

# Local Climate Action Activities in Jefferson County

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# Some Local Organizations Involved in Climate Action

- ▶ Jefferson County / Port Townsend Climate Action Committee
- ▶ Local 2020
- ▶ North Olympic Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development organization (NOPRCD) / Planning for Climate Change on the North Olympic Peninsula Project
- ▶ Students for Sustainability

# Jefferson County / Port Townsend Climate Action Committee

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  - ▶ A joint committee of Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend
  - ▶ Works to drive the implementation of the City/County Climate Action Plan, which includes a county-wide goal of 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by the year 2050, and also calls for work on climate change preparation (adaptation)
  - ▶ Meets quarterly, next meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 3:30-5:30
  - ▶ See Jefferson County website for details (or see link from [L2020.org/climate-action](http://L2020.org/climate-action) page)
  - ▶ Who here is part of the group?

# Local 2020

- ▶ A Jefferson County-based grassroots organization focused on “*Working together toward local sustainability and resilience - integrating ecology, economy and community through action and education*”
- ▶ Climate Action Outreach Group: educating the community on climate change and what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint



- ▶ Climate Adaptation Group: how do we best prepare for climate change
- ▶ Transportation Lab (T-Lab): how can we reduce our carbon footprint from transportation
- ▶ Energy Action Group: how can we reduce our carbon footprint through energy efficiency and renewable energy
- ▶ Citizens for Local Food: how can we reduce the carbon footprint of the food we eat by strengthening our local food system
- ▶ See L2020.org for more information, and to sign up for our weekly announcements! (Who?)

# Planning for Climate Change on the North Olympic Peninsula Project

- ▶ A North Olympic Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council (NOPRCD.org) project, funded by WA Dept of Ecology and Commerce
- ▶ Goal: To develop a Climate Preparedness Plan for the North Olympic Peninsula (NOP), east Jefferson and Clallam Counties
  - ▶ How is the climate changing and projected to change, how will it impact the North Olympic Peninsula, and how can we best prepare for these changes
- ▶ Timeframe: June 2014 - October 2015
- ▶ Partners include cities of Port Townsend, Port Angeles, and Sequim, both counties, the 3 tribes in the area, PUDs, Ports, Econ Dev orgs, Puget Sound Partnership entities, WSUs, Port Townsend Marine Science Center, ...
- ▶ See [L2020.org/climate-action](http://L2020.org/climate-action) website for more details
- ▶ Contacts: Kate Dean or Cindy Jayne

# Students for Sustainability

- ▶ Students for Sustainability is a dedicated group of Port Townsend High School students who are taking action to mitigate climate change at their school, in their community, their state, and at a national level.
- ▶ They went to Washington DC last year to lobby for action on climate change
- ▶ <https://www.facebook.com/sfspths>
- ▶ Who here is part of the group?

# Other Opportunities to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

- ▶ Jefferson PUD offers a variety of Energy Efficiency Rebates to help reduce your carbon footprint
  - ▶ The program offers rebates for heating system upgrades, weatherization improvements, windows replacement, and EnergyStar appliance purchases. Qualified projects can receive as much as \$1,200 from Jefferson County PUD by upgrading their furnace to a heat pump system.
- ▶ See <http://www.jeffpud.org/> for details

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# Thank You!

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