

Columbia Imagined & the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan

Columbia Imagined, The Plan for How We Live & Grow, is the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. Adopted in late 2013, a status update reporting back on the first five years of the plan's implementation will be produced in 2019. It is the umbrella plan which aligns the community's vast array of goals, objectives, and priorities with city-wide policies, programs and plans. As such, the five-year status report will identify areas of synergy with the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan's goals and strategies, and opportunities for coordination and plan implementation. Specifically, the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan's goals in the areas of equity, health and safety, open space and the environment, and housing and development represent significant strides towards identifying and targeting a path forward for a more sustainable future.

A brief snapshot of what the "crosswalk" between the Columbia Imagined and the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan is presented below.

Plan Implementation "Crosswalk"	Columbia Imagined	Climate Action & Adaptation Strategy	If achieved, will the outcome be similar or expanded success?
<i>Goal or Objective</i>	Columbia is a fully accessible and efficient community for all modes and abilities	Reduce travel by car	Expanded success
<i>Policy or Strategy</i>	Support and promote the public transportation system	Build a thriving public transit system	Similar success
<i>Action</i>	Encourage compact development near transit corridors and commercial hubs to support transit feasibility	Improve efficiency, convenience, and reliability of bus service and infrastructure (e.g. , increase frequency, shorten wait times, construct bus stop shelters)	Expanded success
<i>Goal or Objective</i>	Continue to increase the amount of energy generated through renewable, carbon-limiting sources	Increase local renewable energy generation and procure renewable electricity	Similar success
<i>Policy or Strategy</i>	Plan for fiscally sustainable growth	Increase on-site renewable energy	Expanded success

		installations in new and existing houses	
<i>Action</i>	Consider the recommendations of the Infrastructure Task Force as they relate to the costs and cost-sharing of infrastructure	Streamline and offer expedited permitting for renewable energy installations.	Expanded success
<i>Goal or Objective</i>	Development standards encourage compact, contiguous neighborhoods whining reach of workplaces	Reduce housing-, building-, and development-related energy consumption and improve resiliency	Expanded success
<i>Policy or Strategy</i>	Give funding priority to the maintenance of existing public infrastructure and services	Increase energy efficiency in residential buildings	Expanded success
<i>Action</i>	Replace and repair aging infrastructure in older neighborhoods	Promote and offer incentives for improving residential energy efficiency during retrofit projects that exceed existing building energy code requirements.	Expanded success
<i>Goal or Objective</i>	Columbia is a model for affordable and practical environmental sustainability	Increase climate resilience and carbon sequestration potential of public and private lands	Expanded success
<i>Policy or Strategy</i>	Preserve environmentally sensitive areas	Increase the accessibility and quality of habitat for native plants and animals	Similar success
<i>Action</i>	Maintain and preserve open space along major stream corridors, specifically including floodplains; this may be by private action of public acquisition	Establish and effectively manage native habitat corridors along trails and utility easement areas to restore and maintain landscape connectivity	Expanded success