

# Issaquah – Sustainability Profile

## *City Overview*

Issaquah is the fastest growing city in King County, partially due to annexations, with a doubling of population in the last decade to over 30,400. Efforts to reduce and mitigate emissions are focused in green building, energy efficiency, waste reduction, progressive land use planning, community gardens, open space acquisition and restoration, commute trip reduction and decreasing vehicle miles travelled. The City has completed a greenhouse gas inventory, a tree canopy assessment, established sustainability indicators and adopted policy on sustainable building and infrastructure.

## *Recent Accomplishments*

- Green building – Issaquah spearheaded [zHome](#), the first multi-family, zero energy, carbon neutral community in the US. It will emit zero net carbon emissions using advanced energy-efficient techniques.
- Community planning – the [Central Issaquah Plan](#), a roadmap for the redevelopment of 900 acres of commercial area in the valley floor, will guide the achievement of a cohesive, compact, mixed use town center.
- Clean transportation – The City set goals to reduce miles travelled by 13 percent, developed a Salmon Friendly Commuting Program for businesses, funds an annual Complete Streets capital program to promote walking, biking, and transit and has spurred adoption of [Evergreen Fleets](#) Certification standards in area solid waste collection fleets.
- Open space – through a City initiated effort, Issaquah preserved over 140 acres from planned development, instead clustering projects and preserving large areas of forested open space in the [Parkpointe TDR](#).
- Waste Reduction – the community’s Food Packaging Ordinance and efforts of restaurants are working to eliminate non-recyclable and non-compostable single serve food packaging, doubling commercial food waste and recycling levels in the last 3 years. The Issaquah Chamber of Commerce recently won the Recycler of the Year Award from the Washington State Recycling Association for their work at the annual Salmon Days Festival.

## *Learn More*



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