

Community-led Planning, Resilience, and Adaptation on San Juan Island

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Islands Climate Resilience



- » Formed in Nov. 2014.
- » Grassroots, volunteer-led effort.
- » **Mission**: Establish and facilitate a network to encourage preparedness for climate related impacts in the San Juan Islands



Islands Climate Resilience



Original Goal: Facilitate the development of a San Juan Islands Climate Resilient Community Action Plan consisting of existing and needed community policies/actions to address climate related impacts, and incorporating an adaptive process for annual implementation, evaluation, and adjustment of plan policies/actions.

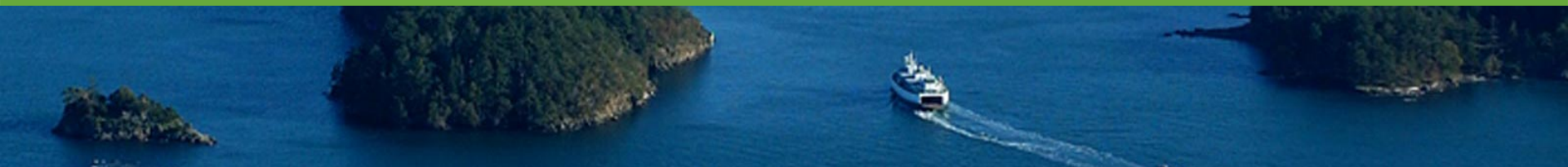


ICR Activities



Organization and governance:


- » Regular steering committee meetings
- » Coordinating efforts with groups on Lopez and Orcas Islands
- » Actively searching for funding




ICR Activities



Community engagement




RESILIENCE
A Facilitated Community Discussion On
Building A Climate Resilient Islands Community



Monday, July 20th 6-8pm
@ San Juan Island Grange

ALL WELCOME!



Do we have enough water?

What happens if we have a multi-year drought?

Can we use graywater or seawater?

Can we collect water?



These questions and many more will be answered at

The Future of Water Resources in the San Juan Islands

A Water Information Forum

Monday, November 16th • 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Brickworks, Friday Harbor

Sponsored by:

For more information please contact
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I-732 Informational Meeting



Hosted by Islands Climate Resilience

Come Learn from Carbon Washington about Initiative 732.

Thursday, September 1, 2016
San Juan Island Grange
152 1st St, Friday Harbor
6 p.m.

This policy aims to put Washington on a path to cutting pollution and encouraging clean energy while also helping low-income families by making Washington State taxes less regressive. Join us to get more information about this initiative that will be on our ballot in November.

For more information, visit <http://yeson732.org/>


CATCHING THE SUN

THE RACE FOR THE CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Thursday, June 23
The Grange
7:00 pm




ICR Activities



Planning and policy:

- » Developing a Climate Resilient Community Action Plan--started big, now scaled back and phased.
- » Working to integrate climate change considerations into Comp Plan update.





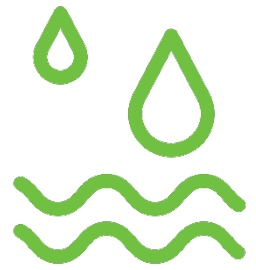
Climate Resilient Community Action Plan



- » New vision for report
- » Covering fewer sectors and being opportunistic
- » Tailored approach for each chapter
- » Making it a living document



Water



- » Water Resilience Work Group
- » All volunteers

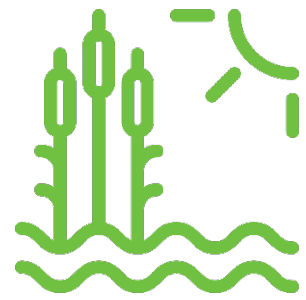


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CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: WATER

APRIL 2017

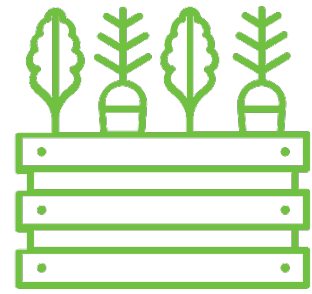
Ecosystems



- » Online survey
- » Terrestrial Managers meeting
- » Targeted research and inputs for the chapter



Agriculture



- » Email input from a small volunteer group of local farmers, coordinated by the Conservation District
- » Informed by personal farming experience as well as UW/CIG work
- » A multi-island group of farmers will review and finalize recommendations



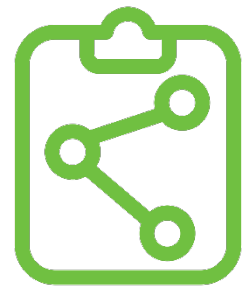
Energy



- » Drawing on the San Juan Islands Energy Plan
- » Collaborating with the Energy Roundtable (energy professionals and community members)
- » Discussing draft at one of their monthly meetings



Comprehensive Plan



- » Opportunity to more formally engage local government
- » Using information collected for the community plan to inform inputs
- » ICR-led efforts as well as contributing to a broader effort to consolidate inputs from various groups



Useful Resources



For data:

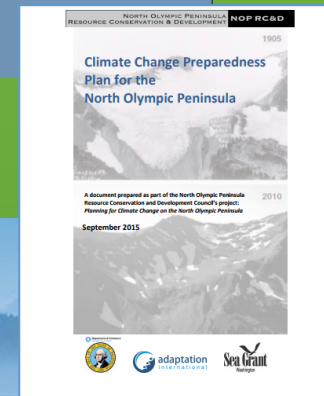
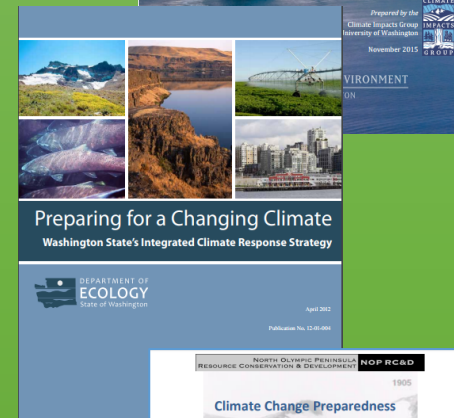
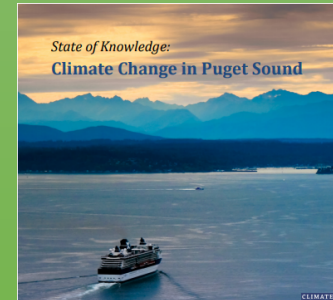
- » UW/CIG reports
- » Literature reviews

For plan approach and structure:

- » WA State's Integrated Climate Response Strategy
- » Climate Preparedness Plan for the North Olympic Peninsula
- » Other adaptation plans supported by Cascadia

For Comp Plan:

- » EcoAdapt materials and Bainbridge Island Comp Plan



Lessons Learned



- » Having something concrete to address is important – i.e., the Comprehensive Plan update.
- » Can be hard to focus on policy and planning when there is such an urgent drive to just take action.
- » A paid coordinator like Nora was instrumental to pushing a great deal of the work forward.





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