



City of Olympia, Washington

How to make Olympia the MOST Sustainable Capital City in the U.S.

Citizen ideas from the Olympia City Council's April 22, 2008 Town Hall Field Trips and Open House

Promote electric vehicles and make the option more affordable, accessible, available.

Develop a low cost ride/share, rent program for hybrid low emission vehicles for individuals who only need a vehicle every once in a while.

More bike racks on buses.

Replace lawns with edible forest gardens – fruit and nut trees, berry bushes and perennial fruits and berries as ground cover; organic, no till, holds carbon in soils and vegetation.

Plant fruit and nut trees as City trees – provides locally grown food to neighborhoods and food for low income families; cuts carbon; stores carbon.

New urban forestry policy that protects large trees for the carbon footprint they hold.

Create a noxious weed quarantine like Oregon.

Pull ALL the ivy!

More recycle pick up days.

Solar energy.

Olympia endeavors to become more small business friendly to keep dollars here and the local economy strong.

Do not allow gentrification of downtown (i.e. expensive condominiums) because it makes it harder for local economy to survive.

Create a pedestrian-only zone in downtown Olympia.

Artesian Well Park downtown to promote appreciation for water resources.

County-wide tax (at least 10 cents) on paper and plastic grocery bags.

20 cent per bag tax on paper and plastic bags plus give one reusable bag to each household to help people change their habit; ban styrofoam containers.

Disconnect all automatic flushing toilets.

Sustainability demonstration park at the Capital.

Fund Phase 3 and 4 of Woodland Trail.

Dog parks are a center of healthy sustainable communities, especially when they are in neighborhood parks and neighbors can walk to them.

Formalize the process of creating neighborhood connections in rights-of-way and other City property.

City website to let the community know what they are doing about climate change, emissions, footprint, etc.

Challenge Lacey and Tumwater to become most sustainable city.

Challenge all residents to cut their carbon footprint.

Make an effort to create a sense of URGENCY re Climate Change.

Appoint a citizen Climate Change Task Force!

Offer a rate reduction on utilities to households that realize a substantial decrease in usage over a period of time, or offer rebates on on-demand water heaters.

Stop stormwater pollution at the source.

Stockpile, lay-in any open ditch (properly) till they are in every neighborhood – reuse water!

Stop building office buildings with fixed windows and north-facing glass.

Low/no interest loans for residential and commercial building energy efficiency.