King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C)

Overview

Through the K4C, county and city staff are partnering on the following:

- Outreach: To develop, refine, and utilize messaging and tools for climate change outreach to engage decision makers, other cities, and the general public.
- Coordination: To adopt consistent standards, benchmarks, strategies, and overall goals related to responding to climate change.
- Solutions: To share local success stories, challenges, data and products that support and enhance climate mitigation efforts by all partners.
- Funding and Resources: To secure grant funding and other shared resource opportunities to support climate related projects and programs

K4C Deliverables

The K4C develops an annual work program that members vote upon. This generally guides our work. However, we are nimble enough to tackle unanticipated "hot topics" as needed. Below is a list of work over the past several years.

- Framework Document Development
 - o K4C Climate Pledge
 - o Letter of Joint Commitments
- Events
 - Monthly K4C Committee working meetings
 - o Monthly Sustainability Roundtables which provide learning opportunities
 - o Annual Elected Officials Summit
 - The Road to 80 X 2050 presentation by John Cleveland, Boston Green Ribbon Commission
- Products
 - Development of a Clean Electricity Pathways Report to help us strategically plan a future around clean energy and help guide our work in identifying key drivers and decision points.
 - o Development of joint regional GHG emissions reduction targets, support to PSCOG
 - New Energy Cities GHG Reduction Pathways Report
 - Living Building Challenge Pilot Ordinance
 - o Municipal Revolving Energy Fund White Paper
 - New Energy Cities Energy Map and Carbon Wedge Analysis
 - Background documents for developing a regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction target and measurement framework
 - o Inventory of common GHG reduction strategies
 - Climate Change Infographics
 - Scope 5 GHG benchmarking platform

- Advocacy/Lobbying
 - Develop annual joint legislative priorities and interests
 - o Joint letters to UTC regarding decommissioning of PSE's Colstrip units one and two
 - Jointly and successfully advocating for stronger state building codes, particularly for energy efficiency
 - o 2021 International Energy Code support
 - Jointly and successfully advocating for a new renewable electricity purchase option for commercial and municipal customers of PSE
 - o Joint letters to UTC regarding utility investment in electric vehicle supply
 - o Provide PSCAA Clean Fuel Standards support
 - o Joint work with PSCAA on VW Settlement
 - o Participation in Million Trees campaign