

# Help the City of Walla Walla Build Climate Resilience



## What is a Climate Resilience Element?

The City of Walla Walla is updating its Comprehensive Plan, which guides long-term growth and community development. As part of this process, Washington's updated Growth Management Act (2023) now requires cities to include climate resilience-focused policies in their comprehensive plans.

The City of Walla Walla is already experiencing challenges like increasing wildfire risk, drought, extreme heat, and flooding. Planning for climate resilience now will help protect our homes, businesses, and natural areas for future generations.

The Climate Resilience Element will outline goals and policies to help the City better withstand climate impacts, adapt to changing conditions, and enhance preparedness. By planning strategically, we can strengthen our community's ability to recover quickly from climate-related events.

### Climate Resilience will address:



Strengthen community preparedness for and address climate hazards like flooding, extreme heat, drought, and wildfire and smoke.



Protect natural areas, species and habitats.



Enhance community resilience by supporting social and economic infrastructure.

Community input is essential in shaping these goals and policies. As part of this effort, we need your input to help shape Walla Walla's climate resilience policies and goals. There will be several opportunities to get involved, and we encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas! Check out the project website for the most up-to-date information.

- ▶ **Community survey: mid-March–mid-April**
- ▶ **Online open House: May 2025**
- ▶ **Public Comment Period: Summer 2025**



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for more information  
about the Climate  
Resilience Element  
project.

*Look for us at community events throughout the year! (On going)*

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## How does Climate Resilience Benefit Walla Walla?

We're taking action to support the long-term health, safety, and resilience of the City of Walla Walla community, ecosystems, and economy.



Thriving, livable neighborhoods and business districts



Protecting Mill Creek and other vital water resources for flood protection and water supply



Supporting local agriculture and sustainable land use practices



Strengthening wildfire preparedness and emergency response



Expanding access to essential services, emergency resources, and social support networks for all residents



Preserving the City of Walla Walla's natural beauty and outdoor recreation spaces



Protecting local ecosystems and native species to strengthen biodiversity and resilience



### Stay Connected

Visit: [Visit Climate Resilience Project | City of Walla Walla](#) to learn more about this project and get involved!

Contact: [lwasson-seilo@wallawallawa.gov](mailto:lwasson-seilo@wallawallawa.gov) with any questions!



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