Minimum Requirement                                                                                                                                                                  | Working Draft Proposed Policy Revision or New Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Cross Reference/ Integration Notes                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Source of the goal/policy (i.e. current comp. plan, commerce, PSE, team suggestion...) | This is the original text of the source, either existing goal/policy or Commerce measure. High Priority indicates measure Commerce’s guidance identified as priorities for communities to consider for Climate Elements. | Notes from team on proposed change.  | Goal/policy number | Commerce guidance on how measures meet minimum requirements for Resilience (R) or GHG Emissions (E). Yellow highlight indicates how non-Commerce measures meet minimum requirements. | This is the proposed draft goal and policy language – track changes highlight revisions on the existing policy and/or Commerce measure language. Blue highlight and strike-throughs indicate changes suggested by PC following April 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting. | Notes and suggestions on how goals/policies can cross-referenced in other elements.<br><br>A separate chart at the end of the document highlights policies we have proposed moving to other elements. |

Climate Element

| Goal or Policy Source                                                              | Referenced Commerce Measure or Existing Goal/Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CE #   | Minimum Requirement                      | Working Draft Proposed Policy Revision or New Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Cross Reference/ Integration Notes                                                                                                 |
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| Goal EC-13                                                                         | Climate Change - Anacortes should be a regional leader in mitigating and adapting to climate change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>Suggested revisions to existing EC goal. Adds focus on need to build capacity to implement changes and work to become a regional leader on Climate Change.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                            | CE-1   |                                          | <del>Build Local Capacity - Climate Change Leadership-</del> Build city and community capacity to become a regional leader in mitigating and adapting to climate change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Remove existing goal from Conservation and Environment (CE) Element and revise in the Climate Element.<br><br>Cross-reference EC-1 |
| C ID: M, AA.05<br><br>And<br><br>Policy EC-13.1.<br><br>Team, EC 8.12, and EC 13.4 | <p>Develop and maintain local government staff members' technical expertise and skills related to climate change and environmental justice so as to improve communitywide policy implementation, equity, and resilience.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Provide emissions-reduction educational workshops, activities, and engagement opportunities, especially those that prioritize equity and underrepresented communities.</p> <p>And</p> <p><i>Support local community and multi-jurisdictional efforts to raise awareness, address the impacts of, and develop solutions to the challenges of climate change.</i></p> <p>And</p> <p><i>EC 8-12: Consider developing a sustainable energy task force to develop a strategy plan to assist the City in meeting City energy reduction goals.</i></p> <p>And</p> <p><i>EC-13.4: Initiate efforts to identify potential local climate change impacts on built, natural and human systems and conduct a vulnerability assessment.</i></p> | <p><i>New proposed policy, from Commerce measure and combined with updated existing policy, based on Climate Team input.</i></p> <p><i>Updates existing policy EC8.12 with Climate Element priorities/process.</i></p> <p><i>Existing policy EC13.4 is broad, and climate element has started some of this. Revisions provide more specific measure.</i></p> | CE-1.1 | R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)<br>E-Min. Req. 3 (EJ) | <p>Develop and maintain local technical expertise and skills related to climate change and environmental justice to support communitywide policy implementation.</p> <p><del>a) Continue to align with the Guiding Principles of the Climate Element;</del></p> <p>b) Maintain and grow City staff and/or resources to support implementation of climate policies.</p> <p>c) Recognize the important contributions of community-members and support local efforts to raise awareness, research and monitor, address the impacts of, and develop solutions to the challenges of climate change.</p> <p>d) Seek outside funding and/or partnerships to provide emissions-reduction educational workshops, activities, and engagement opportunities for the Anacortes community, especially those that prioritize vulnerable populations.</p> |                                                                                                                                    |

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| Team and PSE          | PSE: Pursue public-private partnership to seek funding sources to accelerate clean energy projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>New proposed based on team and PSE.</i><br><br><i>Also relates to existing policy EC 13.1 – suggest broadening language to identify needs and opportunities for coordination and partnerships.</i> | CE-1.2 | E-Min Req – 1<br>R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)                                | Coordinate with local, regional, and state entities to develop and implement plans related to climate change mitigation and adaptation.<br><br>a) Coordinate with local jurisdictions, tribal governments, ports, state and regional agencies, and departments to share information, and build partnerships where there are shared opportunities for reducing GHG emission and/or increasing resilience.<br><br>b) Coordinate with PSE and other utility companies and/or regional partners to accelerate regional clean energy projects that benefit Anacortes. |                                    |
| C ID: T and AA        | Protect community health and well-being from the impacts of climate-exacerbated hazards — prioritizing focus on overburdened communities — and ensure that the most vulnerable residents do not bear disproportionate health impacts.<br><br>And<br><br>Ensure environmental justice by providing all residents an equitable opportunity to learn about climate impacts, influence policy decisions, and take actions to enhance community resilience. | <i>New proposed goal, combined and revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                                                                 | CE-2   | R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)                                                 | <b>Promote Climate Awareness and Community Well-being - Raise awareness about climate change and protect community health and well-being from the impacts of climate-exacerbated hazards so that the vulnerable populations do not bear disproportionate health impacts.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |
| C ID: T.07 and T.15   | Develop and implement a wildfire smoke resilience strategy in partnership with local residents, emergency management officials, regional clean air agency officials, and other stakeholders.<br><br>And<br><br>Protect the health and well-being of outdoor workers exposed to extreme heat and other climate-exacerbated hazards.                                                                                                                     | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                                                                            | CE-2.1 | R-Min. Req. 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Wildfire);<br>R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ) | Raise awareness about potential community and health impacts from wildfire smoke and extreme heat.<br><br>a) Coordinate with local and regional partners to develop and implement a wildfire smoke resilience strategy.<br><br>b) <b>Raise community awareness and</b> Highlight protective strategies for outdoor workers and others exposed to extreme heat and other climate-exacerbated hazards by providing information on the City's website, issuing notices, and/or developing other communication strategies.                                           |                                    |
| C ID: T.04            | Prioritize at-risk community members for actions that mitigate wildfire smoke, including providing personal protective equipment and filter fans or incentivizing infrastructure updates (e.g., HVAC updates and MERV 13 filters for air intake) for facilities that serve high-risk populations.                                                                                                                                                      | <i>New proposed policy from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                                                                                     | CE-2.2 | R-Min. Req. 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Wildfire);<br>R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ) | Prioritize at-risk community members for actions that mitigate wildfire smoke and extreme heat by:<br><br>a) Increasing access to personal protective equipment and filter fans;<br><br>b) Incentivizing infrastructure updates (e.g., HVAC updates and MERV 13 filters for air intake) for facilities that serve high-risk populations; and<br><br>c) Partnering with local and/or regional agencies to promote efficient home cooling and air-filtration strategies for lower-income residents.                                                                |                                    |

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| Team                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>New proposed policy, based on Climate Team feedback.</i>                            | CE-2.3 | R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)                                                                            | Foster community-building activities that promote sustainability and resilience by strengthening social networks, reducing isolation, and promoting mental health and wellbeing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    |
| C ID: AA.01           | Create and implement culturally contextualized outreach and education initiatives and materials that will inform the community about near-term and longer-term climate change threats and build resilience.                                                                     | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure based on Climate Team input.</i> | CE-2.4 | R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)                                                                            | Engage vulnerable communities, including seniors, lower-income residents, to raise awareness and deepen the local understanding of climate change by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) engaging with local community service organizations to understand how climate change is impacting local food distribution systems that serve lower-income and other vulnerable or overburdened communities;</li> <li>b) seeking or expanding partnerships with local businesses, non-profits, and other entities with close ties to these communities; and</li> <li>c) creating and implementing culturally contextualized outreach and education initiatives and materials.</li> </ul> |                                    |
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| C ID: Q               | Ensure that cultural resources and practices – including significant historic sites and culturally important traditional foods and natural resources – are resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and other natural hazards worsened by climate change.                    | <i>New proposed goal, from Commerce measure.</i>                                       | CE-3   | R-Min. Req. 1 (Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire); R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ) | <b>Resilient Cultural Resources - Ensure that cultural resources and practices – including historic sites and culturally important traditional foods and natural resources – are resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and natural hazards worsened by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    |
| C ID: Q.01            | Protect, enhance, and restore ecosystems in order to meet tribal treaty rights and conserve culturally important consumptive and non-consumptive resources including foods, medicinal plants, and materials that could be adversely impacted by climate change. (High Priority) | <i>New proposed policy, from Commerce measure.</i>                                     | CE-3.1 | R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)                                                                            | Protect, <b>enhance</b> , and restore local ecosystems to meet tribal treaty rights and conserve culturally important resources, including foods, medicinal plants, materials, and wildlife.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                    |
| C ID: Q.03            | Establish and maintain government-to-government relations with Native American tribes for the preservation of archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties that are vulnerable to climate impacts.                                                                  | <i>New proposed policy, from Commerce measure.</i>                                     | CE-3.2 | R-Min. Req. 1 (Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire); R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ) | Establish and maintain government-to-government relations with local Native American tribes for the preservation of archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties that are vulnerable to climate impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| Team                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>New proposed policy from team, based on staff feedback.</i>                         | CE-3.3 | E-Min Req – 1? R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)                                                             | Consider potential for impacts to historic and culturally relevant sites and/or buildings when developing resilience plans and improvement projects (i.e. infrastructure, parks, trails, etc.) and identify strategies to reduce or mitigate impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                    |
| C ID: AF and L        | Protect and restore coastal ecosystems to increase the resilience of species, habitats, and communities to climate change. (High Priority) And                                                                                                                                  | New goal, which combines two similar commerce measures.                                | CE-4   | R-Min. Req 1 (Ex Precip, Flooding, SLR) Min. Req 2                                            | <b>Support Ecosystem Adaptation: Protect and restore coastal ecosystems, streams, riparian zones, and wetlands to increase the resilience of species, habitats, and communities to climate change and achieve a healthy watershed.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                    |

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|                              | Ensure the protection and restoration of streams, riparian zones, estuaries, wetlands, and floodplains to achieve healthy watersheds that are resilient to climate change. (High Priority)                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                          |        | R-Min. Req. 3 (EJ)                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                        |
| Team and AF.01               | Consider sea-level rise in coastal and nearshore habitat restoration projects.                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>New proposed policy, suggested by team.</i><br><br><i>Including SLR in future SMP updates is a requirement of HB1181. Ecology will be releasing guidance in 2026.</i> | CE-4.1 | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex Precip, Flooding, SLR)<br>R- Min. Req 2                             | Consider future climate change impacts from including sea-level rise, and climate change when implementing shoreline restoration and open space projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cross reference EC-1.8                                                                 |
| C ID: A.04                   | Assess the sea level rise vulnerability of wetlands, aquatic vegetation, beaches and dunes, and other valuable natural assets and collaborate with landowners and partners to support adaptation.                                              | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure to broaden scope beyond natural areas. Commerce measure text added to EC element.</i>                              | CE-4.2 | R- Min. Req 1 (Flooding, SLR, Landslide?)<br>R- Min. Req 2                            | Conduct a sea level rise vulnerability assessment with future updates to the Shoreline Management Program (SMP) and Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) to:<br>a) update sea level rise assumptions for future planning;<br>b) assess the vulnerability of natural and developed shorelines from the combined effects of sea level rise, storm surge, coastal erosion and landslides, and groundwater changes; and<br>c) collaborate with landowners and partners to support adaptation and contingency plans. | Cross reference EC-2 and new groundwater flooding content under EC-3 (see chart below) |
| C ID: L.01                   | Implement actions identified in restoration and salmon recovery plans to improve the climate resilience of streams and watersheds. (High Priority)                                                                                             | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                                               | CE-4.3 | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip.)<br>R- Min. Req. 2                      | Develop and implement actions identified in city restoration plans to improve the climate resilience of streams and watersheds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Cross reference EC- 6 watershed goal and T-4.1                                         |
| C ID L.03                    | Protect and restore riparian vegetation to reduce erosion, provide shade, and support other functions that improve the climate resilience of streams. (High Priority)                                                                          | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure based on staff input.</i>                                                                                          | CE-4.4 | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Wildfire?)<br>R- Min. Req. 2 | Protect and restore riparian vegetation to reduce erosion, provide shade, provide habitat connectivity, and support other functions that improve the climate resilience of streams. while balancing the need to protect structures adjacent to forested areas from wildfire danger, as required by the state wildland urban interface regulations.                                                                                                                                                        | Cross-reference updated policy EC 5.1 and EC-6.                                        |
| WDFW suggestion and C ID: AE | <i>WDFW: Enhance and Maintain Urban Tree Canopy for Climate Resilience and Community Health</i><br><br>and<br><br>Protect and enhance the climate resilience of urban forests by implementing climate-smart forest management. (High Priority) | <i>New proposed goal, revised from Commerce measure and WDFW suggestions.</i>                                                                                            | CE-5   | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat? Wildfire)<br>R- Min. Req. 2                         | <b>Resilient Urban Forests: Enhance and maintain urban tree canopy for community health and climate resilience, and develop plans to reduce wildfire risks around the ACFL.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                        |
| C ID: AE.02                  | Adopt a forest master plan and implementing ordinances to maintain and expand tree canopy cover, improve tree and watershed health, prioritize carbon                                                                                          | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure and WDFW suggestions.</i>                                                                                          | CE-5.1 | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat? Wildfire)<br>R- Min. Req. 2                         | Adopt and maintain an urban forest master plan and implementing ordinances, including a tree canopy assessment of all areas of the City (greenbelts, parks, street trees, forests), that establishes goals to:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Cross reference T-4.3                                                                  |

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|                       | sequestration, and build climate resilience. (High Priority)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                           |        |                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) maintain and expand tree canopy cover and improve tree and watershed health;</li> <li>b) prioritize carbon sequestration;</li> <li>c) monitor wildfire risks; and</li> <li>d) build climate resilience by reducing heat island effects, enhancing air quality, improving stormwater filtration, and supporting biodiversity.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                   |
| C ID: AE.08           | Prioritize urban forestry planning resources and funding for frontline communities that are hurt first and worst by climate change.                                                                                                                              | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                | CE-5.2 | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat? Wildfire)<br>R- Min. Req. 2<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | Prioritize urban forestry planning resources and funding for vulnerable and overburdened communities, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) increasing street trees and canopy cover in and around affordable housing communities that lack shade and are more vulnerable to extreme heat.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                   |
| C ID: AE.06           | Ensure that tree species selection and planting guidance are updated to be resilient to climate change.                                                                                                                                                          | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                | CE-5.3 | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat? Wildfire)<br>R- Min. Req. 2                     | Ensure that tree species selection and planting guidance used for projects are updated to be resilient to climate change and share information with local community members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                   |
| C ID: S.04            | Support the development of community wildfire protection plans.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure</i>                                 | CE-5.4 | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Heat, Landslide, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                 | Increase community awareness of local wildfire risks hazards, and collaborate with property-owners in high-risk areas when developing a community wildfire protection plan, and coordinate on the need to protect structures adjacent to forested areas from wildfire danger, as required by state wildland urban interface regulations, with public open space regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Reference new land use policies (see chart below) |
| C ID: O               | Ensure that energy infrastructure – including generation and transmission – is able to accommodate renewable energy opportunities and to withstand and recover quickly from the impacts of extreme weather and other natural hazards worsened by climate change. | <i>New proposed goal, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                  | CE-6   | R- Min. Req 1<br><br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                             | <b>Coordination with Utilities: Promote Energy Resilience: Coordinate with regional utilities and jurisdictions on increasing energy infrastructure resilience – including generation, transmission, and storage – to accommodate renewable energy opportunities, meet increased demand, and withstand and recover from extreme weather and natural hazards worsened by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                   |
| Team and PSE          | Partner with PSE to promote energy efficiency programs and initiatives.<br><br>And<br><br>Partner with PSE to promote local investments and customer enrollment in clean energy projects and programs in order to achieve clean energy goals.                    | <i>New proposed policy from team, based on meeting with from PSE and related actions.</i> | CE-6.1 | R- Min. Req 1<br><br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                             | Coordinate regularly with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to share information, monitor local grid capacity, and increase awareness of upcoming projects and emerging opportunities that support the City's efforts to reduce GHG emissions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) City staff to highlight for developers, property owners, or others proposing projects the importance of early engagement with PSE.</li> <li>b) Coordinate with PSE to promote energy efficiency programs and initiatives and to promote local investments and customer enrollment in clean energy projects and programs.</li> <li>c) Coordinate with PSE to promote financial assistance and discounted billing programs for income qualified residents to ensure that the most vulnerable are not</li> </ul> |                                                   |

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|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                     |         |                                                                     | disproportionately impacted by the State's clean energy transition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PSE                     | Support PSE's wildfire mitigation efforts including electric system upgrades, year-round vegetation management, and fire weather operational procedures. Work closely with utilities and local fire departments to lessen the risk and impact of wildfires.<br><br>And<br><br>Support ongoing vegetation management in order to maintain system reliability. | <i>New proposed policy, revised from PSE suggestion.</i>                                                                                            | CE-6.2  | R- Min. Req 1 (Wildfire)                                            | Coordinate with PSE's vegetation management and/or wildfire mitigation efforts including electric system upgrades, year-round vegetation management, and fire weather operational procedures. Work closely with utilities and local fire departments to lessen the risk and impact of wildfires. |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PSE                     | Partner with PSE to promote and support programs designed to decrease load on the grid during times of peak use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>New proposed policy, from PSE suggestion.</i>                                                                                                    | CE -6.3 | R- Min. Req 1                                                       | Coordinate with PSE to promote and support programs designed to decrease load on the grid during times of peak use.                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PSE                     | Partner with PSE to effectively meet rapidly increasing electrical demand as the City and region work to achieve a Clean Energy Transition by adopting codes that support siting existing and new technologies.                                                                                                                                              | <i>New proposed policy, revised from PSE suggestion.</i>                                                                                            | CE -6.4 | R- Min. Req 1                                                       | Coordinate with PSE to effectively meet rapidly increasing electrical demand as the city and region work to achieve a Clean Energy Transition by adopting codes that support siting existing and new technologies.                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Policy EC-8.1. and Team | <i>Energy conservation shall be a goal in the design or remodeling of commercial, public and residential buildings</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Suggests rephrasing existing policy to highlight GHG emissions reduction, and making it a goal.</i>                                              | CE-7    | R- Min. Req 1<br>E- Min. Req. 1 (GHG)                               | <b>Energy Efficient Buildings: Promote renewable energy, encourage conservation and efficiency technologies, and support energy system transitions to reduce GHG emissions from buildings.</b>                                                                                                   | Cross reference LU-4                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                     |         |                                                                     | <i>Reducing Emissions from New Buildings</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Policy EC-8.4.          | <i>Develop incentives for construction or remodeling of structures to utilize state of the art energy conservation techniques (including, but not limited to, insulation, passive energy design, co-generation).</i>                                                                                                                                         | <i>Suggest revising existing policy.<br/><br/>Incentives should promote features that surpass recent updates to WA State Building/Energy Codes.</i> | CE -7.1 | R- Min. Req 1<br>E- Min. Req. 1 (GHG)                               | Offer incentives to promote new buildings to include energy efficiency and renewable energy features beyond minimum code requirements.                                                                                                                                                           | Cross reference LU-4-2.<br><br>Consider revising list to include energy efficiency and GHG emissions reductions, in addition to green building ratings programs, etc. (see chart below) |
| Policy EC-8.3.          | <i>Promote the use of environmentally friendly construction practices, such as those specified under certification systems such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).</i>                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>Suggest revising existing policy to focus on City buildings.</i>                                                                                 | CE -7.2 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                                                | Promote the use of environmentally friendly construction practices in City buildings, such as those specified under certification systems such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).                                                                                          | Cross reference LU-4, CF-7.3, and CF-7.3                                                                                                                                                |
| C ID: C.04              | Adjust single-family home impact fees and system development charges so those homes with larger impacts on utilities pay more. (High Priority)                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                          | CE -7.3 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 2 (VMT), E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity) | Adjust single-family home impact fees and system development charges so those homes with larger impacts on utilities pay more.                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Relates to City-services (water, etc.). Fees to reduce GHG emissions may need further study, given PSE is the utility provider.</i>                                                                     |         |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                                                | <i>Reducing Emissions from Existing Buildings</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                  |
| Policy EC-8.7, 8.8, and C ID: F.02 | <p><i>Encourage conversion of existing low-efficiency building stock to cost-effective and environmentally sensitive alternative technologies and energy sources. (EC-8.7.)</i></p> <p>And</p> <p><i>Encourage the creation of an energy conservation microloan program in partnership with other agencies. (EC-8.8.)</i></p> <p>And</p> <p>Prioritize the preservation and weatherization of housing in overburdened communities, particularly at higher densities, to reduce emissions and increase resilience. (C ID: F.02) - (High Priority)</p> | <p><i>Suggest revising existing policy to align with Commerce measure.</i></p> <p><i>Updated EC 8.8 policy language to provide more specifics on potential to coordinate with regional approaches.</i></p> | CE -7.4 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity) | <p>Prioritize the weatherization, and conversion to the most energy efficient water and space heating of housing to reduce emissions and increase resilience.</p> <p>a) Coordinate with regional jurisdictions and/or state agencies to encourage the creation of an energy conservation microloan, rebate, or other program in partnership with other agencies, particularly for lower-income communities.</p> | Cross reference LU-4.3                                           |
| C ID: E.03                         | Retrofit buildings for energy efficiency. (High Priority)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i></p> <p><i>Updated commerce text to focus on public buildings, which are completely within the City's control.</i></p>                        | CE -7.5 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                           | Retrofit City-owned buildings for energy efficiency by updating building materials, transitioning heating in City buildings to energy efficient heat pump technologies, updating mechanical systems and lighting, replacing back-up generators and/or adding onsite solar and battery storage systems, where feasible.                                                                                          | <p>Cross reference LU2.2.D, U-6, and CF-7.3</p> <p>Parks TBD</p> |
| Policy EC-8.11. and C ID: F        | <p><i>Where consistent with the desired character and intensity of the zone, encourage renovation and adaptive re-use of existing buildings as a strategy to reduce waste and the need to expend energy in producing new materials. (EC-8.11)</i></p> <p>and</p> <p>Prioritize the adaptive reuse of buildings, recognizing the emission-reduction benefits of retaining existing buildings. (High Priority)</p>                                                                                                                                     | <i>Keep existing policy, aligns with Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                                                                                 | CE -7.6 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity) | Where consistent with the desired character and intensity of the zone, encourage renovation and adaptive re-use of existing buildings as a strategy to reduce waste and the need to expend energy in producing new materials.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cross reference LU-7.1.E?                                        |
| Policy EC-8.6 and                  | <i>Promote sustainable building and site management and maintenance practices.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>Suggest revising existing policy.</i>                                                                                                                                                                   | CE -7.7 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                           | Promote sustainable building and site management and maintenance practices, and promote energy conservation in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Cross reference LU-4.3                                           |

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| Policy EC-8.9.                         | And (excerpt)<br>... encourage conservation in street lighting....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Addresses the street lighting policy that was embedded in EC-8.9                             |         |                                                                                                                         | site and street lighting by replacing existing building, site, and streetlights with low-energy use LED fixtures.                                                                                                                                                       |                                                      |
| Team                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | New proposed goal                                                                            | CE- 8   | R- Min. Req 1?<br>E- Min. Req. 1(GHG)                                                                                   | <b>Support Energy Resilience:</b> Support overall energy resilience by promoting local solar energy production as well as other small-scale renewable energy (i.e. geothermal) and battery storage.                                                                     |                                                      |
| Policy EC-8.2. And<br>C ID: G:         | Encourage building and site designs that consider solar access of adjacent properties and that best offer opportunities for maximum use of southern exposures and the use of natural climate conditions<br><br>And<br><br>C ID: G: Maximize solar access of site design, where practicable, for new solar-ready residential and commercial buildings.                                           | Keep existing policy, minor text edits. Similar to Commerce Measure.                         | CE -8.1 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity)                                                                          | Encourage building and site designs that consider solar access of adjacent properties and promote maximum use of southern exposures and the use of natural climate conditions                                                                                           | Cross reference LU-4.2                               |
| C ID: O.2                              | Install distributed renewable energy generation and battery infrastructure at public facilities to store renewable electricity generated on site and provide emergency power that ensures continuity of operations.                                                                                                                                                                             | New proposed policy, from Commerce measure.                                                  | CE -8.2 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity)                                                                          | Install distributed renewable energy generation and battery infrastructure at City facilities to store renewable electricity generated on site and provide emergency power that ensures continuity of operations.                                                       | Cross reference LU2.2.D, and CF-7.4<br><br>Parks TBD |
| Policy EC-8.9. and C ID: E.04, and PSE | Work with Puget Sound Energy to encourage conservation in street lighting and other public and private uses and support programs that encourage renewable energy production. (EC-8.9)<br><br>And<br><br>Develop local microgrid solar and battery storage facilities in low-impact sites.<br><br>And<br><br>PSE: Promote and support the growth of customer owned distributed energy resources. | Suggest revising existing policy. Similar to Commerce Measure. Combining with PSE suggestion | CE -8.3 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity)                                                                          | Encourage local microgrid solar, battery storage facilities, and/or other small-scale renewable energy generation projects on low-impact sites (i.e., large roof-tops, and/or over parking lots, etc.) to support electrification by providing locally-generated power. | Cross reference LU-4.2                               |
| C ID: V, P and A                       | Establish land use patterns that increase the resilience of the built environment, ecosystems, and communities to climate change. (V, High Priority)<br>And<br><br>Ensure that buildings are designed and built sustainably to reduce environmental impacts and remain resilient to extreme weather and other hazards worsened by climate change. (P)                                           | New proposed goal                                                                            | CE-9    | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR Wildfire)<br>R- Min. Req. 2<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | <b>Resilient Development:</b> Promote land use patterns that increase the resilience of the built environment, ecosystems, and communities to climate change, and ensure development is resilient to climate impacts.                                                   |                                                      |

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|                                   | And<br><br>Ensure that development and redevelopment projects are resilient to the impacts of climate change. (A)                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                       |         |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                |
| C ID: V.05                        | Direct new development into areas where exposure to climate hazards is low.                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i><br><br><i>Aligns with LU and Utility, and Capital Facilities policies.</i> | CE-9.1  | R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                                                       | Direct new development, utility and transportation infrastructure, and capital facilities into areas where exposure to climate hazards is low, and/or where climate mitigation strategies can be effective at reducing risks.                            | Cross reference LU-4.1, LU4.6, and T-4.3, U-5.1, and CF7.9.                                                                                    |
| C ID: V.08                        | Identify and implement strategies to increase the resilience of the shoreline environment to sea-level rise and other climate hazards, while also protecting shoreline ecological functions, allowing water-dependent uses, and providing public access.               | <i>New proposed policy, from Commerce measure.</i><br><br><i>Aligns with EC, LU, and Transportation policies.</i>                     | CE-9.2  | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                    | Identify and implement strategies to increase the resilience of the shoreline environment to sea-level rise and other climate hazards, while also protecting shoreline ecological functions, allowing water-dependent uses, and providing public access. | Cross reference EC-2, (and new EC policies related to monitoring regulations – see chart below), LU- LU-4.1, LU-5.1, LU8.1, T-3.22, and T-4.9. |
| C ID: A.01                        | Establish development regulations that incorporate best practices for reducing the risk of wildfire, extreme heat, flooding, and other climate-exacerbated hazards.                                                                                                    | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                            | CE-9.3  | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | Establish or maintain development regulations that incorporate best practices for reducing the risk of wildfire, extreme heat, flooding, and other climate-exacerbated hazards.                                                                          | Cross reference to new or revised LU policy for resilient development and design standards (see chart below)                                   |
| C ID: A.05                        | Acquire properties or easements on properties that are vulnerable to climate-exacerbated hazards and are or will become unsuitable for development.                                                                                                                    | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                            | CE-9.4  | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | When feasible, consider acquiring properties or easements on properties that are vulnerable to climate-exacerbated hazards and are or will become unsuitable for development.                                                                            | Cross reference LU-4.6 (potential)                                                                                                             |
| C ID I and K                      | Reduce vehicle miles traveled to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals. (I, High Priority)<br><br>And<br><br>Increase housing diversity and supply within urban growth areas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support environmental justice. (K, High Priority) |                                                                                                                                       | CE-10   | <b>E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)</b><br><b>E-Min. Req. 2 (VMT)</b>                                              | <b>Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): Reduce GHG emissions from transportation by reducing VMT, fostering efficient land uses and promoting active transportation and transit.</b>                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                |
| C ID C, I, K.04, V.11, C.06, C.07 | Reduce vehicle miles traveled to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals. (I, High Priority)                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>New proposed policy, combining multiple Commerce measures.</i>                                                                     | CE-10.1 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                                                                                   | Foster more efficient land uses to reduce vehicle miles traveled, including, but not limited to:                                                                                                                                                         | Cross reference LU-6.1.H, LU-6.4, LU-7.1, LU-7.2, and LU-8.4, and T-4.5                                                                        |

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|                                                                | <p>and</p> <p>Foster higher-intensity land uses in mixed-use urban villages and transit corridors. (C, High Priority)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Establish minimum residential densities within urban growth areas. (K.04)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Implement complimentary, mixed land uses versus traditional zoning, such as locating business districts, parks and schools in neighborhoods to promote cycling and walking and reduce driving. (V.11, High Priority)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Prioritize infill development through zoning and permitting process. (C.06, High Priority)</p> <p>And</p> <p>Establish form-based codes where appropriate to better integrate higher-density development. (C.07, High Priority)</p> | <p><i>Aligns with LU and Transportation policies.</i></p>                                                                   |         | E-Min. Req. 2 (VMT)                                                                  | <p>a) Encouraging density in urban areas of the city.</p> <p>b) Implementing complimentary, mixed land uses to promote cycling and walking and reduce driving.</p> <p>c) Prioritizing infill development through zoning and permitting processes.</p> <p>d) Maintaining and updating form-based codes to better integrate higher-density development and support climate resilience by promoting sustainable design strategies.</p> |                                                                           |
| <p>C ID: K.02</p> <p>and</p> <p>C ID: K.05</p> <p>And K.06</p> | <p>Allow middle housing types, such as duplexes, triplexes, and ADUs, on all residential lots. (K.02, High Priority)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Allow or encourage micro-housing units (K.05, High Priority)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Develop and implement inclusionary zoning to support greater income diversity in housing types. (K.06, High Priority)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><i>New proposed policy, combining multiple Commerce measures.</i></p> <p><i>Aligns with LU and Housing policies.</i></p> | CE-10.2 | <p>E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)</p> <p>E-Min. Req. 2 (VMT)</p> <p>E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity)</p> | <p>Diversify housing options and promote housing affordability by:</p> <p>a) Expanding middle housing types, such as duplexes, triplexes, and ADUs, in residential areas.</p> <p>b) Encouraging co-living units in areas where multifamily housing is allowed</p> <p>c) Developing and implementing programs to support housing for a greater range of income levels.</p>                                                           | Cross reference LU-6.1, H-1.9, and H-3.                                   |
| <p>C ID: I.04, I.18</p>                                        | <p>Increase multimodal capacity in coordination with the location of higher-density housing and commercial centers. (I.04, High Priority)</p> <p>And</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><i>New proposed policy, revised from two Commerce measures.</i></p> <p><i>Aligns with Transportation policies.</i></p>   | CE-10.3 | <p>E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)</p> <p>E-Min. Req. 2 (VMT)</p>                               | <p>Implement multimodal transportation plans (i.e. modal plans, complete streets policies, TDM programs, bike parking, etc.), particularly in coordination with higher-density housing and commercial centers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Cross reference T-2.7, Policy T-2.18, T-2.21, T-2.23 21 T-2.29, and T-4.5 |

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|                                  | Integrate "Complete Streets" principles into the roadway designs of residential developments. (I.18)                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                             |         |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                               |
| C ID: H.01<br>And<br>C ID: AI.03 | Prioritize and promote public transit expansion and use through coordination of land use and transportation planning. (H.01, High Priority)<br><br>and<br><br>Improve transit speed, frequency, coverage, and reliability. (AI.03, High Priority) | <i>New proposed policy, revised and combined from Commerce measures.</i><br><br><i>Aligns with Transportation policies.</i> | CE-10.4 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 2 (VMT)                                         | Work with Skagit Transit to prioritize and promote public transit use and expansion by:<br>a) coordinating on land use and transportation planning, and<br>b) identifying how the City can better support Skagit Transit in meeting goals to improve transit speed, frequency, coverage, and reliability. | Cross reference T-2.29 and T-2.30, and T-2.32 |
| Climate Team                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>New proposed policy from Climate Team related to school buses</i>                                                        | CE-10.5 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                                                                | Promote use of existing transit resources (i.e. school bus, transit routes) to reduce car trips to public destinations in the community.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                               |
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|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                             | CE-11   |                                                                                     | <b>Promote Electrification and Alternative Fuels: Reduce GHG emissions from transportation by supporting the transition to electric vehicles, and encouraging the use of cleaner fuels in marine transportation.</b>                                                                                      |                                               |
| C ID: H                          | Convert public fleets to zero-emission vehicles by [insert target date] and develop supporting infrastructure and programs (e.g., charging stations and dedicated lanes for electric cars and buses).                                             | <i>New proposed policy, drawing aspects of Commerce measure.</i>                                                            | CE-11.1 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)<br>E-Min. Req. 3 (Equity)                                      | Develop an EV transition plan to convert public fleets to zero-emission vehicles and identify EV charging needs and opportunities in the City.                                                                                                                                                            | Cross reference T-4.4, and 4.10.              |
| C ID: AD.01                      | Require electric vehicle charging infrastructure in all new and retrofitted buildings.                                                                                                                                                            | <i>New proposed policy, drawing aspects of Commerce measure.</i>                                                            | CE-11.2 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                                                                | Expand electric vehicle infrastructure in key destinations and public buildings, and encourage the installation of EV charging retrofits for multifamily housing.                                                                                                                                         | Cross reference T-4.10                        |
| Team                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>New policy to align with new Utilities goal.</i>                                                                         | CE-11.3 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                                                                | Reduce GHG emissions from waste management transportation as service needs evolve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Cross reference U-9.5                         |
| Team                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>New proposed policy.</i>                                                                                                 | CE-11.4 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                                                                | Coordinate with the Port of Anacortes and WA State Ferries to identify how the city can best support them in their ongoing electrification projects.                                                                                                                                                      | Cross reference T-1.7                         |
| Team                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>New proposed policy</i>                                                                                                  | CE-11.5 | E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)                                                                | Support port and marinas in transition to renewable diesel and increase community awareness as lower-emissions fuels (i.e. R99 diesel) become more locally available.                                                                                                                                     |                                               |
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| C ID: W                          | Ensure that the local transportation system – including infrastructure, routes, and travel modes – is able to withstand and recover quickly from the impacts of extreme weather events and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.           | <i>New proposed goal, from commerce measure</i>                                                                             | CE-12   | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | <b>Resilient Transportation System: Ensure that the local transportation system – including infrastructure, routes, and travel modes – can withstand and recover quickly from the impacts of extreme weather events and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.</b>                                  |                                               |

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| Team                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>New proposed policy</i>                                                                                              | CE-12.1      | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)          | Coordinate with WSDOT to identify plans to increase resilience of SR-20, a critical access and evacuation route for Anacortes, to high-tide flooding, future sea level rise, and landslides.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cross reference T-1.9,<br><br>Add bullet in this policy to coordinate with WSDOT on SLR and flood vulnerability. (see chart below) |
| Team and C ID: W.05   | Enhance the resilience of parks and recreational trails by assessing and addressing climate hazards and impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>New proposed goal, revised from commerce measure.</i><br><br><i>Aligns with Transportation policies.</i>             | CE-12.2      | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | Continue to expand recreational trail systems in Anacortes that are resilient to coastal flood impacts and sea level rise and explore how trail design and maintenance can support adaptation while also providing positive benefits to the environment.                                                                                                                                                                     | Cross reference T-2.7 and T-4.9                                                                                                    |
| C ID: W.04 and W.03   | Reduce stormwater impacts from transportation and development through watershed planning, redevelopment and retrofit projects, and low-impact development. (W.04)<br><br>And<br><br>Incorporate hydrologic climate impacts into the design of water-crossing structures (i.e., climate-smart culverts and bridges) for fish passage and habitat quality. (W.03, High Priority)   | <i>New proposed policy, from commerce measure and WDFW comments.</i><br><br><i>Aligns with Transportation policies.</i> | CE-12.3      | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Precip., Flooding, SLR?)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                              | Reduce stormwater impacts from transportation and development through watershed planning, redevelopment and retrofit projects, and low-impact development.<br>a) Coordinate with State, regional, and local agencies to plan and prioritize culvert upgrades that consider climate impacts to ensure fish passage barrier removal and stormwater management needs.                                                           | Cross reference T-4.1 and T-4.3                                                                                                    |
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| C ID: S               | Enhance emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts to mitigate risks and impacts associated with extreme weather and other hazards worsened by climate change. (High Priority)                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>New proposed policy, from commerce measure</i>                                                                       | <b>CE-13</b> | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)     | <b>Preparation and Emergency Response: Enhance emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts to mitigate risks and impacts associated with extreme weather and other hazards worsened by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Cross reference EC-3, and EC 3.8                                                                                                   |
| C ID: M.01 and S.01   | Create evacuation plans and outreach materials to help residents plan and practice actions that make evacuation quicker and safer. (M.01)<br><br>Map transportation infrastructure that is vulnerable to repeated floods, landslides, and other natural hazards, and designate alternative travel routes for critical transportation corridors when roads must be closed. (S.01) | <i>New proposed policy, from commerce measure.</i><br><br><i>Aligns with EC and Transportation policies.</i>            | CE-13.1      | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)               | Monitor evacuation plans and outreach materials and update as needed to consider natural hazards and climate impacts, to help residents plan and practice actions that make evacuation quicker and safer.<br>a) Map transportation infrastructure that is vulnerable to repeated floods, and other natural hazards, and designate alternative travel routes for critical transportation corridors when roads must be closed. | Cross reference EC 3.8, EC 3.14, T-1.9,                                                                                            |
| C ID: S.07            | Develop resilience hubs – community-serving facilities that are designed to support residents, coordinate communication, distribute resources, and                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure based on staff input.</i>                                         | CE -13.2     | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding,                                              | Continue to operate cooling centers at the Anacortes Senior Activity Center and the Anacortes Library and expand access to resilience hubs - safe gathering spaces during extreme weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Cross reference CF-7.8.<br><br>Considering adding resilience hub function to                                                       |

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|                       | reduce carbon pollution while enhancing quality of life.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                |              | Landslide, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                   | events - by updating and/or maintaining HVAC, air filtration, and back-up power systems in select publicly-oriented City facilities.                                                                                                                                                                            | CF policies. (see chart below)                                                                                                    |
| C ID: X.01            | Develop and implement a strategy to expedite management of debris (e.g., downed tree limbs and buildings blocking roads and streams) after a disaster incident to reduce the risks of subsequent fire, flood, injury, and disease vectors. | <i>New proposed policy, from commerce measure</i>                              | CE-13.3      | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)             | Develop and implement a strategy to expedite management of debris (e.g., downed tree limbs and buildings blocking roads and streams) after a disaster incident to reduce the risks of subsequent fire, flood, injury, and disease vectors.                                                                      |                                                                                                                                   |
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| C ID: R               | Ensure that the local economy is resilient to climate disruptions and fosters business opportunities associated with climate mitigation and adaptation.                                                                                    | New proposed goal, from Commerce measure.                                      | <b>CE-14</b> | R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                                           | <b>Resilient Economy: Ensure that the local economy is resilient to climate disruptions and fosters business opportunities associated with climate mitigation and adaptation.</b>                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                   |
| C ID: R.01            | Ensure that the jurisdiction's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan responds to the impacts of climate change and identifies roles and responsibilities to support a sustainable economic recovery after a disaster.                    | <i>New proposed policy, from Commerce measure.</i>                             | CE-14.1      | R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                                           | Ensure that the jurisdiction's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan responds to the impacts of climate change and identifies roles and responsibilities to support a sustainable economic recovery after a disaster.                                                                                         | Cross reference new CF policy (see chart below) and others as needed.                                                             |
| C ID: R.02            | Support local businesses' efforts to bolster climate preparedness and continuity of operations.                                                                                                                                            | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure and team.</i>            | CE-14.2      | R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                                           | Continue to engage with local businesses to understand local need and priorities and how the City can support climate preparedness.<br>a) Consider local business perspectives when identifying opportunities to reduce GHG emissions from consumption and align with the City's goals to reduce overall waste. | Cross reference new ED policies related to climate (see chart below)<br><br>Cross reference 14.2.a to U-9 Towards Zero Waste goal |
| Team                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>New proposed policy, based on feedback from business community meeting.</i> | CE-14.3      | <b>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)</b>                                                                    | Recognize the value of Anacortes' existing skilled labor (industry and working waterfront, etc.) and coordinate with local and regional partners to maintain and grow local labor resources while supporting the transition to electrification and reducing GHG emissions.                                      | Cross reference new ED policies related to green jobs pipeline (see chart below)                                                  |
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| C ID: Y.              | Protect and preserve water quality and quantity from drought, extreme heat, and other hazards exacerbated by climate change. (High Priority)                                                                                               | <i>New proposed policy, from commerce measure</i>                              | <b>CE-15</b> | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Reduced Snowpack)<br>R- Min. Req. 2?<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | <b>Protecting Water Infrastructure: Protect and preserve water quality and quantity from drought, extreme heat, and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                   |
| Team                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>New proposed policy</i>                                                     | CE-15.1      | <b>R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Reduced Snowpack)<br/>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)</b>            | Continue to develop Surface and Stormwater, Wastewater, and Drinking Water system plans and facility improvements that incorporate climate change mitigation and resilience.                                                                                                                                    | Cross reference U-8.3, U-8.4                                                                                                      |
| Team                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>New proposed policy</i>                                                     | CE-15.2      | <b>R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex.</b>                                                         | Consider overall energy use, resilience needs, and opportunities for innovative design approaches when developing plans to replace the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.                                                                                                                                       | Cross reference U-5.1 and U-6 and Table CF-1 - Wastewater                                                                         |

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|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                  |         | Heat, Reduced Snowpack)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)<br>E-Min. Req. 1, (GHG)     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                      |
| C ID: Y.03            | Require the use of green infrastructure and low-impact development to address increased storm intensities and stormwater runoff. (High Priority)                                                                                                | <i>New proposed policy, revised from commerce measure</i>                        | CE-15.3 | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Precip., flooding)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)               | Promote use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) strategies whenever feasible to help manage stormwater, improve water quality, reduce impervious surfaces, and promote shade to lower temperatures.                        | Cross reference T-4.1 and T-4.3      |
| C ID: Y.04            | Manage water resources sustainably in the face of climate change through smart irrigation, stormwater management, preventative maintenance, water conservation and wastewater reuse, plant selection, and landscape management. (High Priority) | <i>New proposed policy, from commerce measure</i>                                | CE-15.4 | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Reduced Snowpack)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | Manage water resources sustainably in the face of climate change through smart irrigation, stormwater management, preventative maintenance, water conservation and wastewater reuse, plant selection, and landscape management. | Cross reference CF-7.4 and Parks TBD |
| C ID: S.05            | Analyze how the municipal water system maintains adequate pressure during a major wildfire event (e.g., multiple structures burning) and how it will look under current and projected drought conditions.                                       | <i>New proposed policy, revised from Commerce measure, based on staff input.</i> | CE-15.5 | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                   | Continue to coordinate with local fire officials during periodic updates to the Water System Plans.                                                                                                                             | Cross reference U-8                  |

### Climate Goals Moved to Other Sections

| Goal or Policy Source | Referenced Commerce Measure or Existing Goal/Policy Text                                                                                                                                          | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                   | CE #, Relevant Sub-element* | Minimum Requirement                                                         | Working Draft Proposed Policy Revision or New Policy                                                                                                                                              | Cross Reference/ Integration Notes                                                                 |
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| C ID: A.08            | Develop regulations for elevating or setting back new and substantially improved structures to reduce the risk of damage caused by sea level rise.                                                | <i>New proposed policy for EC element, revised from Commerce measure and staff input.</i>                              | EC#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Flooding, SLR)<br>R-Min. Req. 2<br>R-Min. Req. 3             | Monitor existing regulations for elevating or setting back new and substantially improved structures to reduce the risk of damage caused by sea level rise, and to protect coastal ecosystems.    | Recommend adding policy under to EC-3 (with flood-related policies.)<br><br>Cross reference CE-9.2 |
| C ID: A.04            | Assess the sea level rise vulnerability of wetlands, aquatic vegetation, beaches and dunes, and other valuable natural assets and collaborate with landowners and partners to support adaptation. | <i>New proposed policy for EC element.</i><br><br><i>Suggest cross-refencing back to CE 4.2 to align two elements.</i> | EC#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Flooding, SLR)<br>R-Min. Req. 2<br>R-Min. Req. 3             | Assess the sea level rise vulnerability of wetlands, aquatic vegetation, beaches and dunes, and other valuable natural assets and collaborate with landowners and partners to support adaptation. | Recommend adding policy under to EC-2<br><br>Cross reference CE-4.2                                |
| C ID: A.14            | Consider climate change, including sea-level rise, extreme precipitation, increased winter streamflow, and other impacts, in floodplain management planning. (High Priority)                      | <i>New proposed policy for EC element, from Commerce measure.</i>                                                      | EC#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Flooding, Ex. Precip, SLR)<br>R-Min. Req. 2<br>R-Min. Req. 3 | Consider climate change, including sea-level rise, extreme precipitation, increased winter streamflow, and other impacts, in floodplain management planning.                                      | Move to EC - 3                                                                                     |
| Team                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>New proposed policy for EC element, suggested by team.</i>                                                          | EC#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Flooding, SLR,<br>R- Min. Req 2                              | Identify areas vulnerable to groundwater flooding and review and update regulations to reduce impacts.                                                                                            | Move to reference EC-3 (with flood-related policies.)<br><br>Cross reference CE-4.2                |

| Goal or Policy Source     | Referenced Commerce Measure or Existing Goal/Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CE #, Relevant Sub-element* | Minimum Requirement                                                                                        | Working Draft Proposed Policy Revision or New Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Cross Reference/ Integration Notes                                        |
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|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>Emerging vulnerability that needs further study.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                             |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                           |
| C ID: V.06                | Maintain and update a critical areas ordinance that incorporates climate change considerations. (High Priority)                                                                                                                                             | <i>New proposed policy for EC element, from Commerce measure.</i><br><br><i>Ensure that policies related to Critical Areas consider climate change.</i>                                                                                           | EC#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)      | Maintain and update a critical areas ordinance that incorporates climate change considerations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | New EC policy                                                             |
| C ID: A.10                | Review required buffers and setbacks for steep slopes and shorelines vulnerable to erosion exacerbated by climate change, and establish new minimums, if necessary, so that improvements are not required to protect structures during their expected life. | <i>New proposed policy for EC element, from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                 | EC#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, SLR, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)     | Review required buffers and setbacks for steep slopes and shorelines vulnerable to erosion, and establish new minimums, if necessary, so that improvements are not required to protect structures during their expected life.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Update EC-3 and critical area regulations for landslide hazards.          |
| C ID: S.09                | Integrate a climate impacts risk assessment and policies into the local hazard mitigation plan.                                                                                                                                                             | <i>New proposed policy for EC element, from Commerce measure.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                 | EC#                         | Emergency Management                                                                                       | Coordinate with Skagit County and other partners on how to incorporate climate impacts into the next Hazard Mitigation Plan update.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Update EC 3-8                                                             |
| EC 8.4 and Team           | <i>Develop incentives for construction or remodeling of structures to utilize state of the art energy conservation techniques (including, but not limited to, insulation, passive energy design, co-generation).</i>                                        | <i>New proposed LU policy, based on similar existing policies, to align with team comments.</i><br><br><i>Suggestion to expand on incentives in existing policy EC 8.4 to encourage new development to help deliver climate resilience goals.</i> | LU#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, SLR)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)<br><br>(GHG co-benefits) | Consider incentives for development projects to encourage innovative approaches that promote climate resilience. Strategies may include, but are not limited to:<br>a) Site and building designs to reduce urban heat effects, including but not limited to trees and vegetation, reduction in impervious surface coverage, sidewalk shade strategies, and green roofs; and<br>b) Green stormwater management and water quality strategies that surpass minimum requirements and help the city meet stormwater management goals. | Update and expand LU-4.2 to integrate items listed in proposed policy?    |
| C ID: P.06                | Develop or modify design standards to integrate exterior building features that reduce the impacts of climate change and increase resilience. (High Priority)                                                                                               | <i>New proposed policy for LU element, revised from Commerce measure.</i><br><br><i>Revising commerce measure to be more specific on needs for Anacortes.</i>                                                                                     | LU#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Drought, Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, SLR)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)(GHG co-benefits)         | Update design standards to integrate exterior building features that reduce the impacts of climate change and increase resilience by:<br>a) moderating interior building temperatures;<br>b) promoting shade;<br>c) reducing the urban heat island effect while also providing co-benefits for urban design and/or public space; and<br>d) Increasing wildfire resilience.                                                                                                                                                       | Update and expand LU-4.2 to integrate items listed in proposed policy?    |
| Team/staff and C ID: P.03 | Adopt fire-resilience standards for new and redeveloped sites in high-risk wildfire areas.                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>New proposed policy for LU element, revised from commerce measure, based on staff input</i>                                                                                                                                                    | LU#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                               | Develop local codes to reduce risk in Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas, and coordinate with Washington State Department of Natural Resources on risk areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | New Land Use Element policy under LU-4? (Could also consider under LU-10) |
| Team                      | Adopt fire-resilience standards for new and redeveloped sites in high-risk wildfire areas.                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>New proposed policy for LU element, from team. Also</i>                                                                                                                                                                                        | LU#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                               | Coordinate with property-owners when updating Critical Area regulations and/or City policies around the Anacortes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | New Land Use Element policy under LU-4? (Could also consider under LU-10) |

| Goal or Policy Source | Referenced Commerce Measure or Existing Goal/Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                                     | CE #, Relevant Sub-element* | Minimum Requirement                                                                      | Working Draft Proposed Policy Revision or New Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Cross Reference/ Integration Notes                                                                                        |
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|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>related to Commerce measure (P.03)</i>                                                                                                |                             |                                                                                          | Community Forest to identify how best to implement wildfire mitigation strategies.                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                           |
| CID: S.08             | Factor climate impacts into the planning of operations and coordination of preparedness, response, and recovery activities among first-responders and partners, including public health, law enforcement, fire, school, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. | <i>New proposed policy for Capital Facilities element, from commerce measure</i>                                                         | CF#                         | R- Min. Req 1 (Ex. Heat, Ex. Precip., Flooding, Landslide, Wildfire)<br>R-Min Req 3 (EJ) | Factor climate impacts into the planning of operations and coordination of preparedness, response, and recovery activities among first-responders and partners, including public health, law enforcement, fire, school, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. | New Capital Facilities Element policy to consider climate change in emergency services, as well as facilities.            |
|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>Suggested update to existing CF policy.</i>                                                                                           | CF-7.8.                     |                                                                                          | Considering adding resilience hub function to existing policy, or adding a new policy to address emergency functions of capital facilities.                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                           |
| C ID: R.04            | Facilitate a green jobs pipeline for frontline communities. (High Priority)                                                                                                                                                                                             | <i>New proposed policy for Economic Development, revised from Commerce measure, based on Climate Team feedback for this to be broad.</i> | ED#                         | R-Min Req 3 (EJ)                                                                         | Coordinate with Skagit Valley College or other local and regional partners to promote awareness, education, and training for green job opportunities, particularly for lower-income, underemployed, and/or frontline communities.                                       | New Economic Development Element policy?<br><br>Aligns with a recommended by Western WA for Economic Development Element. |
| C ID: R.06            | Promote purchasing from local businesses to support economic development and reduce emissions associated with the transportation, production, and distribution of goods. (High Priority)                                                                                | <i>New proposed policy for Economic Development element, revised from Commerce measure</i>                                               | ED#                         | E-Min Req 2 (VMT)                                                                        | Promote local businesses by raising awareness of investments that are being made towards reducing emissions, increasing resilience and sustainability, and how supporting local business can help reduce impacts of climate change.                                     | New Economic Development Element policy?                                                                                  |
|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                          | T-1.9                       | R-Min Req 1                                                                              | Add new bullet in this policy to coordinate with WSDOT on SLR and flood vulnerability.                                                                                                                                                                                  | Adding new bullet to Transportation Element policy                                                                        |
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# Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Update

## Climate Goals and Policies List

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| CE # and Sub-element         | Working Draft Proposed Policy Revision or New Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| CE-1<br>Resilience and GHG   | <b><u>Build Local Capacity</u> - Build city and community capacity to become a regional leader in mitigating and adapting to climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE-1.1<br>Resilience and GHG | Develop and maintain local technical expertise and skills related to climate change and environmental justice to support communitywide policy implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Maintain and grow City staff and/or resources to support implementation of climate policies.</li> <li>b) Recognize the important contributions of community-members and support local efforts to raise awareness, research and monitor, address the impacts of, and develop solutions to the challenges of climate change.</li> <li>c) Seek outside funding and/or partnerships to provide emissions-reduction educational workshops, activities, and engagement opportunities for the Anacortes community, especially those that prioritize vulnerable populations.</li> </ul> |
| CE-1.2<br>Resilience and GHG | Coordinate with local, regional, and state entities to develop and implement plans related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Coordinate with local jurisdictions, tribal governments, ports, state and regional agencies, and departments to share information, and build partnerships where there are shared opportunities for reducing GHG emission and/or increasing resilience.</li> <li>b) Coordinate with PSE and other utility companies and/or regional partners to accelerate regional clean energy projects that benefit Anacortes.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CE-2<br>Resilience           | <b><u>Promote Climate Awareness and Community Well-being</u> - Raise awareness about climate change and protect community health and well-being from the impacts of climate-exacerbated hazards so that the vulnerable populations do not bear disproportionate health impacts.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CE-2.1                       | Raise awareness about community health impacts from wildfire smoke and/or extreme heat impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| Resilience                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Coordinate with local and regional partners to develop and implement a wildfire smoke resilience strategy.</li> <li>b) Highlight protective strategies for outdoor workers and others exposed to extreme heat and other climate-exacerbated hazards by providing information on the City's website, issuing notices, and/or developing other communication strategies.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| CE-2.2 Resilience         | <p>Prioritize at-risk community members for actions that mitigate wildfire smoke and extreme heat by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Increasing access to personal protective equipment and filter fans;</li> <li>b) Incentivizing infrastructure updates (e.g., HVAC updates and MERV 13 filters for air intake) for facilities that serve high-risk populations; and</li> <li>c) Partnering with local and/or regional agencies to promote efficient home cooling and air-filtration strategies for lower-income residents.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                        |
| CE-2.3 Resilience and GHG | Foster community-building activities that promote sustainability and resilience by strengthening social networks, reducing isolation, and promoting mental health and wellbeing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| CE-2.4 Resilience and GHG | <p>Engage vulnerable communities, including seniors, lower-income residents, to raise awareness and deepen the local understanding of climate change by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) engaging with local community service organizations to understand how climate change is impacting local food distribution systems that serve lower-income and other vulnerable or overburdened communities;</li> <li>b) seeking or expanding partnerships with local businesses, non-profits, and other entities with close ties to these communities; and</li> <li>c) creating and implementing culturally contextualized outreach and education initiatives and materials.</li> </ul> |
| <b>CE-3 Resilience</b>    | <b><u>Resilient Cultural Resources</u> - Ensure that cultural resources and practices – including historic sites and culturally important traditional foods and natural resources – are resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and natural hazards worsened by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE-3.1 Resilience         | Protect, enhance, and restore local ecosystems to meet tribal treaty rights and conserve culturally important resources, including foods, medicinal plants, materials, and wildlife.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CE-3.2 Resilience         | Establish and maintain government-to-government relations with local Native American tribes for the preservation of archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties that are vulnerable to climate impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| CE-3.3 Resilience    | Consider potential for impacts to historic and culturally relevant sites and/or buildings when developing resilience plans and improvement projects (i.e. infrastructure, parks, trails, etc.) and identify strategies to reduce or mitigate impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>CE-4</b>          | <b><u>Support Ecosystem Adaptation: Protect and restore coastal ecosystems, streams, riparian zones, and wetlands to increase the resilience of species, habitats, and communities to climate change and achieve a healthy watershed.</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE-4.1 Resilience    | Consider future climate change impacts including sea level rise when implementing shoreline restoration and open space projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CE-4.2 Resilience    | Conduct a sea level rise vulnerability assessment with future updates to the Shoreline Management Program (SMP) and Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) update sea level rise assumptions for future planning;</li> <li>b) assess the vulnerability of natural and developed shorelines from the combined effects of sea level rise, storm surge, coastal erosion and landslides, and groundwater changes; and</li> <li>c) collaborate with landowners and partners to support adaptation and contingency plans.</li> </ul> |
| CE-4.3 Resilience    | Develop and implement actions identified in city restoration plans to improve the climate resilience of streams and watersheds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| CE-4.4 Resilience    | Protect and restore riparian vegetation to reduce erosion, provide shade, provide habitat connectivity, and support other functions that improve the climate resilience of streams.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>CE-5</b>          | <b><u>Resilient Urban Forests: Enhance and maintain urban tree canopy for community health and climate resilience, and develop plans to reduce wildfire risks around the ACFL.</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| CE-5.1 Resilience    | Adopt and maintain an urban forest master plan and implementing ordinances, including a tree canopy assessment of all areas of the City (greenbelts, parks, street trees, forests), that establishes goals to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) maintain and expand tree canopy cover and improve tree and watershed health;</li> <li>b) prioritize carbon sequestration;</li> <li>c) monitor wildfire risks; and</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                |

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|                                | d) build climate resilience by reducing heat island effects, enhancing air quality, improving stormwater filtration, and supporting biodiversity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| CE-5.2 Resilience              | Prioritize urban forestry planning resources and funding for vulnerable and overburdened communities, including, but not limited to:<br>a) increasing street trees and canopy cover in and around affordable housing communities that lack shade and are more vulnerable to extreme heat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| CE-5.3 Resilience              | Ensure that tree species selection and planting guidance used for projects are updated to be resilient to climate change and share information with local community members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CE-5.4 Resilience              | Increase community awareness of local wildfire hazards, collaborate with property-owners in high-risk areas when developing a community wildfire protection plan, and coordinate the need to protect structures adjacent to forested areas from wildfire danger, as required by state wildland urban interface regulations, with public open space regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>CE-6 Resilience and GHG</b> | <b>Coordination with Utilities: Coordinate with regional utilities and jurisdictions on increasing energy infrastructure resilience to accommodate renewable energy opportunities, meet increased demand, and withstand and recover from extreme weather and natural hazards worsened by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CE-6.1 Resilience and GHG      | Coordinate regularly with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to share information, monitor local grid capacity, and increase awareness of upcoming projects and emerging opportunities that support the City's efforts to reduce GHG emissions.<br>a) City staff to highlight for developers, property owners, or others proposing projects the importance of early engagement with PSE.<br>b) Coordinate with PSE to promote energy efficiency programs and initiatives and to promote local investments and customer enrollment in clean energy projects and programs.<br>c) Coordinate with PSE to promote financial assistance and discounted billing programs for income qualified residents to ensure that the most vulnerable are not disproportionately impacted by the State's clean energy transition. |
| CE-6.2 Resilience              | Coordinate with PSE's vegetation management and/or wildfire mitigation efforts including electric system upgrades, year-round vegetation management, and fire weather operational procedures. Work closely with utilities and local fire departments to lessen the risk and impact of wildfires.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| CE -6.3 GHG                    | Coordinate with PSE to promote and support programs designed to decrease load on the grid during times of peak use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| CE -6.4<br>GHG and Resilience | Coordinate with PSE to effectively meet rapidly increasing electrical demand as the city and region work to achieve a Clean Energy Transition by adopting codes that support siting existing and new technologies.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>CE-7<br/>GHG</b>           | <b>Energy Efficient Buildings: Promote renewable energy, encourage conservation and efficiency technologies to reduce GHG emissions from buildings.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                               | <b><i>Reducing Emissions from New Buildings</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| CE -7.1<br>GHG and Resilience | Offer incentives to promote new buildings to include energy efficiency and renewable energy features beyond minimum code requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| CE -7.2<br>GHG                | Promote the use of environmentally friendly construction practices in City buildings, such as those specified under certification systems such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| CE -7.3<br>GHG and Resilience | Adjust single-family home impact fees and system development charges so those homes with larger impacts on utilities pay more.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                               | <b><i>Reducing Emissions from Existing Buildings</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| CE -7.4<br>GHG and Resilience | Prioritize the weatherization, and conversion to the most energy efficient water and space heating of housing to reduce emissions and increase resilience.<br>a) Coordinate with regional jurisdictions and/or state agencies to encourage the creation of an energy conservation microloan, rebate, or other program in partnership with other agencies, particularly for lower-income communities. |
| CE -7.5<br>GHG and Resilience | Retrofit City-owned buildings for energy efficiency by updating building materials, transitioning heating in City buildings to energy efficient heat pump technologies, updating mechanical systems and lighting, replacing back-up generators and/or adding onsite solar and battery storage systems, where feasible.                                                                               |
| CE -7.6<br>GHG and Resilience | Where consistent with the desired character and intensity of the zone, encourage renovation and adaptive re-use of existing buildings as a strategy to reduce waste and the need to expend energy in producing new materials.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE -7.7<br>GHG and Resilience | Promote sustainable building and site management and maintenance practices, and promote energy conservation in site and street lighting by replacing existing building, site, and streetlights with low-energy use LED fixtures.                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| CE- 8                              | <b><u>Support Energy Resilience:</u> Support overall energy resilience by promoting local solar energy production as well as other small-scale renewable energy (i.e. geothermal) and battery storage.</b>                                                              |
| CE -8.1<br>GHG and Resilience      | Encourage building and site designs that consider solar access of adjacent properties and promote maximum use of southern exposures and the use of natural climate conditions                                                                                           |
| CE -8.2<br>GHG and Resilience      | Install distributed renewable energy generation and battery infrastructure at City facilities to store renewable electricity generated on site and provide emergency power that ensures continuity of operations.                                                       |
| CE -8.3<br>GHG and Resilience      | Encourage local microgrid solar, battery storage facilities, and/or other small-scale renewable energy generation projects on low-impact sites (i.e., large roof-tops, and/or over parking lots, etc.) to support electrification by providing locally-generated power. |
| <b>CE-9<br/>GHG and Resilience</b> | <b><u>Resilient Development:</u> Promote land use patterns that increase the resilience of the built environment, ecosystems, and communities to climate change, and ensure development is resilient to climate impacts.</b>                                            |
| CE-9.1<br>Resilience               | Direct new development, utility and transportation infrastructure, and capital facilities into areas where exposure to climate hazards is low, and/or where climate mitigation strategies can be effective at reducing risks.                                           |
| CE-9.2<br>Resilience               | Identify and implement strategies to increase the resilience of the shoreline environment to sea-level rise and other climate hazards, while also protecting shoreline ecological functions, allowing water-dependent uses, and providing public access.                |
| CE-9.3<br>Resilience               | Establish or maintain development regulations that incorporate best practices for reducing the risk of wildfire, extreme heat, flooding, and other climate-exacerbated hazards.                                                                                         |
| CE-9.4<br>Resilience               | When feasible, consider acquiring properties or easements on properties that are vulnerable to climate-exacerbated hazards and are or will become unsuitable for development.                                                                                           |
| <b>CE-10</b>                       | <b><u>Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):</u> Reduce GHG emissions from transportation by reducing VMT, fostering efficient land uses and promoting active transportation and transit.</b>                                                                             |
| CE-10.1<br>GHG                     | Foster more efficient land uses to reduce vehicle miles traveled, including, but not limited to:<br>a) Encouraging density in urban areas of the city.                                                                                                                  |

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|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Implementing complimentary, mixed land uses to promote cycling and walking and reduce driving.</li> <li>c) Prioritizing infill development through zoning and permitting processes.</li> <li>d) Maintaining and updating form-based codes to better integrate higher-density development and support climate resilience by promoting sustainable design strategies.</li> </ul> |
| CE-10.2<br>GHG       | Diversify housing options and promote housing affordability by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Expanding middle housing types, such as duplexes, triplexes, and ADUs, in residential areas.</li> <li>b) Encouraging co-living units in areas where multifamily housing is allowed</li> <li>c) Developing and implementing programs to support housing for a greater range of income levels.</li> </ul>        |
| CE-10.3<br>GHG       | Implement multimodal transportation plans (i.e. modal plans, complete streets policies, TDM programs, bike parking, etc.), particularly in coordination with higher-density housing and commercial centers.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| CE-10.4<br>GHG       | Work with Skagit Transit to prioritize and promote public transit use and expansion by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) coordinating on land use and transportation planning, and</li> <li>b) identifying how the City can better support Skagit Transit in meeting goals to improve transit speed, frequency, coverage, and reliability.</li> </ul>                                                           |
| CE-10.5              | Promote use of existing transit resources (i.e. school bus, transit routes) to reduce car trips to public destinations in the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>CE-11<br/>GHG</b> | <b>Promote Electrification and Alternative Fuels: Reduce GHG emissions from transportation by supporting the transition to electric vehicles, and encouraging the use of cleaner fuels in marine transportation.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CE-11.1<br>GHG       | Develop an EV transition plan to convert public fleets to zero-emission vehicles and identify EV charging needs and opportunities in the City.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CE-11.2<br>GHG       | Expand electric vehicle infrastructure in key destinations and public buildings, and encourage the installation of EV charging retrofits for multifamily housing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE-11.3<br>GHG       | Reduce GHG emissions from waste management transportation as service needs evolve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| CE-11.4<br>GHG       | Coordinate with the Port of Anacortes and WA State Ferries to identify how the city can best support them in their ongoing electrification projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CE-11.5<br>GHG       | Support port and marinas in transition to renewable diesel and increase community awareness as lower-emissions fuels (i.e. R99 diesel) become more locally available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| CE-12<br>Resilience            | <b><u>Resilient Transportation System:</u> Ensure that the local transportation system – including infrastructure, routes, and travel modes – can withstand and recover quickly from the impacts of extreme weather events and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| CE-12.1<br>Resilience          | Coordinate with WSDOT to identify plans to increase resilience of SR-20, a critical access and evacuation route for Anacortes, to high-tide flooding, future sea level rise, and landslides.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| CE-12.2<br>Resilience          | Continue to expand recreational trail systems in Anacortes that are resilient to coastal flood impacts and sea level rise and explore how trail design and maintenance can support adaptation while also providing positive benefits to the environment.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CE-12.3<br>Resilience          | Reduce stormwater impacts from transportation and development through watershed planning, redevelopment and retrofit projects, and low-impact development.<br>a) Coordinate with State, regional, and local agencies to plan and prioritize culvert upgrades that consider climate impacts to ensure fish passage barrier removal and stormwater management needs.                                                           |
| CE-13<br>Resilience            | <b><u>Preparation and Emergency Response:</u> Enhance emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts to mitigate risks and impacts associated with extreme weather and other hazards worsened by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| CE-13.1<br>Resilience          | Monitor evacuation plans and outreach materials and update as needed to consider natural hazards and climate impacts, to help residents plan and practice actions that make evacuation quicker and safer.<br>a) Map transportation infrastructure that is vulnerable to repeated floods, and other natural hazards, and designate alternative travel routes for critical transportation corridors when roads must be closed. |
| CE -13.2<br>GHG and Resilience | Continue to operate cooling centers at the Anacortes Senior Activity Center and the Anacortes Library and expand access to resilience hubs - safe gathering spaces during extreme weather events - by updating and/or maintaining HVAC, air filtration, and back-up power systems in select publicly-oriented City facilities.                                                                                               |
| CE-13.3<br>Resilience          | Develop and implement a strategy to expedite management of debris (e.g., downed tree limbs and buildings blocking roads and streams) after a disaster incident to reduce the risks of subsequent fire, flood, injury, and disease vectors.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| CE-14<br>GHG and Resilience    | <b><u>Resilient Economy:</u> Ensure that the local economy is resilient to climate disruptions and fosters business opportunities associated with climate mitigation and adaptation.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CE-14.1<br>Resilience          | Ensure that the jurisdiction's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan responds to the impacts of climate change and identifies roles and responsibilities to support a sustainable economic recovery after a disaster.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| CE-14.2<br>GHG and Resilience      | Continue to engage with local businesses to understand local need and priorities and how the City can support climate preparedness.<br>a) Consider local business perspectives when identifying opportunities to reduce GHG emissions from consumption and align with the City's goals to reduce overall waste. |
| CE-14.3<br>GHG and Resilience      | Recognize the value of Anacortes' existing skilled labor (industry and working waterfront, etc.) and coordinate with local and regional partners to maintain and grow local labor resources while supporting the transition to electrification and reducing GHG emissions.                                      |
| <b>CE-15</b><br>GHG and Resilience | <b>Protecting Water Infrastructure: Protect and preserve water quality and quantity from drought, extreme heat, and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| CE-15.1<br>GHG and Resilience      | Continue to develop Surface and Stormwater, Wastewater, and Drinking Water system plans and facility improvements that incorporate climate change mitigation and resilience.                                                                                                                                    |
| CE-15.2<br>GHG and Resilience      | Consider overall energy use, resilience needs, and opportunities for innovative design approaches when developing plans to replace the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.                                                                                                                                       |
| CE-15.3<br>Resilience              | Promote use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) strategies whenever feasible to help manage stormwater, improve water quality, reduce impervious surfaces, and promote shade to lower temperatures.                                                                                                        |
| CE-15.4<br>GHG and Resilience      | Manage water resources sustainably in the face of climate change through smart irrigation, stormwater management, preventative maintenance, water conservation and wastewater reuse, plant selection, and landscape management.                                                                                 |
| CE-15.5<br>Resilience              | Continue to coordinate with local fire officials during periodic updates to the Water System Plans.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

# Anacortes Comprehensive Plan Update

## Environment & Conservation Element Goals and Policies Tracker

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### Planning Commission Suggested Changes Version

The Planning Commission reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> draft proposed amendments at their April 9, 2025 meeting. The Planning Commission suggested changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> draft, if any, are shown in the last column.

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### Introduction

This goals and policies tracker reviews the Environment & Conservation element of the 2016 Anacortes Comprehensive Plan in support of the 2025 periodic update.

Environment & Conservation Element

Goals and Policies

| Goal or Policy | Existing Goal or Policy Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | First Draft Proposed Policy Revision<br><i>The policies will undergo at least another round of revisions before their estimated final adoption in 2025</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Reasoning for Proposed Policy Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Planning Commission Meeting Notes and recommended updates to 1 <sup>st</sup> draft |
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| Goal EC-1      | <b>Environmental protection.</b> Serve as a leader in environmental stewardship of the natural environment for current and future generations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.1  | Recognize the inter-relationship of natural systems, people and the economy and promote integrated and interdisciplinary approaches for environmental planning and assessment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.2  | Work cooperatively with local, state, regional and federal governments and community organizations to protect and enhance the environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Work cooperatively with local, state, regional, <del>and</del> federal <a href="#">and tribal</a> governments and community organizations to protect and enhance the environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Acknowledging tribal governments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.3  | <p>Promote and lead public education and involvement programs to raise public awareness about and involvement in environmental issues, and advocate respect for the environment and demonstrate how individual actions and the cumulative effect of a community's actions can have significant effects on the environment.</p> <p>A. Establish and promote an ongoing volunteer program in and out of our schools aimed at educating residents and visitors with speakers, programs and written information. This program shall promote stewardship of Fidalgo Island and its surrounding waters.</p> <p>B. Develop and implement a program aimed specifically at reduction of litter and other nuisances.</p> <p>C. Support and encourage city and citizen involvement in local and national organizations and programs such as Tree City USA, Washington Department of Fish &amp; Wildlife's Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Program, forest education programs, tree preservation, and shoreline stewardship programs.</p> <p>D. Promote public outreach activities aimed at encouraging water conservation and water recycling.</p> <p>E. Maintain a continually updated list of City, County and State planning, environmental and development documents at City Hall and the Anacortes Public Library for public review.</p> <p>F. Publish and make available information about programs to help private property owners maintain property in its historic or undeveloped state, such as tax benefits, the Nature Conservancy, Skagit Land Trust, City Historic</p> | <p>Promote and lead public education and involvement programs to raise public awareness about and involvement in environmental issues, and advocate respect for the environment and demonstrate how individual actions and the cumulative effect of a community's actions can have significant effects on the environment.</p> <p>A. Establish and promote-an ongoing volunteer program in and out of our schools aimed at educating residents and visitors with speakers, programs and written information. This program <del>shall</del> <a href="#">should</a> promote stewardship of Fidalgo Island and its surrounding waters.</p> <p>B. <del>Develop and implement a</del> <a href="#">Maintain regulations and</a> programs aimed specifically at reduction of litter and other nuisances.</p> <p>C. Support and encourage city and citizen involvement in local and national organizations and programs such as Tree City USA, Washington Department of Fish &amp; Wildlife's <del>Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary</del> <a href="#">Habitat at Home</a> Program, forest education programs, tree preservation, and shoreline stewardship programs.</p> <p>D. Promote public outreach activities aimed at encouraging water conservation and water recycling.</p> <p>E. <del>Maintain a continually updated list of</del> <a href="#">Enhance access to</a> City, County and State planning, environmental and development documents. <del>at City Hall and the Anacortes Public Library for public review.</del></p> <p>F. Publish and make available information about programs to help private property owners maintain property in its historic or undeveloped state, such as tax benefits, the Nature Conservancy, Skagit Land Trust, City Historic Preservation Board sellback and leaseback, property</p> | <p>Tone consistency.</p> <p>Updated to reflect that municipal code provisions and educational programs currently exist to implement this policy.</p> <p>Updated to current name of the program - "Habitat at Home".</p> <p>Updated to recognize availability of current documents, codes, and plans via the internet and other electronic means.</p> |                                                                                    |

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|                   | Preservation Board sellback and leaseback, property donation, property exchange, cluster development, and transferrable development rights.<br><br>G. Implement the educational provisions of the Critical Areas Ordinance.          | donation, property exchange, cluster development, and transferrable development rights.<br><br><del>G. Implement the educational provisions of the Critical Areas Ordinance.</del>                                                                                                                                    | The adopted CAO does not contain specific educational provisions.                                                              |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.4     | Actively work with local, regional, and state agencies and private entities, to acquire and preserve larger tracts of key open space lands in the region, including through such programs as transfer of development rights (TDR).   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.5     | Identify and inventory areas of aesthetic, educational, historical, cultural, and/or biological significance, encourage their preservation, and regulate development which could cause significant deterioration of these qualities. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.6     | Provide opportunities for residents to have access to undeveloped natural areas where appropriate.                                                                                                                                   | <del>Continue to provide</del> <u>recreational access</u> opportunities for residents to undeveloped natural areas, <del>where appropriate,</del> <u>when feasible, via parks, trails, and access points. Consider impacts on public access when developing climate adaptation plans and implementing strategies.</u> | Updates for clarity and to integrate climate measure.                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.7     | Work cooperatively with Skagit County in development of land use plans and review of development proposals to identify and protect habitat networks and critical areas on an interjurisdictional basis.                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.8     | Use the best available science to preserve or enhance the function and values of critical areas through regulations, programs, and incentives.                                                                                       | Use the best available science, <u>and consider future climate impacts,</u> to preserve or enhance the function and values of critical areas through regulations, programs, and incentives.                                                                                                                           | 'Best available' science should include climate change, but this makes it clear.                                               |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-1.9     | Work with appropriate agencies and property owners to identify and facilitate the clean-up of contaminated sites.                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-2.</b> | <b>Marine waters and shorelines.</b> Preserve, protect, enhance and restore shoreline natural resources.                                                                                                                             | <del>Marine waters and shorelines.</del><br><u>Shoreline Resources.</u> Preserve, protect, enhance and restore shoreline natural resources.                                                                                                                                                                           | More accurate topic heading.                                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-2.1     | Ensure that shoreline uses adhere to the goals and policies outlined in the City of Anacortes Shoreline Master Program (ASMP), including achievement of no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.                               | Ensure that shoreline uses <u>and modifications</u> adhere to the goals, <del>and</del> policies, <u>and regulations</u> outlined in the City of Anacortes Shoreline Master Program (ASMP), including achievement of no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.                                                   | Clarifications.<br>Keep this policy in EC element for cross reference to SMP for shoreline-related policies.                   |                                                                                    |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>New Policy:</u><br><u>Assess the sea level rise vulnerability of wetlands, aquatic vegetation, beaches and dunes, and other valuable natural assets and collaborate with landowners and partners to support adaptation.</u>                                                                                        | New climate measure;<br>Cross reference to Climate Element CE-4.2. Consider relocating to Shoreline Element during SMP update. |                                                                                    |

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| Policy EC-2.2     | Encourage projects that restore, rehabilitate, and enhance shoreline resources.                                                                                                              | <del>Encourage projects that restore, rehabilitate, and enhance shoreline resources.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Recommend removal of policies EC-2.2 through EC-2.6 from EC element.<br><br>Policies are duplicative of policies within the adopted <a href="#">2010 Anacortes Shoreline Master Program</a> , and <a href="#">pending amendments</a> thereto.<br><br>The goals and policies of the SMP are intended to be migrated to a new Shoreline Element of the Comprehensive Plan, so it is not necessary to repeat them within this Element. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy EC-2.3     | Identify unique and sensitive shoreline areas and actively work with partner agencies and private property owners to enhance, restore and achieve permanent protection.                      | <del>Identify unique and sensitive shoreline areas and actively work with partner agencies and private property owners to enhance, restore and achieve permanent protection.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | See note above.<br>Recommend removal of policy from EC element.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy EC-2.4     | Develop a recreational and wildlife corridor along the Guemes Channel with links to other natural areas including Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL), Ship Harbor, and Washington Park. | <del>Develop a recreational and wildlife corridor along the Guemes Channel with links to other natural areas including Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL), Ship Harbor, and Washington Park.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | See note above.<br>Recommend removal of policy from EC element.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy EC-2.5     | Work to preserve and restore forage fish spawning areas as shown in the Fidalgo Bay Sub-Area Plan and its restoration element.                                                               | <del>Work to preserve and restore forage fish spawning areas as shown in the Fidalgo Bay Sub-Area Plan and its restoration element.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | See note above.<br>Recommend removal of policy from EC element.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy EC-2.6     | Soft armoring of shorelines is generally preferred over riprap or hard armoring.                                                                                                             | <del>Soft armoring of shorelines is generally preferred over riprap or hard armoring.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | See note above.<br>Recommend removal of policy from EC element.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Goal EC-3.</b> | <b>Natural Hazards.</b> Reduce exposure to landslides, tsunamis and earthquakes.                                                                                                             | <b>Natural Hazards.</b> Reduce exposure to <a href="#">the impacts of flooding, erosion, landslides, tsunamis and earthquakes, seismic events.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Update goal to be more specific and include reference to more hazards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy EC-3.1     | Protect, and where feasible, enhance or restore existing shoreline and other flood-prone areas.                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy EC-3.2     | When development occurs within the 100-year floodplain, seek to minimize risk to people, property and the environment.                                                                       | <del>When</del> <a href="#">Plan for and regulate</a> development <del>occurs</del> within <a href="#">frequently flooded areas, including</a> the 100-year floodplain <a href="#">and coastal hazard areas, seek</a> to minimize risk to people, property and the environment. <a href="#">Consider climate change, including sea-level rise, extreme precipitation, increased winter streamflow, and other impacts, in frequently flooded areas management planning.</a> | Suggest expanding policy to include Climate planning in floodplain management.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | When <del>Plan for and regulate</del> development <a href="#">occurs</a> within <a href="#">frequently flooded areas, including</a> the 100-year floodplain <a href="#">and coastal hazard areas, seek</a> to minimize risk to people, property and the environment. <a href="#">Consider climate change, including sea-level</a> |

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|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <a href="#">New Policy: Identify areas vulnerable to groundwater flooding and review and update regulations to reduce impacts.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Add new climate-related policy. Cross reference to Climate Element.                        |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.3  | Manage development in erosion hazard areas to minimize erosion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.4  | Avoid potential impacts to life and property by strictly limiting land disturbance and development in landslide prone areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.5  | Support and promote seismic hazard preparedness efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.6  | Integrate regulatory standards such as buffers and setbacks with hazard avoidance measures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <del>Integrate regulatory standards such as buffers and setbacks with hazard avoidance measures.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Consolidated with EC-3.11, as both involve development regulations.                        |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.7  | Coordinate hazard vulnerability assessments with programs for purchase or preservation of open space.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.8  | Update hazard mitigation and disaster plans a minimum of every five years as a joint effort with Skagit County in coordination with local agencies.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Update hazard mitigation and disaster plans a minimum of every five years as a joint effort with Skagit County in coordination with local agencies <a href="#">and integrate findings from climate vulnerability and risk assessment.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Suggest expanding policy to include Climate-related work.                                  |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.9  | Coordinate related activities of City departments with the County, State, and Federal agencies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.10 | Continue to compile and revise mapping of vulnerable areas by using City, County, State, and Federal databases. As additional surveying and other data collection is produced for infrastructure improvements, integrate this information into the mapping system. Update mapped hazard designation based on “real world” information as it becomes available. | <del>Continue to compile and revise mapping of vulnerable areas by using City, County, State, and Federal databases. As additional surveying and other data collection is produced for infrastructure improvements, integrate this information into the mapping system. Update mapped hazard designation based on “real world” information as it becomes available.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Consolidated with EC-3.12 as both address mapping of assets and hazards.                   |                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy EC-3.11 | Revise the Zoning, Subdivision, Critical areas regulations and the regulations portion of the Shoreline Master Program to incorporate hazard avoidance provisions and assure consistency of definitions and mapping.                                                                                                                                           | <del>Revise the Zoning, Subdivision, Critical areas</del> <a href="#">Maintain and update development</a> regulations <del>and the regulations portion of the Shoreline Master Program</del> to incorporate hazard avoidance provisions <del>and assure consistency of definitions and mapping including:</del> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Review required buffers and setbacks for steep slopes and shorelines vulnerable to erosion, and establish new minimums, if necessary, so improvements are not required to protect structures during their expected life.</a></li> <li><a href="#">Monitor existing regulations for elevating or setting back new and substantially improved structures to reduce the risk of damage caused by sea level rise, and to protect coastal ecosystems.</a></li> </ul> | Consolidated with EC-3.6 as both involve maintaining and updating development regulations. |                                                                                                                                               |

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| Policy EC-3.12    | Continue to update and maintain the City's GIS database inventory of city infrastructure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Continue to update and maintain the City's GIS <a href="#">mapping and</a> database inventory <del>of</del> <a href="#">with</a> city infrastructure, <a href="#">critical areas, hazards, and other data as new information becomes available.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                              | Consolidated with EC-3.10, as both address mapping. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-3.13    | Support public outreach programs to encourage public awareness of potential natural hazards and emergency procedures that are in place, including places of refuge and emergency contact information. Educate people in disaster survival strategies.                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-4.</b> | <b>Water Quality.</b> Protect and enhance water quality.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.1     | Work with neighboring jurisdictions, citizens and other partners to maintain and restore natural hydrological functions on a drainage basin level through providing education on and incorporating requirements that encourage Low Impact Development Techniques to facilitate mimicking the natural site drainage. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.2     | Promote the sustainable use of water resources, including conservation efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.3     | Reduce pollution of surface and ground water resources through regulations, programs, and public education.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.4     | Conduct regular inspections and maintenance of City sewer and stormwater infrastructure according to public works policies to minimize negative impacts to surface and groundwater.                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.5     | Review new and redevelopment to utilize stormwater best management practices, such as Low Impact Development and other natural drainage techniques.                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.6     | Strive to minimize impervious surfaces in the City.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.7     | Require the proper use and maintenance of existing on-site septic systems and require connection to sanitary sewer system whenever possible.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.8     | Protect and preserve areas that are critical for aquifer recharge, such as wetlands, streams, and water bodies.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-4.9     | Strive for "no net loss" of wetland acreage, function and value within each drainage basin over the long term.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-5.</b> | <b>Fish &amp; Wildlife.</b> Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-5.1     | Identify, plan for and preserve habitat areas, including wildlife corridors and areas with healthy native ecosystems, through development regulations and as part of the Parks and Recreation and ACFL Comprehensive Plans and Open Space Connectivity Map.                                                         | Identify, plan for, and preserve habitat areas, including wildlife corridors and areas with healthy native ecosystems, through development regulations and as part of the Parks and Recreation and ACFL Comprehensive Plans and Open Space Connectivity Map. <a href="#">Protect these natural assets in perpetuity to enhance ecological connectivity, support biodiversity, and contribute to community resilience against climate change.</a> | Added section based on WDFW comments.               |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-5.2     | Participate in regional species protection efforts, including salmon habitat protection and restoration.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-5.3     | Encourage the removal of invasive species and the replanting of natural vegetation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                    |

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| Policy EC-5.4     | With the exception of habitat improvements, stream alterations should only occur when absolutely necessary and should minimize adverse impacts to aquatic life.                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-5.5     | Encourage residents and businesses to install and maintain landscaping that includes native plants and provides year-round habitat for birds and other wildlife.                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-5.6     | Encourage the use of buffers between new development and the Anacortes Community Forest Lands that reflect the nature of the existing vegetation, sensitivity of the habitat, and the type and intensity of human activity proposed to be conducted nearby.                |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| <b>Goal EC-6.</b> | <b>Surface water.</b> Maintain or improve the functional integrity of watercourses, wetlands, bodies of water and their shores.                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-6.1     | Streams and wetlands should be examined in a basin-wide approach before adjustments to the system are considered.                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-6.2     | Streams and wetlands should be maintained in their existing natural condition, or restored where appropriate.                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-6.3     | Significant fills and excavations, which by their nature affect both surface and groundwater dynamics and habitat, shall be allowed only by permit process.                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-6.4     | Inventory all significant drainage patterns and make this information available to City planners and residents.                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-6.5     | Place appropriate restrictions on land surface modifications that would cause unnecessary landscape scarring, hydrology modifications, erosion, or undermining of support of nearby land, including, but not limited to, dredging, filling, clearing, paving, and grading. |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="#">New Policy:</a><br><a href="#">Identify, protect and restore watershed-scale processes to maximize the ecological benefits and climate resilience of riparian ecosystems.</a> | Suggest new climate-related policy.                                      | There is very similar language in draft Climate Element, only include in one location. |
| <b>Goal EC-7.</b> | Recognize the importance of mature trees as an integral part of the ecology and heritage of the city.                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">Trees.</a> Recognize the importance of mature trees as an integral part of the ecology and heritage of the city.                                                              | Add topic heading for consistency.                                       |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-7.1     | Retention and protection of mature trees should be an essential consideration in project development and building plans.                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-7.2     | Develop regulations which encourage tree retention and provide regulatory penalties for unauthorized tree removal.                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-7.3     | Consider development of a permitting process to consider requests for removal of trees.                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-7.4     | Educate people in the value of planting and retaining trees.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-7.5     | Maintain and enhance a street tree maintenance program on arterial streets and City-owned trees.                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-7.6     | Where on-site tree retention or planting is not feasible, consider allowing off-site options for planting and restoration in order to meet tree retention requirements and achieve tree canopy coverage.                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| <b>Goal EC-8.</b> | <b>Sustainability.</b> Increase the sustainability and efficiency of building practices in Anacortes.                                                                                                                                                                      | <del><b>Sustainability.</b> Increase the sustainability and efficiency of building practices in Anacortes.</del>                                                                          | Remove goal from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                        |

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| Policy EC-8.1     | Energy conservation shall be a goal in the design or remodeling of commercial, public and residential buildings.                                                                                                              | <del>Energy conservation shall be a goal in the design or remodeling of commercial, public and residential buildings.</del>                                                                                                              | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.2     | Encourage building and site designs that consider solar access of adjacent properties and that best offer opportunities for maximum use of southern exposures and the use of natural climate conditions.                      | <del>Encourage building and site designs that consider solar access of adjacent properties and that best offer opportunities for maximum use of southern exposures and the use of natural climate conditions.</del>                      | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.3     | Promote the use of environmentally friendly construction practices, such as those specified under certification systems such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).                                         | <del>Promote the use of environmentally friendly construction practices, such as those specified under certification systems such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).</del>                                         | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.4     | Develop incentives for construction or remodeling of structures to utilize state of the art energy conservation techniques (including, but not limited to, insulation, passive energy design, co-generation).                 | <del>Develop incentives for construction or remodeling of structures to utilize state of the art energy conservation techniques (including, but not limited to, insulation, passive energy design, co-generation).</del>                 | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.5     | Encourage projects that utilize green energy strategies and innovative approaches to conserving resources by providing incentives such as flexibility in meeting regulatory requirements.                                     | <del>Encourage projects that utilize green energy strategies and innovative approaches to conserving resources by providing incentives such as flexibility in meeting regulatory requirements.</del>                                     | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.6     | Promote sustainable building and site management and maintenance practices.                                                                                                                                                   | <del>Promote sustainable building and site management and maintenance practices.</del>                                                                                                                                                   | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.7     | Encourage conversion of existing low-efficiency building stock to cost-effective and environmentally sensitive alternative technologies and energy sources.                                                                   | <del>Encourage conversion of existing low-efficiency building stock to cost-effective and environmentally sensitive alternative technologies and energy sources.</del>                                                                   | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.8.    | Encourage the creation of an energy conservation microloan program in partnership with other agencies.                                                                                                                        | <del>Encourage the creation of an energy conservation microloan program in partnership with other agencies.</del>                                                                                                                        | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.9     | Work with Puget Sound Energy to encourage conservation in street lighting and other public and private uses and support programs that encourage renewable energy production.                                                  | <del>Work with Puget Sound Energy to encourage conservation in street lighting and other public and private uses and support programs that encourage renewable energy production.</del>                                                  | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.10    | Become a leader in innovative energy efficiency and reduction strategies through support and implementation of programs such as the City of Anacortes Community Energy Plan.                                                  | <del>Become a leader in innovative energy efficiency and reduction strategies through support and implementation of programs such as the City of Anacortes Community Energy Plan.</del>                                                  | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.11    | Where consistent with the desired character and intensity of the zone, encourage renovation and adaptive re-use of existing buildings as a strategy to reduce waste and the need to expend energy in producing new materials. | <del>Where consistent with the desired character and intensity of the zone, encourage renovation and adaptive re-use of existing buildings as a strategy to reduce waste and the need to expend energy in producing new materials.</del> | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-8.12    | Consider developing a sustainable energy task force to develop a strategic plan to assist in meeting City energy reduction goals.                                                                                             | <del>Consider developing a sustainable energy task force to develop a strategic plan to assist in meeting City energy reduction goals.</del>                                                                                             | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-9.</b> | <b>Air quality.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                            |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-9.1     | Promote compliance with federal and state air pollution control laws and improvements to regional air quality in cooperation with the Northwest Clean Air Agency.                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                            |                                                                                    |

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| Policy EC-9.2      | Maintain high air quality through land use and transportation planning and management.                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-9.3      | Reduce the amount of airborne particulates through a street sweeping program, dust abatement on construction sites, covered loads of hauled materials, and other methods to reduce dust sources.                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-10.</b> | <b>Noise.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-10.1     | Maintain noise regulations to limit noise to levels that protect the public health and that allow residential, commercial, industrial and manufacturing areas to be used for their intended purposes.                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-10.2     | Adopt provisions to help ensure that mixed-use developments are designed and operated to minimize noise impacts. Measures may include provisions controlling uses, design and construction measures, and timing requirements.                                                   |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-10.3     | Require buffering or other noise reduction and mitigation measures to reduce noise impacts from Commercial and Industrial zones on residential zones.                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-11.</b> | <b>Light Pollution.</b> Reduce light pollution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-11.1     | Minimize and manage ambient light levels to protect the integrity of ecological systems and public health without compromising safety and cultural expression.                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-11.2     | Design and construct night lighting to minimize glare and to avoid light spillover onto nearby properties.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-11.3     | Minimize overhead lighting that would shine on the water surface of the City's shorelines or streams. Encourage the use of pedestrian level or shaded lighting when providing lighting along the Tommy Thompson and Guemes Channel trail.                                       |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-11.4     | Establish design standards and other regulations, where appropriate, that employ "dark skies" approaches.                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-12.</b> | <b>Food security.</b> Promote a resilient local food system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-12.1     | Support efforts to identify food vulnerabilities and formulate strategies to increase food resilience.                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-12.2     | Support community workshops, educational programs, and local farmers markets that encourage local food production.                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-12.3     | Promote increased access to locally-grown foods by providing space for community gardens, encouraging growing food in backyard gardens, and encouraging the location of fresh food markets and community gardens in close proximity to multifamily uses and transit facilities. |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-12.4     | Support a local food system that includes a diversity of food sources, encourages consumption of local, healthy foods with a low carbon footprint, minimizes adverse impacts to eco-systems, and minimizes food waste.                                                          |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-12.5     | Support development of infrastructure for processing and storing food.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                    |
| <b>Goal EC-13.</b> | <b>Climate Change.</b> Anacortes should be a regional leader in mitigating and adapting to climate change.                                                                                                                                                                      | <del>Climate Change. Anacortes should be a regional leader in mitigating and adapting to climate change.</del>                                             | Remove goal from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element. |                                                                                    |

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| Policy EC-13.1 | Support local community and multi-jurisdictional efforts to raise awareness, address impacts of, and develop solutions to the challenges of climate change.                                                                                  | <del>Support local community and multi-jurisdictional efforts to raise awareness, address impacts of, and develop solutions to the challenges of climate change.</del>                                                                                  | Remove policy from C&E element and relocate/revise in the Climate element.                                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-13.2 | Consider a multi-pronged approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation, including support for energy efficiency (Anacortes Community Energy Plan), promotion of “green energy”, vehicle trip reduction, and environmental protection. | <del>Consider a multi-pronged approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation, including support for energy efficiency (Anacortes Community Energy Plan), promotion of “green energy”, vehicle trip reduction, and environmental protection.</del> | Remove policy for C&E element and include as Guiding Principle in the Climate element.                              |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-13.3 | Advocate for administrative practices, land use patterns, transportation systems, and building practices that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.                                                                                          | <del>Advocate for administrative practices, land use patterns, transportation systems, and building practices that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</del>                                                                                          | Remove policy from the C&E element and replace with more specific policies in the Climate element.                  |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-13.4 | Initial efforts to identify potential local climate change impacts on built, natural and human systems and conduct a vulnerability assessment.                                                                                               | <del>Initial efforts to identify potential local climate change impacts on built, natural and human systems and conduct a vulnerability assessment.</del>                                                                                               | Remove policy from C&E element replace with more specific policies in the Climate element.                          |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-13.5 | Recognize that the information surrounding climate change is constantly evolving and track the best available science to use for planning purposes.                                                                                          | <del>Recognize that the information surrounding climate change is constantly evolving and track the best available science to use for planning purposes.</del>                                                                                          | Remove policy from the C&E element and include as Guiding Principle in the climate element, as well as noted above. |                                                                                    |
| Policy EC-13.6 | Consider climate change impacts, including sea level rise, when conducting review of proposed land use and transportation actions and programs.                                                                                              | <del>Consider climate change impacts, including sea level rise, when conducting review of proposed land use and transportation actions and programs.</del>                                                                                              | Remove policy from C&E element replace with more specific policies in the Climate element.                          |                                                                                    |

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From Bud Anderson <budathome2012@hotmail.com>  
Date Wed 4/23/2025 11:00 AM  
To Bud Anderson <budathome2012@hotmail.com>

COA - Comprehensive Plan

From:  
Bud Anderson  
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Home: 360-293-5343

My Comments:

I would like to submit my comments on the COA Comprehensive Plan. I would like to make four points:

1. I appreciate the State of Washington, for requiring the Cities and Counties in Washington to address the issue of Climate Change in their long range planning process.
2. I appreciate the COA for doing a credible job in hiring a quality consultant and having a report issued that appears to be accurate and fairly complete.
3. The only major oversight in the report is the lack of information on the effects of the two refineries in our Community. The fact that the County and the City are each ducking the responsibility to report on the refineries in their Comp Plan is unacceptable. Regardless of the false claim by both government bodies: "it is not our responsibility", I'm sorry, but it is. Step up and report the refineries data. If you choose not to, your report will lack credibility. There are two detailed reports that have been issued by the State of Washington, Dept of Commerce that address this issue. Reference the Skagit County 2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis and the February 25, 2025 WWU report on the Washington State Refineries Economic Impact Study. Both report about 3 million metric tons annually of CO2 sourced at the two Anacortes Refineries.
4. How can our City and the Refineries partner to produce a win-win outcome? I propose that the refineries have a 3-year plan to plant trees on several hundred acres of open space on refinery property. There are hundreds of acres of fields that would be ideal to reforest. Remember, before the refineries were built, the land on March's Point was completely forested. This proposal would restore about 1/3 of the land back to its original forest configuration and provide

removal of massive amounts of greenhouse gasses. This would be a win for the refineries and a win for the COA.

Thank you,

Bud Anderson

## Libby Grage

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**From:** kathleen <tomflanagan1@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:53 PM  
**To:** Comp Plan  
**Subject:** Comp Plan Update  
**Attachments:** letter re refineries.docx

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Please find an attached letter for the Planning Commission. Thank you.

## Libby Grage

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**From:** xuhua.mu2@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:18 PM  
**To:** Comp Plan  
**Subject:** Lithium Battery Storage in Proposed Comprehensive Plan for Anacortes

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I strongly object the proposal of installing a lithium battery storage facility in Anacortes. The safety and environmental risks associated with lithium battery storage are too high. There are numerous examples worldwide on what could go wrong with lithium battery storage facilities in cities and suburbs. I would suggest the Planning Committee look into less risky methods to address energy supply issues.

Xuhua Mu  
Anacortes, WA

## Libby Grage

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**From:** Eddy Ury <eddyu@re-sources.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:30 PM  
**To:** Comp Plan  
**Subject:** RE Sources Comp Plan letter to Anacortes - April 23 2025  
**Attachments:** RE Sources Comp Plan letter to Anacortes - April 23 2025.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for accepting and considering our comments, here attached.

April 23, 2025

To: Anacortes Planning Commission  
Cc: City Council  
Mayor Matt Miller  
Planning Services

Re: **2025 Comp Plan Draft Update - Climate, Environment & Conservation Elements**

Honorable Planning Commissioners,

RE Sources is a non-profit organization founded in 1982. We work to protect the health of northwest Washington's people and ecosystems through the application of science, education, advocacy and action. We commend the City of Anacortes for developing and recommending forward-thinking policies for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update. We also appreciate the City's proactive engagement of participation from stakeholders through the Climate Policy Team, and outreach to the general public with efforts to make materials accessible at Open Houses and with the Climate Explorer online tool.

The newly proposed Climate Element should lead toward greater resiliency on Fidalgo Island in the face of foreseeable impacts from climate change in the coming decades. As the causes and effects of climate change already involve all the planning elements — land use, transportation, utilities, economic development, natural resources, etc. — municipal governments must face challenging decisions. Local laws and planning policies, or lack thereof, could make or break the course of development and decarbonization.

We support the proposed goals and policies for the Climate Element, as well as the existing policies and draft updates for Environment & Conservation. We however will note the proposal to remove and relocate numerous policies from under the Environment & Conservation goals, for the purpose of reducing redundancy. It is not immediately clear from the published review timeline when the new shoreline element will be open for public comment. The removal of policies under goal EC-2 gives pause because it appears that the City's Shoreline Management Program applies within city limits, while Skagit County's SMP covers outlying areas within the UGA and planning jurisdiction of Anacortes. However, the City's Comp Plan goals also pertain to the unincorporated UGA.

This overlapping jurisdiction happens to include the designated Industrial & Heavy Manufacturing area of March Point, which is one of the largest sources of pollution in the Pacific Northwest. The reported direct greenhouse gas emissions from March Point dwarf those of Anacortes and the rest of Skagit County. As it falls outside city limits, the industrial

area's emissions were not included in the City's GHG inventory. Nonetheless, development there is indeed shaped by Anacortes Comprehensive Plan policies and Anacortes Municipal Code. For instance, Policy ED-4.7 in the (2016) adopted Comprehensive Plan states:

*Anticipate and plan for potential future desired uses at the March Point refineries as product types, manufacturing processes, economic competitiveness, and transportation methods change.*

This is a prudent policy, as opportunities abound for industrial development that will secure Anacortes' economic future. No matter the direction of the energy sector, March Point is uniquely positioned to attract investments, given its geographic position, zoning, and existing infrastructure for high-volume marine shipping and industrial utilities services.

The other municipalities in our region which host oil refineries, namely Whatcom County and the City of Tacoma, have adopted more specific Comp Plan policies and subsequently enacted development regulations that prohibit new fossil fuel industries outright and set conditions for permitting modifications to existing oil refineries and terminals. Anacortes and Skagit County, in contrast, have minimal and vague designations in the zoning code, leaving ambiguity and uncertainty over what is ultimately permissible given overlapping regulatory constraints.

Anacortes can be proactive by initiating a process to formulate specific policies and regulations that determine conditions for industrial growth. With clearer statutes defining parameters for development, concerned parties (i.e. tribes, environmental groups, neighbors) could be better assured of conditions upfront, while project applicants would gain more predictable and expeditious outcomes. All involved — businesses, government administrators and concerned stakeholders alike — should benefit from transparent rules and guidelines that clarify expectations.

Thank you for your diligent service and thoughtful consideration of public input to shape our shared future. We look forward to further engaging in this process.

Sincerely,

Eddy Ury

Climate & Energy Policy Manager  
RE Sources

## Libby Grage

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**From:** Laurie Sherman <shermanpt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:49 PM  
**To:** Comp Plan  
**Subject:** Anacortes GMA Climate Piece

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

First I want to commend you on the difficult and extensive work done in tackling this project. Its been a huge task and we all thank you for helping us plan wisely for our future. Tonight my comments are focused on the *GMA Climate* piece. My greatest concern is the "elephant in the room", the 2 refineries. They sit in a precarious management position as part of both COA's UGA and the county to enforce the approved uses. Neither entity seems to be addressing it. The *GMA Climate* piece asks us to evaluate our *GHG* emissions and set a course to reduce them in order to meet the many state and federal goals by 2050. Now is the time to plan for our future. Now is the time to set the guidelines that will attract the types of businesses we'd like to have on March Point.

According to a report published by WA state DEPT of Commerce and written by WWU on WA refineries: "The March Point heavy impact industrial zone falls within the City of Anacortes' Urban Growth Area. Development there is subject to Anacortes Municipal Code, and is shaped by Anacortes

Comprehensive Plan policies, although Skagit County manages permitting and environmental review processes for projects."

I see no mention of the refineries in the COA, GMA climate evaluation. I have heard that the county GMA consultants evaluated the emissions, tho I have had trouble finding details about this. What I'd like to see and needs to happen is a conversation and agreements between the city and the county, tribes and refineries about our future. Its a grey area that neither the City or the County seem to be addressing and its key to a successful future. We need a guarantee this is not being overlooked. WE need to set clear rules and regulations for the March Point land, in order to attract the kinds of businesses we want to support.

It is my understanding that all the other refineries in the state have clearly regulated the land use and have since attracted new business to the area. Let's take the responsible and powerful approach rather than leaving to chance another Tethys bottling plant that took so much energy to stop or worse a chemical plant or tank farm. It is imperative that The City and the County create a working relationship over March point to reduce our emissions. As we put in public transportation, go electric, develop solar and alternative energy sources, we will reduce our need for oil. Ultimately we will need new industries to take over. We have run out of time to postpone this action. The next GMA will be too late. The people of Anacortes want a healthy and powerful future. Please dont ignore this. The COA has a say over UGA. Lets voice it!

Laurie Sherman  
4596 Ginnett Rd  
Anacortes, WA 98221



State of Washington

## Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 4

Region 4 information: 16018 Mill Creek Blvd, Mill Creek, WA 98012 | phone: (425)-775-1311

April 23, 2025

City of Anacortes  
Libby Grage, Planning Manager  
904 6th Street  
Anacortes, WA 98221

### **RE: Case ID: 2022-C-308, WDFW's comments for Anacortes' draft Climate and Environment & Conservation Comprehensive Plan elements**

Dear Ms. Grage,

On behalf of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Anacortes draft Comprehensive Plan elements as part of the current periodic update. Within the State of Washington's land use decision-making framework, WDFW is considered a technical advisor for the habitat needs of fish and wildlife and routinely provides input into the implications of land use decisions. We provide these comments and recommendations in keeping with our legislative mandate to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish and wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of future generations – a mission we can only accomplish in partnership with local jurisdictions.

**Table 1. Recommended changes to proposed policy language.**

| Policy Number                            | Policy Language<br>(with WDFW suggestions in red)                                                                                                                | WDFW Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Climate ( <a href="#">this version</a> ) |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| CE-2.4 Resilience and GHG                | Engage vulnerable communities, including seniors, lower-income residents, to raise awareness and deepen the local understanding of climate change by:...         | To help plan hazard-related communication and outreach, see how to get the conversation started using <a href="#">NOAA's template resources</a> as well as general information on their <a href="#">website</a> .              |
| CE-4.2 Resilience                        | Conduct a sea level rise vulnerability assessment with future updates to the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) and/or the Shoreline Management Program (SMP) to:... | Adaptive capacity is discussed in the Department of Commerce's <a href="#">Climate Element Planning Guidance</a> when existing assets are at risk and need to be relocated. Please see the above link for further information. |

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|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Additionally, as FEMA’s Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) modeling does not consider climate change projections, we suggest Anacortes supplement FIRM maps and related regulations with best available science. For example, King County regulations place <a href="#">‘Flood Protection Elevations’</a> three feet above base flood elevation for development within specific flood-prone areas.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| CE-4.4 Resilience          | Protect and restore riparian vegetation to reduce erosion, provide shade, provide habitat connectivity, and support other functions that improve the climate resilience of streams, while balancing the need to protect structures adjacent to forested areas from wildfire danger... | <p>We encourage Anacortes to outline the requirement to replace/mitigate any lost riparian vegetation, even in cases of removal for wildfire hazard reduction. The requirement for no net loss of ecological functions and values within critical areas (WAC 365-196-830) still applies here. We recommend clearly outlining a pathway for mitigation where there is a loss of riparian vegetation under any scenario.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE-5.4 Resilience          | Increase community awareness of local wildfire risks and collaborate with property-owners in high-risk areas when developing a community wildfire protection plan.                                                                                                                    | <p>We greatly appreciate the emphasis placed of wildfire community preparedness. See the following resources for further information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">DNR’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan Guidance</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Firewise</a> - This program is administered by the NFPA. A main goal of this program is for communities to voluntarily organize on an annual basis to complete fire prevention work.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Wildfire Ready Neighbors</a> – schedule a locally trained expert to assess homes for ignition risk likelihood.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Retrofitting a Home for Wildfire Resistance Costs and Considerations</a> - This document outlines the costs of retrofitting homes to be fire-resistant and implementing home hardening techniques, reflecting a growing body of research that emphasizes the importance of wildfire resistance in the built environment.</li> </ul> |
| CE -7.1 GHG and Resilience | Offer incentives to promote new buildings to include energy efficiency and renewable energy features beyond minimum code requirements.                                                                                                                                                | <p>Shoreline’s <a href="#">Deep Green Incentive Program</a> offers a model for encouraging eco-friendly construction through streamlined processes and financial incentives. Additionally, resources like the <a href="#">Sustainable Development Code</a> website provide practical guidance on removing regulatory barriers, creating incentives, and filling gaps to promote sustainable development. See also the city of <a href="#">Issaquah</a> and <a href="#">Bellevue’s</a> clean building incentive</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | programs that assist applicants in reaching energy efficiency standards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| CE -7.5 GHG and Resilience | Retrofit City-owned buildings for energy efficiency by updating building materials, transitioning heating in City buildings to energy efficient heat pump technologies, updating mechanical systems and lighting, <b>pursuing 'cool' or 'green' roofs</b> , replacing back-up generators and/or adding onsite solar and battery storage systems, where feasible. | See how the <a href="#">city of Boston</a> is identifying priority blocks that could yield the greatest benefits to residents in pursuit of a “cool” roof goal. Similarly, "green" roofs covered with sedum, native flowers, and other low-maintenance vegetation help insulate buildings from solar heat and provide pollinator habitat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE -8.3 GHG and Resilience | Encourage local microgrid solar, battery storage facilities, and/or other small-scale renewable energy generation projects on low-impact sites (i.e., large roof-tops, and/or over parking lots, etc.) to support electrification by providing locally-generated power.                                                                                          | We recommend Anacortes prepare regulatory code for the implementation of new energy facilities, such as battery storage facilities, to ensure proper siting and design.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| CE-9.2 Resilience          | Identify and implement strategies to increase the resilience of the shoreline environment to sea-level rise and other climate hazards, while also protecting shoreline ecological functions, allowing water-dependent uses, and providing public access. <b>Prioritize soft-shore stabilization techniques over hard armoring.</b>                               | Hard armoring disrupts natural shoreline processes, accelerates erosion on adjacent properties, and degrades critical fish and wildlife habitat, particularly for threatened salmon populations. Natural and soft-shore stabilization techniques (e.g., large woody debris, bioengineering, and native vegetation) preserve ecological functions, improve water quality, and support climate resilience by allowing shorelines to adapt naturally. These approaches also help maintain public access, aesthetic value, and long-term cost savings by reducing the need for costly repairs associated with hardened structures. Prioritizing natural stabilization ensures that shorelines remain resilient, functional, and ecologically intact for future generations. <a href="#">See DOE Soft Shoreline Stabilization.</a> See also WDFW <a href="#">Marine Shoreline Design Guidelines</a> . |
| CE-12.3 Resilience         | Reduce stormwater impacts from transportation and development through watershed planning, redevelopment and retrofit projects, and low-impact development.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | We recommend requiring Low Impact Development (LID) for all development adjacent to waterways, exceeding state minimum standards to better protect water quality, reduce runoff, and enhance ecological resilience. Resources: <a href="#">Olympia Rain Garden Incentive Program</a> , <a href="#">Puget Sound Green Stormwater Infrastructure Incentives Programs</a> , <a href="#">Green</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                      | a) Coordinate with State, regional, and local agencies to plan and prioritize culvert upgrades that consider climate impacts to ensure fish passage barrier removal and stormwater management needs.                               | <a href="#">Stormwater Infrastructure Assistance Programs Guidebook</a> , and the <a href="#">Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington</a> . For further resources, see the <a href="#">Salmon Safe website</a> . Through rigorous, peer-reviewed certification and accreditation programs (similar to LEED), Salmon-Safe collaborates with farmers, developers, and landowners to promote practices that protect water quality, maintain watershed health, and restore vital habitats.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CE-13.1 Resilience                                                   | a) Map transportation infrastructure that is vulnerable to repeated floods, and other natural hazards, and designate alternative travel routes for critical transportation corridors when roads must be closed.                    | We greatly appreciate the intent to map vulnerable public infrastructure and would be very interested in any updates related to this endeavor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| CE-15 GHG and Resilience                                             | Protecting Water Infrastructure: Protect and preserve water quality and quantity from drought, extreme heat, and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.                                                                      | To better protect and preserve water quality and quantity from climate change impacts such as drought, extreme heat, and other hazards, we recommend requiring project applicants to develop emergency response plans that address sewage spills, infrastructure failures, and contamination risks for all applicable development within shoreline use designations. This approach would not only safeguard public health and ecosystems but also help discourage less suitable projects from being proposed in these hydrologically dynamic and ecologically sensitive areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Environment &amp; Conservation (<a href="#">this version</a>)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy EC-1.4                                                        | Actively work with local, regional, and state agencies and private entities, to acquire and preserve larger tracts of key open space lands in the region, including through such programs as transfer of development rights (TDR). | To align with <a href="#">WAC 365-196-335</a> , (requiring the identification of open space corridors that support recreation, wildlife habitat, trail connections, and linkages between critical areas) we recommend Anacortes design open space standards for all new residential developments that incorporate habitat connectivity. Open space set-asides should be planned and integrated across adjacent parcels to create a connected network of open spaces that supports wildlife habitat connectivity, shaded pedestrian pathways, and passive recreation opportunities. By incorporating these ideas, the city can enhance its open space requirements to serve both people and wildlife, ensuring that open space functions as an interconnected system rather than isolated patches. |

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| Policy EC-1.5 | Identify and inventory areas of aesthetic, educational, historical, cultural, <b>ecosystem service</b> , and/or biological significance, encourage their preservation, and regulate development which could cause significant deterioration of these qualities. | It is important to highlight ecosystem services in this section as a crucial component of this identification process. Natural features, such as preserved vegetation and natural stormwater management, offer essential ecosystem services like air and water purification, temperature regulation, and flood control. These services can be more cost-effective and sustainable than built infrastructure, which often requires high installation and maintenance expenses. By leveraging natural solutions, Anacortes can reduce costs associated with artificial stormwater systems, erosion control, and heat island mitigation, while creating greener, healthier urban spaces. See the USGS's <a href="#">Ecosystem Services Assessment and Valuation</a> tools, as well as <a href="#">i-Tree</a> . See also FEMA's guide <a href="#">Building Community Resilience with Nature-based Solutions</a> , as well as software to track these resources from <a href="#">Natural Capital Project</a> . Furthermore, <a href="#">Kitsap County's Natural Resource Asset Management Program (KNRAMP)</a> employs a structured approach to manage its natural assets (such as forests, shorelines, and freshwater systems) by establishing Levels of Service (LOS) metrics. These LOS metrics serve as measures of quality, indicating how well natural assets are functioning and the extent of ecosystem services they provide. |
| Policy EC-1.7 | Work cooperatively with Skagit County in development of land use plans and review of development proposals to identify and protect habitat networks and critical areas on an interjurisdictional basis.                                                         | We greatly appreciate the inclusion of this policy and recommend <a href="#">WDFW's Priority Habitats and Species</a> resources also be duly incorporated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Policy EC-3.3 | Manage development in erosion hazard areas to minimize erosion. <b>Prioritize soft armoring techniques over hard armoring to preserve natural shoreline functions and resilience.</b>                                                                           | See comment above for CE-9.2 Resilience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy EC-4.9 | <del>Strive for</del> <b>Adaptively manage for</b> "no net loss" of wetland <b>and riparian</b> acreage, function and value within each drainage basin over the long term. <b>Establish a</b>                                                                   | <a href="#">WAC 365-196-660</a> (2)(b) recommends critical areas regulations be reviewed to ensure they are achieving no net loss of ecosystem functions and values. This review should include an analysis of monitoring plans, regulations and permits to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|               | monitoring and adaptive management program designed to collect information on CAO effectiveness, evaluate the potential for exemptions and variances to cumulatively affect critical area functions across the jurisdiction, and improve permit implementation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ensure they are efficient and effective at achieving protection goals and implementation benchmarks. For resources, please see the WA Department of Commerce's <a href="#">Critical Areas Handbook - Chapter 7.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Policy EC-7.1 | Retention and protection of mature trees should be an essential consideration in project development and building plans. An analysis at the project scale of critical area and mature vegetation avoidance measures must be shown to include:<br>a. Alternative building locations on the property;<br>b. Adjustments to the project footprint and orientation;<br>c. Modification of setbacks, where feasible, as a first option before encroaching into critical areas or their buffers;<br>d. Multi-story or alternate building design. | Outlining specific avoidance measures is essential because it provides clear, actionable steps for developers to minimize environmental impacts from the outset. Without defined guidelines, developers may overlook less impactful alternatives, leading to unnecessary degradation of critical areas and mature vegetation. Specific measures ensure that the priority of avoidance is effectively implemented, rather than defaulting to mitigation or compensation. This approach also aligns with state regulations that emphasize avoiding impacts before considering minimization or mitigation, helping to maintain ecological integrity and reduce long-term restoration costs. |

Additionally, we suggest utilizing the [Sound Choices Checklist](#) in further review of all Comprehensive Plan elements. This checklist utilized broad priorities that are applicable to all jurisdictions.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our recommendations to better reflect the best available science for fish and wildlife habitats and ecosystems. We value the relationship we have with your jurisdiction and the opportunity to work collaboratively with you throughout this periodic update cycle. If you have any questions or need our technical assistance or resources at any time during this process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Morgan Krueger  
Region 4 Land Use Lead  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Libby Grage

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**From:** pced  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 8:09 AM  
**To:** Comp Plan  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Planning Commission Review of Climate and Environment & Conservation Elements

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**From:** Kyle Loring <kyle@loringadvising.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:48 PM  
**To:** pced <pced@cityofanacortes.org>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Planning Commission Review of Climate and Environment & Conservation Elements

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Dear Planning, Community, and Economic Development,

Since online participants in tonight's Planning Commission hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Environment & Conservation Element and Climate Element weren't invited to provide their comments, I'm hoping that you will permit me to submit my comments via email at this time.

I work with Evergreen Islands, a local environmental conservation organization, and I believe you have already received a comment letter from their president. I would like to add the following:

- We appreciate the work that you and the consultants have done to add thoughtful environmental and climate protection to the Comprehensive Plan.
- We support the goals and policies that can be found in the original drafts of the two elements, prior to revisions proposed during the Planning Commissioner review process, with three recommendations:
  - that the sustainability policies that do not relate to climate change be retained in the Environment Element rather than relocated to the Climate Element. These would include Policy EC-8.3, 8.6, 8.7, and 8.11;
  - we recommend that a new policy be added under Climate Element Goal 10 (Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled), as follows: "Design and develop active transportation infrastructure"; and
  - we agree with other commenters that the Comprehensive Plan should address the future of March Point. We recognize that it lies outside the incorporated Anacortes, but it falls within the Urban Growth Area and we urge the City and Skagit County to collaborate and plan for the future of that area as petroleum product refining decreases.
- On a final point, we urge the City to ensure that the Marine goal, EC-2, and related policies proposed for deletion are already set forth in the Shoreline Master Program Goals and Policies before they are removed from the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you very much for your time, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,  
Kyle Loring

Kyle A Loring (*he/him*)

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## Libby Grage

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**From:** Sophia Steele <ssteele@wspa.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 1:37 PM  
**To:** Comp Plan  
**Cc:** Jessica Spiegel  
**Subject:** WSPA Comments on Climate Section of Comp Plan  
**Attachments:** WSPA Comment Letter Anacortes Comp Plan Update 2025.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Climate Elements of the comprehensive plan. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to discuss our feedback in more detail.

Best,

Sophia Steele

Sr. Manager, Northwest Region



C: 425.890.9723

O 360.352.4516



**Sophia Steele**

Senior Manager, Northwest Region

April 23, 2025

Sent via email to: [CompPlan@anacorteswa.gov](mailto:CompPlan@anacorteswa.gov)

City of Anacortes  
Planning, Community & Economic Development Department  
ATTN: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update  
P.O. Box 547 / 904 6th Street  
Anacortes, WA 98221

**Re: WSPA Comments on City of Anacortes 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Dear Planning, Community & Economic Development Department :

The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) appreciates the opportunity to provide the City of Anacortes Planning, Community & Economic Development Department (City) with our comments on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) periodic update process. We recognize and support the time and efforts your staff, and the Planning Commission, have invested in updating these overarching goals and vision statements that will guide growth and development in the City of Anacortes over the next twenty years.

WSPA is a non-profit trade association representing companies that create the energy we need today for the future of transportation. This includes renewable diesel as well as other biofuels, along with innovative solar, other sustainable energy projects, and carbon capture and sequestration. WSPA members' companies also continue to produce traditional petroleum-based products, which remain a vital energy source in Washington.

Two WSPA member companies own and operate refineries and other assets located in an unincorporated area of Skagit County that is also part of the Urban Growth Area of the City of Anacortes. These companies and their facilities are long-standing community partners and important assets to the local, regional, and state economy. These facilities are also heavily regulated by federal, state, and regional climate policies, as well as a complex myriad of health, safety, and environmental laws and regulations.

With the passage of HB1181, which adds a climate goal to the Growth Management Act, we understand the City must incorporate a climate element into this periodic Plan update, including both a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions Sub-Element and a Resilience Sub-Element. This is a substantial undertaking, and WSPA appreciates the extensive stakeholder engagement efforts of City staff throughout this process, including the formation of a Climate Team, and the current work of the Anacortes Planning Commission during their deliberations on incorporating draft goals and policies into the new Climate Element, as well as drafting amendments to the goals and policies of the Environment & Conservation Element.

The goals, policies, and strategies contained in the draft elements for Climate and Environment & Conservation should not conflict, but instead remain consistent with goals, policies, and strategies on the federal, state, and regional level. WSPA recommends drafting these two

element goals, policies, and strategies such that they will be taken into *consideration* for future planning and development, and thereby providing flexibility for planning staff to: (1) guide day-to-day planning decisions, (2) avoid situations of narrowly construing policies and goals when administering regulations and codes, and (3) foster implementation in a manner that continues to balance protection of the natural environment and community resiliency with support of business strength and development important to the City of Anacortes and Skagit County economies.

On behalf of WSPA and its member companies, I would like to express our appreciation for the good work done to date in drafting this periodic Plan update, and the engagement of stakeholders and community to provide input on these proposed updates. We would be happy to assist with any technical feedback and look forward to providing further input in the next phase of this public review process.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (425) 890-9723 or via email at [ssteele@wspa.org](mailto:ssteele@wspa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Steele". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and the last name "Steele" clearly distinguishable.

Cc: Jessica Spiegel - WSPA

Anacortes 2025 Comp Plan comment / input:

Council, Planning, and Planners:

This relates to the neighborhood directly West of R Avenue and adjacent to the Depot Arts Center and Farmers Market plaza.

Current zoning is CBD for this historic neighborhood.

The majority of the c1890's homes are restored and updated, with several outstanding businesses intentionally utilizing architectures that "fit-in", even though current code doesn't require it.

I understand current zoning (CBD) here allows for 5-6 floor buildings(!), essentially "anything goes" type development.

**This current zoning would allow development inconsistent with the publics and neighbors current use and expectations adjacent to the historic Depot Art Center, Farmers Market plaza & street, Maritime Museum etc.**

IF high-rise buildings were built adjacent they would loom over and shade the Depot, Market plaza, and street (R Ave). It would forever change the neighborhood from what we love and expect the city to maintain.

NOW is the time to protect the historic areas near the Depot to keep this an area the city residents & visitors want to come back to again and again!!!

Special zoning "architecture overlays" and building restrictions in the Depot vicinity would be very appropriate between Q Ave and R Ave.

High-Rises (when there are more) should only be allowed on the blocks adjacent to Commercial Ave. for the foreseeable future... not popping-up all over the place. The big buildings should start from the central core, not fringes. This is obvious to all city residents, should be in the zoning/plan somehow.

One suggestion: a quick (non-zoning) way to protect the immediate vicinity of Farmers Market & Depot from inappropriate development would be for the city to purchase the now-vacant lot across the street, which would provide buffer and expansion area. *(Currently owned by a local real estate speculator & businessman)*

This input won't wait until next rev. of Comp Plan.

Sincerely,

Paul Wittrock  
808 7<sup>th</sup> St, Apt 5  
Anacortes, WA 98221

Disclosures:

*I own 808 7<sup>th</sup> St, (five renovated and affordable historic apartments)*

*810 7<sup>th</sup> St, (Vacation Rentals, is owned by a member of Planning Commission)*

## Libby Grage

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**From:** William Turner <bill.h.turner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:46 AM  
**To:** Libby Grage  
**Subject:** Fwd: Are we moving to Autocracy? Where is public participation?

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Libby,  
Please place this letter in 2025 CP comment section for the public.  
Bill Turner  
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** William Turner <bill.h.turner@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 3, 2025 at 11:51:13 AM PDT  
**To:** support@cascadiadaily.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Are we moving to Autocracy? Where is public participation?

Would your paper consider printing this as a letter to editor? Anacortes American is shy and rarely prints letters. I just purchased a subscription to your paper, and I like it and am thankful you tackle serious issues. Please help during this election season.

Bill Turner  
2012 I Ave, Anacortes, Wa. 98221  
360-202-6287  
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**From:** William Turner <bill.h.turner@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 3, 2025 at 11:42:00 AM PDT  
**To:** City Council <citycouncil@anacorteswa.gov>, CityClerk <cityclerk@anacorteswa.gov>  
**Cc:** lindajm1@gmail.com, Mark <j.mrobinson@frontier.com>, Matt Miller <mattm@anacorteswa.gov>, Matson James <jmatson@goanacortes.com>  
**Subject:** Are we moving to Autocracy? Where is public participation?

Dear Council and concerned citizens,

I am worried. Anacortes City government is creating a new 2025 Comp plan (CP) this year and I cannot find any evidence that they take

seriously the State requirements for PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

For almost a year, I have sent numerous emails with comments about CP to Council and Planning Commission, including staff, and I get almost no response. How will I, as a citizen and voter, be able to participate in deciding the future of Anacortes if our elected leaders don't want to listen to me and others, and respond? Is this a new policy? How will I choose who to vote for if they never reply to my email outlining their agenda for my consideration.

The real problem here is that Anacortes is ignoring Washington State law requiring "continuous public participation, in forming CP". This may come back to bite them as it opens them to lawsuits. Heck!! Even our "A Town Magazine" only gives the CP lip service (a crossword puzzle, really!). I can only assume they think they know better than its citizens.

There is a lot at stake here, our environment, housing, population density, climate change, and everything in between. In my opinion our City government has moved right, and is becoming more authoritarian, meaning they don't need the citizens (voters) opinion to make decisions. As example, they can't even supply minutes of Planning Commission meetings in less than 5 months.

I know this because I was on Council for 8 years (2005-2013.) Then, all of the Council were encouraged to reply to emails and questions at meetings. I never missed an opportunity to explain the actions or thinking of the City, or my own opinion. What I believe now is that Council and staff are encouraged NOT to reply to questions, as it's just takes too much time to do their job, too much liability.

Maybe the public doesn't care? I really don't think so. The local newspaper has no serious editorial positions, letters to editors are slim to none, and the paper has made no effort to expose the machinations of this process, and its seriousness! Are we in an autocracy, or a democracy!

The City has made little effort in outreach to citizens. An occasional open meeting at town hall is not enough. I have attended several council and Planning Commission meetings recently and few people show up. The contractor who was hired to help us, (Makers Inc.) is there at these meetings, and informs us of some requirements, but we citizens are not asked our opinions. How about a mailer?

I realize that people are busy, the issues are complex, and sometimes hard to figure out, that people may not trust their government, but we need more public input. The CP is required to be completed this year. So many elements are yet to be completed that they can be reviewed by public, including the Sewage Treatment capacity study, and final Storm Water plan required by State, both of which were promised completion by end of 2024. This is very important stuff that decisions will flow from.

And to top it off, it appears the head of Planning Commission thinks climate change is either a hoax or not important enough to consider. Fidalgo Island has a large number of sensitive ecosystems and differing geological elements that I hope we want to maintain.

It is my opinion that we need more transparency, more public participation and a Mayor who cares enough for our community to put aside their personal agenda to move forward in preparing for the future.

Rob Walters, new mayoral candidate, has been part of the problem as he has actually stated "planning commission does not need to ask for public input," which is required by our own rules. So much of our Council's agenda is secretive. Before I vote this fall I want to know the agenda of our council and Mayor, and are they preparing us for the future?

I hope to see more candidates this fall.

Bill Turner

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## Libby Grage

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**From:** Ian Munce <ianmunce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 4:02 PM  
**To:** Libby Grage  
**Cc:** Morgan Krueger  
**Subject:** Comments on the April 17 Draft of the Climate Change Element: to Planning Commission and 2025 CP Webpage Comment Section

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Dear Libby,

I write to wholeheartedly endorse the April 23 Recommendations and Supporting Comments from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Your work and that of the consultants and Climate Team will be significantly improved with WDFW's Suggestions.

I do think that their Comment under CE-8.3 is important enough to be included as a new policy: "Prepare regulatory code language to address new energy facilities, such as battery storage facilities, to ensure proper siting and design". And ask on my own behalf that it be included in the CP Policy Amendments currently under consideration.

Finally, for now, I wonder if you might include the WDFW reference documents on a separate 2025 webpage? This is a tremendous resource guide and I know of a number of people who would appreciate it.

Thank you.

Ian Munce

## Libby Grage

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**From:** Ian Munce <ianmunce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Libby Grage  
**Cc:** Morgan Krueger; Aaron Esterholt; Jonn Lunsford  
**Subject:** Comments on the April 17 Draft of the Environment and Conservation Element: to Planning Commission and 2025 CP Webpage Comment Section

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1. I do think that Suggestion under EC-1.4 is important enough to be included as a new policy: "Open space standards shall be developed for all new residential developments that incorporate habitat connectivity". And ask on my own behalf that it be included in the CP Policy Amendments currently under consideration. WDFW points out that such a policy would "... align with WAC 365-196-335 (requiring the identification of open space corridors that support recreation, wildlife habitat, trail connections, and linkages between critical areas).

WDFW provides their professional opinion that "Open space set asides should be planned and integrated across adjacent parcels to create a connected network of open spaces that supports wildlife habitat connectivity, shaded pedestrian pathways, and passive recreation opportunities". Further, "By incorporating these ideas, the City can enhance its open space requirements to serve both people and wildlife, ensuring that open space functions as an interconnected system rather than isolated patches".

2. I also think that their Suggestion under EC-1.5 is important enough to be included and expanded upon as a new policy: "Natural features, such as preserved vegetation and natural stormwater management, offer essential ecosystem services like air and water purification, temperature regulation, and flood control" with my proposed addition to this phrase as follows: ", services that must be incorporated in all planning and site design".

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3. This understanding should be central to the City Stormwater Plan and by copying it to Mr. Esterholt I ask that it be addressed as such. And to Mr. Lunsford for the Park and Open Space Element.

Thank you.

Ian Munce