



# **Appendix A: Comprehensive List of Adaptation Strategies**

## **ECOSYSTEMS Adaptation Strategies**

E-1: Enhance efforts to encourage breeding and planting of drought tolerant, resilient plant species								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	Co-benefits			
20	Awareness	Near-term	Agricultural/Forestry	Highly adaptive,	Water			
			Sectors, Educational	feasible, in line with	Supplies			
			Organizations	political and social				
				goals				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Identify most drought tolerant, resilient plant species for the region.
- Work with partners to develop and distribute education materials to homeowners, renters, and businesses.

E-2: Incorporate climate change more explicitly into comprehensive plans and Shoreline Master Programs (SMP)								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
19	Planning	Near-term	County and City	N/A	Critical			
			Governments		Infrastructure			

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Research sample language from other regional and national efforts. One example is the San Juan Islands
  - http://www.sanjuans.org/documents/Loring\_2014\_sea\_level\_rise\_regulatory\_review.pdf.
- Use best available climate change projections and share relevant information with County and City governments in region.
- See "Planning Language Examples for Climate Resiliency" document in section **Supplementary Information: C** for more details.
- Other relevant and critical plans that would benefit from climate change planning include: functional plans, strategic plans (especially those of Ports, PUDs, and non-profits), and comprehensive schemes.





E-3: Enh	E-3: Enhance promotion of agricultural best management practices to include future climate conditions								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Sectors of Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefit				
19	Awareness	Immediate	Agricultural	Highly adaptive,	Water Supplies				
			Sector,	feasible, in line with					
			Educational	political and social goals					
			Organizations						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Collaborate with Clallam Conservation District, Jefferson County Conservation District and Washington State University to identify priority BMPs, and lessons learned from implementation efforts.
- Identify practices most relevant to climate change impacts such as sustaining soil moisture and health, erosion control, conservation irrigation, diversity of crop species, incorporation of efficient water use technologies.
- Develop educational material about best practices and share with those in agricultural sector.

E-4: Update municipal codes to account for enhanced fire risk at forest/residential interface where needed								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
19	Policy	Near-term	Local	Highly adaptive,	Critical			
			Governments	feasible, in line with	Infrastructure			
				political and social goals				

\*Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Use education, incentives, and building codes to minimize fire risk, particularly in forest/residential interface.
- Enforce setbacks on building permits in forested areas.
- Update existing hazard analyses that incorporate historical climate variables (such as the Clallam County Community Wildfire Protection Program, 2009) with temperature and precipitation projections for a chosen climate change scenario.
- Review existing hazard analyses (such as the Clallam County Community Wildfire Protection Program, 2009) for strategies to mitigate the wildfire risk, and assess their continued viability with increased wildfire risk.





E-5: Incr	E-5: Increase regional capacity for water storage (preferably with natural systems)								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
18	Planning	Long-term	Multi- stakeholder	High need for additional capacity but facing numerous political barriers	Water Supplies				

#### Key Action Steps:

- Create water storage and usage options at all scales (recharge, mitigation, irrigation).
- Leverage natural systems where possible (wetlands, rainwater collection).
- Explore innovative technologies for water storage (e.g., bladders, engineered wetlands).

E-6: Enc	E-6: Encourage FEMA to incorporate climate change in rate maps and guidance								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
18	Planning	Long-term	State and	A way to incentivize	Critical				
			County	adaptive measures	Infrastructure				
			Governments	taken by homeowners in					
				the face of climate					
				change, though FEMA's					
				processes for updates					
				are lengthy and slow.					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### Key Action Steps:

- Update scope of flood maps to reflect changing risk associated with climate change (e.g. revisions to frequency of 100 year flood events).
- Update rate maps to reflect areas of continued or emerging risk to flooding under climate change.
- Hold workshop or training to educate residents and businesses on changes.

E-7: Dev	E-7: Develop graphical tool to illustrate climate impacts								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
17.5	Planning	Near-term	Multi-	Complexity will depend	Water Supplies				
			stakeholder	on the approach and	Critical				
				type of impact modeled	Infrastructure				

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- Work with key stakeholders to understand their needs and desires for a graphical tool. Consider
  applying existing graphical models (e.g. sea level rise) to areas of interest. Alternatively, could
  devise new combinations of models to graphically demonstrate climate impacts.
- Secure funding, if needed, to create tool.





E-8: Upd	E-8: Update financing policies for development in high risk areas								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
17	Policy	Medium-term	Banks and	This action would	Critical				
			Insurance	remedy an	Infrastructure				
			Groups	inappropriate incentive					
				to build in high-risk					
				areas, though political					
				support would be					
				difficult.					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Work with banks to remove mortgage subsidies (e.g. loans) for areas with high climate change impact risk.
- Work with insurance industry to realistically incorporate risk into future policies and remove subsidies.
- Educate homeowners about the changes.

E-9: Enhance efforts to incentivize use of native plants landscaping in residential, commercial, industrial settings								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
17	Awareness,	Near-term	Local	Very feasible, low cost	Water Supplies			
	Policy		Governments					
			and Private					
			Sector					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Develop financial, regulatory, or other incentive program to promote greater use of native plants at homes and at industrial / commercial sites.
- Integrate regulations requiring the use of native plant use into building codes.
- Provide incentives for removing lawns and invasive species and replacing them with native plans.
- Collaborate with Clallam Conservation District, Jefferson County Conservation District and local native plant societies on their efforts to sell affordable native plants.





E-10: Ut	E-10: Utilize low cost citizen science monitoring and analysis approaches and technologies								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
17	Awareness	Near-term	Research	Highly adaptive,					
			Institutions,	feasible, and in line with					
			Non-profit	political and social					
			Education	goals.					
			Centers, Citizen						
			Scientists						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Develop a citizen science program.
- Host trainings for interested individuals. Including detail about monitoring and analysis specific
  to emerging climate change impacts on the peninsula, such as: the presence of
  invasive/migrating fish species, monitored through trace DNA molecular analysis of seawater
  collected by citizen scientists.

E-11: Inc	E-11: Increase funding for harmful algae bloom monitoring								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
16.5	Awareness	Near-term	Public Health	Highly adaptive and					
			Departments	feasible					
			and Research						
			Institutions						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Work to identify or develop environmental predictors of harmful algal blooms.
- Enhance public health engagement involving beach closures and response to biotoxin events.

E-12: Co	E-12: Complete survey of sensitive submerged habitats and the species that utilize them							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
16.5	Awareness	Medium-term	Research	Low social/political				
			Institutions,	feasibility, would				
			Citizen	address the ecosystem				
			Scientists	wide impacts				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Inventory and monitor submerged habitats that may be affected by rising sea levels and ocean acidification.
- Promote preservation and restoration of submerged native aquatic vegetation for management of nutrient loading.
- Identify potential future habitats and protect species using or reliant on the habitat.





E-13: En	E-13: Enhance efforts to restore and develop wildlife corridors							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	Co-benefits			
16.5	Planning	Medium-term	Multi-	Technically feasible, but	Water Supplies			
			stakeholder	with unknown cost and				
				political support				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Oversee wildlife corridors (acquire, restore, manage) along floodplains/ riparian buffers to ensure "conductivity" along rivers.
- Create an interconnected network of green spaces to support biodiversity and watershed-based water quality management.
- Acquire and preserve existing vegetated, unprotected areas adjacent to river systems.

E-14: Str	E-14: Strengthen enforcement on illegal shoreline uses								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
16	Policy	Near-term	City and County	This is an action that is					
			Governments	already legally required,					
				need is to analyze					
				existing enforcement					
				failures, and staffing					
				limitations					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Enforce professional license consequences for contractors/ developers.
- Remove financial incentives associated with illegal shoreline uses.
- Enforce required real estate disclosures.
- Enhance political will through effective messaging of enforcement rationale.

E-15: Re	E-15: Restructure rural water and sewer systems where needed								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
16	Planning	Medium-term	Local	Politically difficult to					
			Governments	accomplish.					
			and Community						
			Groups						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Bring additional rural areas on-line to centralized systems.
- Evaluate decentralized sewage treatment in neighborhood clusters to transition users away from individual septic tanks.





E-16: De	E-16: Develop community climate action plans (if not already in place)								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
15.5	Planning	Near-term	Local	Highly adaptable, some	Water				
			Government	political barriers	Supplies,				
			and Community		Critical				
			Groups		Infrastructure				

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Identify key stakeholders to assist with developing climate action plans, which can be useful tools for planning a municipality's or organization's overall strategy for climate change, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well as preparing for the impacts of climate change. This climate adaptation plan can help initiate this work.
- Secure funding to undertake appropriate planning processes and develop community climate action plans. If funding is not feasible, consider using volunteers (as Port Townsend / Jefferson County did) to complete plans.
- Developing a climate action plan may help acquire capital funding at the state level for infrastructure and economic development projects (http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.235.070).
- The WA state departments of transportation, commerce, ecology and health are developing
  joint webpages and data resources to help create resilient, transportation efficient
  communities. This effort is carried out under the Governor's Exec Order 1404. Staff at WSDOT
  and Commerce are available to coach community planners interested in conducting their own
  qualitative climate change vulnerability assessments (using WSDOT and Federal Highway's
  framework):

http://www.commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Growth-Management-Planning-Topics/Climate-Change-and-Energy/Pages/Climate-Change-Adaptation.aspx

E-17: Ad	E-17: Add climate impact overlays to existing "Critical Areas"								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
15.5	Planning	Medium-term	City and County	Difficult to devise and					
			Governments	implement, but would					
				synthesize a range of					
				climate variables;					
				staffing may be a					
				limitation					

\*Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Review current land types for vulnerabilities to climate change (e.g. wetlands or areas in the coastal flood risk zone).
- Devise new labels for types of land with climate impact overlay.
- Add specific building/protection requirements to enhance resilience.





E-18: Su	E-18: Support and enhance watershed and nearshore habitat restoration							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
15.5	Policy	Near-term	Multi- stakeholder	Adaptable and technically feasible with moderate political support and community co-benefits	Water Supplies			

### **Key Action Steps:**

- Identify and prioritize sites in need of habitat restoration.
- Create policy to ensure the restoration of key areas.

E-19: Mo	E-19: Monitor and analyze climate change impacts at salmon stream restoration sites								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
15	Research	Near-term	Research	Highly adaptive,					
	and		Institutions and	feasible, potentially					
	Awareness		Citizen	facing barriers with					
			Scientists,	political and social goals					
			Salmon						
			Recovery						
			Organizations						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

## Key Action Steps:

- Identify appropriate research partners.
- Develop research and monitoring protocol that includes the monitoring of variables such as temperature, turbidity, pH, and flows.

E-20: De	E-20: Decrease non-climate ecosystem stressors								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
15	Awareness	Near-term	Multi-	Immediate	Water Supplies				
			stakeholders	management strategy,					
				difficult to implement					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Identify appropriate actions that other communities have taken.
- Educate residents, businesses, and major landowners about needed changes. Examples of
  possible changes include decreasing nutrient and pollution inputs to the nearshore
  environment.





E-21: Tra	E-21: Transition away from use of biosolids and industrial fertilizer on agriculture and forestry lands								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
14.5	Awareness	Medium-term	Agriculture and	Unknown cost, political	Water Supplies				
			Forestry Sector	barriers					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Delivery of nutrients and organic carbon from land can exacerbate Ocean Acidification: https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1201015.pdf , pg. 11.
- Identify alternatives to the use of biosolids and industrial fertilizer.
- Educate agricultural and forestry sectors.

E-22: De	E-22: Designate and prioritize funding for additional land designated for agriculture								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
14.5	Planning	Medium-term	Multi-	N/A					
			stakeholder						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Identify land that could be prioritized for agriculture.
- Identify funding sources that could be used to assist in transitioning land to agriculture use.

E-23: Develop a funding program appropriate for acquisition of high-risk structures in coastal or riverine flood zones								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
14	Policy	Long-term	Multi-	High cost/benefit	Critical			
			stakeholder	opportunities, difficult	Infrastructure			
				social and political				
				barriers				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### Key Action Steps:

- Identify high-risk structures in coastal and/or riverine flood zones.
- Identify sources of funding, such as FEMA, to purchase high-risk structures for demolishment or flood proofing.

E-24: Cre	E-24: Create funding mechanism for conservation projects in Clallam County								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
14	Policy	Medium-term	Multi-	Unknown overall cost					
			stakeholder	and potentially low					
				political feasibility					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Potentially enact "Conservation Futures Tax", similar to other WA counties.
- Create educational materials to let people know about funding mechanisms.





#### E-25: Provide guidance on right "timeline" for erosion buffers period (50, 75, 150 years) and setback distances (50ft to 200ft) that account for changing climate conditions Score Type of Timeframe for Lead Group (s) Opportunities or Focus Area Co-Strategy Implementation\* Concerns benefits 13 Medium-term Difficult to implement Critical Planning Local Government and enforce socially and Infrastructure and Community politically Groups

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Compare and contrast existing buffers with range of climate change risk projections.
- Select level of risk planning entity is willing to assume over project lifespan.

E-26: Int	E-26: Integrate climate change projections into salmon hatchery planning								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
12.5	Planning	Medium-term	Salmon	Unknown technical					
			Hatchery	feasibility and overall					
			Managers	ability to adapt to					
				climate change					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

• Explore emerging salmon hatchery technologies and management relevant to climate change impacts such as high temperature and altered river flows.

E-27: Ide	E-27: Identify and monetize environmental services								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
12	Awareness	Medium-term	Research	Technically feasible and	Water Supplies				
			Institutions and	politically challenging					
			Governments						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Recognize the economic benefits of assessing a "triple-bottom line" and communicate this to stakeholders.
- Look at what others have done to monetize environmental services and apply that technique to those services available in the region. Examples include the Earth Economics report: "Nature's value in Clallam County"
  - http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/ps\_marine\_nearshore/files/ee\_clallam\_county\_report\_2013.pdf.
- Create a mechanism for compensating landowners for the environmental services maintained on their property.

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)





E-28: Inventory and then prioritize shoreline and watershed areas appropriate for defense and retreat								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
11	Planning	Medium-term	Research Institutions and Local	Politically and socially difficult				
			Government					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Identify key shoreline and watershed areas in need of defense.
- Prioritize areas based on criteria such as need, available funding, political support, and upland assets.
- Research and secure funding for either protection or retreat.

E-29: Re	E-29: Re-energize efforts to reduce stressors to salmon stream habitats								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
Not	Awareness	Near-term	Multi-	Existing attention and					
Scored			stakeholder	structure for salmon					
				restoration. Many					
				current stressors to					
				address.					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Recognize existing efforts undertaken by Tribal, Federal, State, and Local entities to identify lessons learned and opportunities for participation.
- Organize convening of key local stakeholders to discuss stressors and possible solutions to
  restoring salmon stream habitats. Ongoing stressors include: urbanization, sedimentation and
  pollution of streams, changes in streamside vegetation, erosion due to land-use practices such
  as road building and timber harvest, undersize culverts on fish streams, and the draining of
  wetlands.

E-30: Incentivize agricultural water conservation								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
Not	Policy	Near-term	Multi-	N/A	Water Supplies			
Scored			stakeholder					

\*Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Subsidize new on-demand water technologies.
- Encourage drought tolerant crop varieties.





E-31: Re	E-31: Reduce local land-based pollutants that enhance acidification in marine waters								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
Not	Awareness	Medium-term	Multi-	Staffing limitations for					
Scored			stakeholder	monitoring					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

 Reductions could be accomplished through strengthening existing local source control programs.

E-32: Int	E-32: Integrate climate change projections into shellfish hatchery planning								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
Not	Planning	Medium-term	Shellfish	N/A					
Scored			Hatchery						
			Managers						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

### **Key Action Steps:**

 Explore emerging shellfish hatchery technologies; hatcheries can treat water, hang matrices of algae and shellfish to improve water quality, and select species for survival under likely changing climate change.

E-33: Uti	E-33: Utilize climate sensitive tree species in riparian buffers								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
Not	Policy	Medium-term	Forestry and	N/A	Water Supplies				
Scored			Conservation						
			Groups						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

## **Key Action Steps:**

• Partnerships with the Olympic National Forest tree orchard could be strengthened to maintain genetic diversity and make climate sensitive tree species publically available.





E-34: Re	E-34: Replace under-sized culverts to anticipate climate influenced run-off events								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
Not	Policy	Medium-term	Operations and	State is required to	Water Supplies,				
Scored			Maintenance	replace culverts that	Critical				
			Departments	impede salmon passage,	Infrastructure				
				has an ongoing effort.					
				State does not always					
				have funding for					
				partnering.					

- Assess existing vulnerable culverts and levels of climate change run-off risk.
- Select level of flooding "risk" planning entity is willing to assume.
- Design culverts to withstand future projections of change and install at key locations.
   Coordinate culvert replacement upstream and downstream between jurisdictions (ALL culverts must function properly to gain benefits).
- Track progress of WSDOTs fish passage project
   (<a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/FishPassage/">http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/FishPassage/</a>) for opportunities to partner on culvert replacement.





## **WATER SUPPLIES Adaptation Strategies**

WS-1: E	WS-1: Enhance education on drought and water supplies issues for the peninsula								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
20	Awareness	Immediate	Multi-	Highly adaptive,	Ecosystems				
			stakeholder	feasible, in line with					
				political and social					
				goals, low cost					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### Key Action Steps:

Identify and implement appropriate educational activities. Options could include: tour of
existing facilities/locations, targeted messaging around conservation, workshops and peer
exchange, enhanced research partnerships.

WS-2: A	WS-2: Adopt new regulations requiring water-efficient appliances								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
20	Policy	Medium-term	State	Technically and	Ecosystems				
			Governments	politically feasible, but					
				potentially limited					
				ability to influence state					
				regulations					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

## **Key Action Steps:**

• Work with state legislators to revise regulations.

WS-3: Pi	WS-3: Promote and incentivize smart irrigation technologies for agriculture								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
20	Awareness	Medium-term	Agriculture	High cost, technical and					
			Sector	political feasibility					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Promote benefits of decreasing "consumptive use" of water.
- Utilize Washington State University's "CropSyst" software which, among other things, models
  cultivar water needs amount and timing
  (http://modeling.bsyse.wsu.edu/CS\_Suite\_4/CropSyst/index.html)
- Conduct assessment of existing irrigation issues: http://drought.wsu.edu/tools-resources/irrigation/
- Develop and distribute educational materials about smart irrigation technologies.
- Consider working with agricultural sector to host education workshop or convening related to water conservation.





WS-4: Id	WS-4: Identify monitoring needs and enhance water supply monitoring								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
19	Awareness	Near-term	Multi-	Highly adaptive,	Ecosystems				
			stakeholder	feasible, in line with					
				political and social					
				goals, low cost					

#### Key Action Steps:

- Create a data clearinghouse for water information from universities, cities, non-profits, others, and include both information resources and information needs (potential home is the NOPRCD).
- When and where it is needed, install additional flow and snowpack sensors.
- The data from all of these could be used to identify water storage sites, establish baseline of use and availability, and to enhance system management.

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WS-5: E	WS-5: Enhance efforts to educate home and business owners on the value of on-site water									
conserva	conservation, retention, and catchment									
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-					
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits					
18	Awareness	Immediate	Multi-	Highly adaptive,	Critical					
			stakeholder	feasible, in line with	Infrastructure					
				community goals, low						
				cost						

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Create outreach materials to explain to home and business owners the value of on-site stormwater retention, rainwater catchment, Low Impact Development (LID) techniques, and vegetation management to reduce water usage, including the availability of incentives, and value to the community and ecosystems.
- Educate on the broader issue of the need for water conservation, retention, and catchment.
- Decommission "forgotten" wells on properties served by public water.

WS-6: C	WS-6: Continue to study ways to enhance water storage and groundwater recharge							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
18	Planning	Near-term	Water Utilities	Highly adaptive,				
			and Local	feasible, in line with				
			Governments	political and social				
				goals, low cost				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Consider enlarging existing storage and identify locations for new structures.
- Identify off stream storage including conveyance, groundwater infiltration rates, and potential for active recharge of groundwater resources such as infiltration wells.
- Consider potential for "banking" water during high flow events for use in low flow times (Port Angeles and Peninsula College have data on this).
- Note that WRIA 18 has recently researched (2014) storage and recharge opportunities in the Dungeness River area, contact Washington Water Trust for details.





WS-7: Er	WS-7: Encourage forestry practices promoting water retention within the watershed								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
18	Awareness	Medium-term	Forestry Sector	N/A	Ecosystems				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Identify forestry practices that promote upstream water retention and educate individuals about the practices.
- Consider integrating water retention into forestry practices permits.

WS-8: R	WS-8: Research or develop model to assess sea level rise and saltwater intrusion to groundwater							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
18	Planning	Medium-term	Local	N/A				
			Government,					
			PUDs					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Enhance seasonal ground water level monitoring.
- Research what other communities are doing to assess sea level rise and salt water intrusion into groundwater.

WS-9: In	WS-9: Improve forecasting for future water supply and demand								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
18	Planning	Medium-term	Water Utility	Politically feasible but					
			Managers	technically difficult					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

• Improve forecasting tools for matching expected demand (including expected growth) with models of water availability including climate change.

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WS-10: Map water retention values for ecosystems								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
18	Planning	Near-term	Multi-	Technically and	Ecosystems			
			stakeholder	politically feasible				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Develop methodology and implement to create a valuation of the water retention services a landscape provides (as opposed to engineering storage systems).
- Recognize the economic benefits of assessing a "triple-bottom line" and communicate this to stakeholders.
- Look at what others have done to monetize environmental services and apply that technique to those services available in the region. Examples include the Earth Economics report: "Nature's value in Clallam County"
  - http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/ps marine nearshore/files/ee clallam county report 2013.pdf
- Create a mechanism for compensating landowners for the environmental services maintained on their property.





WS-11: (	WS-11: Create an outreach, education, and incentive program for private well users							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
17	Awareness	Near-term	Multi- stakeholder	Technically and politically feasible, unknown funding resources	Ecosystems			

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

 Develop general awareness / educational materials related to water use issues including what aquifer the wells pull from, appropriate conservation techniques for the region, relevant incentive programs.

WS-12: I	WS-12: Develop or increase incentives for low-water use landscaping							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
17	Awareness	Near-term	Multi-	Highly adaptable, low	Ecosystems			
			stakeholder	cost, potentially facing				
				political barriers				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

### **Key Action Steps:**

• Develop outdoor planting incentives (rebates or grants) for native, drought tolerant plants, and rainwater-capturing landscapes.

WS-13: /	WS-13: Adjust rate structure for water use to incentivize conservation where needed								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
16	Policy	Medium-term	Local	Somewhat adaptable to	Ecosystems				
			Governments	climate change impacts,					
				marginally politically					
				and socially feasible					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Create inverted block rate structure for water use, or support those rate structures already in place.
- Consider developing time of use pricing.
- Price water on a sliding scale thereby allowing differential charging for certain uses.





WS-14: I	WS-14: Develop code and infrastructure for a municipal reclaimed water system								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
15	Planning	Long-term	Local	High cost for new	Ecosystems				
			Governments	infrastructure,					
				somewhat technically					
				and politically feasible					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Collaborate with WA Department of Ecology on their reclaimed water rules (accepting comments on new rule promoting reclaimed water in fall 2015).
- Research codes used by other communities.
- Draft code and develop infrastructure for municipal reclaimed water systems in the area.

WS-15: I	WS-15: Enhance residential water conservation through incentives and outreach							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
15	Awareness	Near-term	Multi-	Highly adaptable, low	Ecosystems			
			stakeholder	cost, potentially facing				
				political barriers				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

### **Key Action Steps:**

• Extend incentives (rebates or grants) to use of drip irrigation, rain barrels and cisterns, and other residential conservation methods.

WS-16: Encourage the State to lift restrictions or permit grey water reuse							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
13.5	Policy	Medium-term	Local	Low cost, marginally			
			Governments	politically and socially			
			and Community	feasible			
			Groups				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Investigate existing recommendations for grey water use by WA State Department of Health: http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/337-016.pdf
- Lobby government to make necessary changes (potentially revising building codes).
- Create an outreach and incentive program encouraging grey water systems within a property.





WS-17: Create a smart grid water use system and share data with consumers to increase conservation								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
12	Policy	Medium-term	Water Utility	High cost, lacking	Ecosystems			
			Managers	political feasibility				

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Utilize smart grid technologies that use real time data; the data is available today but displaying the information to users real time is necessary to encourage them to take conservation measures and identify system leaks. Currently required to meter, but not report real time data.
- At water plants, have SCADA (Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition), which is a hardware/software combination, gives turbidity, pH at the intake/treatment source.
- Track water use happening in real time through reduction in water storage levels.

WS-18: Pilot programs for sub-basin management within water rights laws							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
12	Policy	Medium-term	State and	High cost, political	Ecosystems		
			County	barriers			
			Governments				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

Work with state and county governments to outline criteria associated with a pilot program. WA
 State Department of Ecology has pilot programs with sub-basins managing water rights (subbasin understandings of inputs/ outputs, conservation/re-use), and pilots have been recently
approved in Dungeness.

WS-19:	WS-19: Streamline the administrative process for adjusting water rights							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
11	Policy	Medium-term	Local	Low cost, minimal				
			Governments,	political feasibility				
			Community					
			Groups,					
			Department of					
			Ecology					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Adjustment could include: the ability to move the point of withdrawal within a service area to minimize impacts; put water rights in trust; trade water rights (permanent vs. temporary).
- Local governments can lobby and collaborate with the Department of Ecology to make these changes. The State has demonstrated examples in eastern Washington.





WS-20: Direct wastewater reuse between municipalities and industries							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
11	Policy	Long-term	Water Utilities	Technically and	Critical		
			and Local	politically feasible	Infrastructure		
			Government				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Direct engagement between municipal & industrial water users evaluation of water reuse would start by studying economics, needs, and capacity.
- Explore potential for connecting water treatment plant in Port Angeles or Port Townsend with the paper mill. In light of the current drought situation in the summer of 2015, the economics of this may be shifting.

WS-21: I	WS-21: Explore opportunities for artificial recharge of groundwater aquifers								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
11	Planning	Long-term	Multi-	Minimally adaptable,					
			stakeholder	high cost, facing					
				technical and political					
				barriers					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Research options, including infiltration basins, injection wells, and artificial lakes/ponds.
- Assess water sources (reclaimed water, stormwater, peak river flows).
- Collaborate with WA Department of Ecology on their reclaimed water rules (accepting comments on new rule promoting reclaimed water in fall 2015).

WS-22: I	WS-22: Research the development and construction of a desalinization plant								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
9	Planning	Long-term	Local	High cost, subject to					
			Governments	significant political and					
				social barriers					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

• Work with partners to research feasibility and cost associated with desalinization plant.

WS-23: F	WS-23: Research regulatory framework on water hauling/delivery							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
Not	Planning	Near-term	Multi-	N/A				
Scored			stakeholder					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Research examples from other communities. One example is Chimacum, where they are already receiving water delivered to the area with no regulations in existence.
- Identify the best practices and gauge how they would apply to the North Olympic Peninsula.





WS-24: Enhance management of septic water quality issues								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
Not	Policy	Medium-term	Local	N/A	Ecosystems			
Scored			Government					

## **Key Action Steps:**

- Modify on-site septic requirements to anticipate impaired performance as water table levels
  rise, such as determining the feasibility of replacing traditional septic systems with mound
  systems or holding tanks.
- In problematic areas known for septic system failures, evaluate alternative wastewater treatment solutions, particularly for properties in areas vulnerable to sea level rise.

WS-25: Manage/enhance upstream watersheds							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
Not	Policy	Medium-term	Multi-	Highly adaptable,	Ecosystems		
scored			stakeholders	technically and			
				politically feasible			

\*Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Slow down surface water flow to increase water retention rates and infiltration. This will improve water quality as slower runoff means extra filtration.
- Consider increasing buffers and using bioswales so that it recharges into the soil.
- Identify, protect, and restore natural recharge areas including floodplains and wetlands.
- Minimize runoff through: Low Impact Development (LID), forest and vegetation management, floodplain management; and reestablishment of natural surface water off-stream retention ponds and storage areas. Retention ponds could be used for storing water for agriculture while also restoring important waterfowl habitat and increasing groundwater recharge.
- Create new wetlands or wetland banks for water storage and filtration purposes. Utilize
  historical ditches where appropriate. In the Dungeness area it was found that when some
  ditches were tight-lined (solid pipes were used to channel the water), the wells went dry,
  indicating the ditches were good sources for recharging the aquifer. Roadside ditches could be
  rerouted and widened to promote infiltration.





## **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE Adaptation Strategies**

CI-1: Up	CI-1: Update emergency management and response planning to include climate change where needed							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
20	Planning	Near Term	Emergency	Highly adaptive with				
			Managers	very good political				
				support				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Prior to a hazard event, identify lead contacts serving vulnerable populations and coordinate
  actions to maximize safety and information sharing. Leads can assist and provide support during
  hazard events.
- Establish a network of "block captains" that can be activated to go door to door to check on the health of high-risk neighbors.
- Work with residents to create a home emergency kit that ensures that all residents have the resources they need to survive during an event. This kit should include back-up medications, rations of food, and secondary communication technologies.
- Help individual households to take their own steps to reduce flooding, such as installing rain barrels and back-up power for sump pumps.
- Expand training and education of health and social services systems/providers to identify and treat mental health problems after extreme climate events.

CI-2: Red	CI-2: Reduce inflow and infiltration to wastewater systems								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
19.5	Policy	Immediate	Operations and	Current issue with high	Ecosystems				
			Maintenance	levels of political/social					
			Dept.	support but also higher					
				costs					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Identify current inflow and infiltration to wastewater system.
- Draft revised inflow and infiltration standards and meet with stakeholders to review standards.
- Formalize standards and conduct education with key stakeholders to make them aware of key changes and new requirements.
- Enhance funding to accelerate repairs and replacement of critical areas.





CI-3: Up	CI-3: Update planning documents for sea level rise and flooding where needed								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
19	Planning	Near Term	Multi- Stakeholder	Medium and long-term issue where current planning can help	Ecosystems				
				reduce future costs					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Create a sea level risk district for inclusion in Comprehensive Plan and promulgate new codes and code changes associated with managing for sea level risk.
- Incorporate climate change and coastal hazard considerations into building codes by increasing freeboard requirements to two feet (three feet for critical projects) above the current 100-yr flood plain as buildings are redeveloped, developed, or renovated.
- See "Planning Language Examples for Climate Resiliency" document in section **Supplementary Information: C** for more details.

CI-4: Do	CI-4: Do outreach and education on climate adaptation to build community support							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
19	Awareness	Immediate	Multi-	Low cost but only	Ecosystems			
			Stakeholder	moderate political	Water Supplies			
				support				

\*Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Conduct outreach and education on climate issues and adaptation solutions to multistakeholder groups of residents, businesses, and politicians. Examples include: Public outreach for opportunities in existing relevant stormwater programs (e.g. rain gardens, cisterns).
- Consider real estate disclosures of climate change risk for residential property owners.
- Establish Community Design Centers to assist property owners in designing and retrofitting infrastructure.



CI-5: Dev	CI-5: Develop and utilize decision making tools related to climate change risks							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
18	Planning	Medium-term	Local	Highly adaptable until	Ecosystems			
			Governments	tools are developed	Water Supplies			
				then hard to change.				
				These tools receive				
				moderate/low political				
				support				

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Work with key stakeholders to identify the types of resources, tools, and information they need to make climate-appropriate decisions. For instance, a cost analysis tool that could help the Port guide investment decisions in the face of sea level rise may be a valuable tool to develop.
- As an example, WSDOT has committed to consulting the results of its vulnerability assessment (2011) when designing future transportation improvements.
- The WA state departments of transportation, commerce, ecology and health are developing
  joint webpages and data resources to help create resilient, transportation efficient
  communities. This effort is carried out under the Governor's Exec Order 1404. Staff at WSDOT
  and Commerce are available to coach community planners interested in conducting their own
  qualitative climate change vulnerability assessments (using WSDOT and Federal Highway's
  framework):

http://www.commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Growth-Management-Planning-Topics/Climate-Change-and-Energy/Pages/Climate-Change-Adaptation.aspx

CI-6: Create critical area flood mapping beyond FEMA's historical flood data							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
17	Planning	Near-term	Multi-	Low cost with moderate			
			Stakeholder	political feasibility			

\*Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Cities and Counties should establish a climate change flood overlay as part of the critical area designations specific to their future flood concerns and use it to in addition to the FEMA flood maps which are constrained by only using historical data.
- Conduct education to community and developers about the change.





CI-7: End	CI-7: Encourage soft defenses for shoreline infrastructure								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
16	Policy	Near-term	Local	High cost with moderate	Ecosystems				
			Governments	political support. Rated					
			and Private	highly for environmental					
			Sector	benefits.					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Protect and restore natural systems along the shoreline to enhance buffer between coastal storms and development.
- Develop protective green infrastructure in front of the facilities to create a natural buffer to storm surge and flooding.
- Remove hard protection or other barriers to shoreline retreat where feasible.
- Adopt soft defense strategies, such as establishing aquatic vegetation beds, using natural or artificial breakwaters and beach nourishment, where appropriate (e.g., sensitive habitats).

CI-8: Imp	CI-8: Improve on-site stormwater management practices							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
16	Policy	Near-term	Multi-	Adaptable, high cost,	Ecosystems			
			stakeholder	and moderate political	Water Supplies			
				and social feasibility				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Create monetary & non-monetary incentives for Stormwater Management or re-use, including within Low Impact Development (LID) projects. Applies to residential, industry, agriculture, and forestry sectors.
- Create pilot projects to demonstrate the value of on-site stormwater management. Examples include green roofs, rain gardens, cisterns, and bioswales.
- Effective on-site stormwater management can assist in preventing roads from washing out.

CI-9: Participate in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS)								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
16	Planning	Medium-term	Multi-	Less adaptable, low				
			stakeholder	cost, and with moderate				
				political support				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Dedicate a staff person to learn more about what is involved in participation in the FEMA
   Community Rating System (CRS): <a href="http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system">http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system</a>).
- Explore and if needed, develop more stringent regulations for homeowners in flood zones, so that the community is eligible for a reduction in insurance rates.
- Implement relevant actions under the CRS to become an official CRS community.





CI-10: Enhance stormwater retention in upstream areas								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
16	Policy	Medium-term	Multi- stakeholder	Marginally adaptable, high cost, and marginally politically feasible	Ecosystems Water Supplies			

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Review other community policies aimed at stormwater retention.
- Draft and pass policy that uses conservation of natural ecosystems, enhance riparian buffers and land management to increase stormwater retention.
- Effective stormwater retention in upstream areas can assist in preventing roads from washing out.

CI-11: In	CI-11: Install tide gates, "duckbill" valves for stormwater outfall infrastructure where needed							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
15.5	Policy	Near-term	Operation and	Less adaptive, moderate				
			Maintenance	cost, and good political				
			Departments	feasibility				

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### Key Action Steps:

• Work with operation and maintenance departments to secure funding (if needed) and install Duckbill valves, which seal a pipe end but still allow water to drain, in order to reduce flooding.

CI-12: R	CI-12: Retrofit infrastructure for coastal flooding and sea level rise							
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-			
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits			
15.5	Policy	Long-term	Local	Moderate cost, with				
			Governments	good political support				
			and Private					
			Sector					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

- Retrofit existing infrastructure to deal with sea level rise (elevate buildings, etc.).
- Downtown Port Townsend will need a new underground water removal system, but in the long term may have to add fill.
- Elevate and seal utilities.





CI-13: Re	CI-13: Require education/training/monitoring for homeowners with septic systems								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
15	Awareness	Near-term	Local	Highly adaptive, low	Ecosystems				
			Governments	cost, low political					
				support					

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Increase monitoring and enforcement for failing septic systems.
- Educate homeowners on options for re-engineering septic systems.
- Explore existing opportunities for funding that supports septic repairs (e.g. http://www.craft3.org/CleanWater)

CI-14: Co	CI-14: Consider hard shoreline protection in certain situations								
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-				
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits				
14	Policy	Medium-term	Local	Less adaptable, high					
			Governments	cost, and with moderate					
			and Private	political support.					
			Sector	Ranked very low on					
				environmental benefit					
				due to negative impacts					
				on nearshore habitat.					

<sup>\*</sup>Near-term (0-3 years), Medium-term (3-10 years), Long-term (>10 years)

#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Identify locations where hard armoring makes sense. Key types of hard armoring include reinforced rock walls, riprap, and other shoreline protection, including seawalls. This strategy is likely cost effective for critical infrastructure, high value assets, or some urban areas. However, it was ranked very low for environmental benefit due to negative impacts on nearshore habitat such as beach scouring, limits to migration for nearshore habitat. Secure funding to install hard shoreline protections and conduct all relevant regulatory and environmental reviews.
- Implement and monitor the success of the hard shoreline protection features.

CI-15: D	CI-15: Develop inverted block rate pricing structure for water and sewer					
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-	
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits	
13	Policy	Medium-term	Utility	Somewhat adaptable,	Water Supplies	
			Managers	moderate cost, and very		
				little political support		

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### **Key Action Steps:**

• Develop and Implement an inverted block rate pricing structure for water and wastewater use that incentivizes conservation.





CI-16: U	CI-16: Use homeowner outreach to encourage relocation outside floodplains						
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
10.5	Awareness	Medium-term	Multi-	Less adaptable,			
			stakeholder	extremely low political			
				support			

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- Create and distribute educational materials about the risk of living in vulnerable areas such as floodplains.
- Explore creative financing programs or cheaper insurance structures to help incentivize residents to move out of vulnerable areas.

CI-17: Er	CI-17: Encourage relocation of infrastructure outside of coastal flood zone						
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
9	Policy	Long-term	Local	High cost, and very			
			Governments	difficult to achieve			
			and Private	politically			
			Sector				

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#### **Key Action Steps:**

- Create redevelopment restrictions, incentives for retreat, and building code changes with enhanced enforcement to move infrastructure from vulnerable locations.
- Determine if it is best to relocate, raise, seal or abandon any infrastructure that will sustain damage by inundation.

CI-18: Re	CI-18: Relocate Port Townsend municipal wastewater treatment plant long-term						
Score Type of Timeframe for Lead Group (s) Opportunities or Focus Are							
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
9	Policy	Long-term	City of Port	High cost, and moderate			
			Townsend	political feasibility			

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- While the location where the wastewater treatment plant is located is not likely to be subject to flooding until near the end of the century, the plant itself will eventually need to be repaired or replaced and this is the most cost effective time to plan for and incorporate future projections of sea level rise and changes to the coastal flood risk for the area where the plant will be located. As such, any redevelopment designs for the plant should include projections of future climate change, including sea level rise.
- Evaluate and relocate other vulnerable aspects of the wastewater treatment system such as lift pump stations vulnerable to sea level rise and storm surge.





CI-19: Adopt new flood risk management standards and guidelines						
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-	
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits	
Not	Planning	Medium-term	Multi-	Mirrors current		
Scored			stakeholder	guidance to federal		
				agencies		

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- Identify appropriate flood risk acceptance and develop supporting standards and guidelines. Three options include:
  - o *Informed Science Approach*: Use the best available climate science data to determine future flood conditions, and elevate structures above that future flood level.
  - Freeboard Value Approach: Elevate structures and facilities two feet for standard projects and three feet for critical projects above the 100-year flood level.
  - o 500-Year Elevation Approach: Elevate structures to the 500-year flood level (a flood with a 0.2 percent chance of occurring in any given year).

CI-20: In	CI-20: Install pumps for stormwater outfalls subject to sea level rise						
Score	Score Type of Timeframe for Lead Group (s) Opportunities or Focus Are						
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
Not	Policy	Medium-term	Operation and	N/A			
Scored	Maintenance						
			Dept.				

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## Key Action Steps:

• Identify locations where pumps would be viable. Note that pumping would address limitations of tide gates over the long term.

CI-21: Renovate Clallam Bay/Sekiu wastewater treatment plant							
Score	core Type of Timeframe for Lead Group (s) Opportunities or Focus Are						
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
Not	Policy	Long-term	Local	N/A			
Scored			Government				

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- Identify desired approach rebuild two plants, interconnect two plants, or build a pump station to the prison. Determine if it is feasible to pump sewage to the prison treatment plant if needed.
- Seek funding for desired approach. Note that system serves economically distressed community so may have adaptation funds available; some funding is potentially already available.





CI-22: Re	CI-22: Renovate Elwha lowlands vacuum sewer system						
Score	Type of	Timeframe for	Lead Group (s)	Opportunities or	Focus Area Co-		
	Strategy	Implementation*		Concerns	benefits		
Not	Policy	Long-term	Tribal	Location in lowlands			
Scored			Government	means moving system			
				uphill is probably the			
				central option since the			
				Tribe has upland			
				properties that may be			
				suitable.			

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