

## Community Support and Engagement: What You Can Do

Community involvement and participation will be crucial for the success of the plan and its goals. For example, many business and building owners are already investing significantly in energy efficiency upgrades to comply with the Clean Buildings Act and will continue to be key partners for electrification efforts. The City will continue to collaborate with residents and businesses to implement these actions equitably, inclusively, and effectively. All plan actions will benefit from community support, but the following actions will especially rely on broad community engagement:

### Transportation and Mobility:

- Reduce driving by taking transit, walking, biking, telecommuting, or using shared-mobility services (TM 1.5, 1.9, 1.10, 1.13, 2.1).
- Replace gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicles with **electric options** (TM 2.2, 2.4).
- Use an e-bike for short trips (TM 1.5, 1.9, 1.10, 1.13).

### Buildings and Energy:

- **Utilize federal** or **utility incentives** to increase your home's energy efficiency. If renting, talk to your landlord or property manager about available incentives (BE 1.3).
- When replacing your furnace or water heater, choose an efficient, electric heat pump (B 1.3, 1.5, 1.6).
- Replace gas appliances with electric options (BE 1.5).
- Find out your **home's solar potential** and talk to your utility about installing solar panels. If renting, consider participating in **Seattle City Light's Green Up program** to support community solar projects (BE 3.1).





**Zero Waste:**

- Take steps to **reduce the amount of food you waste** (ZW 1.1).
- Avoid single-use plastic items and switch to reusable options when possible (ZW 1.1).
- Extend the life of furniture, clothing, and appliances by repairing them (ZW 1.1).
- Compost all food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard debris and recycle all accepted plastic, paper, glass, and metal containers. Find out what you can **recycle and compost here**. If renting, contact your property manager about setting up compost service (ZW 2.3, 2.4, 2.5).

**Ecosystems and Sequestration:**

- Protect existing trees and natural areas on your property. If you have room, consider planting more trees (ES 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13).
- Remove invasive species, lawn, and hardscaped areas on your property and add native plants. Amend landscape beds with compost or natural mulch wherever possible.
- Volunteer with the **Green Shoreline Partnership** to restore urban forest habitat in our parks (ES 1.1, 1.2).

**Community Resilience and Preparedness:**

- Ensure your household is prepared for extreme heat, wildfire smoke, and flooding events. Get involved with the **CERT program** to volunteer during emergencies (CRP 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 3.2).
- Consider participating in the Soak It Up Rebate program to install a rain garden on your property to reduce drainage issues and protect clean water (CRP 1.4, 1.5).
- Talk to your friends, family, and community about climate change and the actions we can take to reduce emissions and prepare for climate impacts (CRP 3.2, 3.4).
- Support local businesses that are taking action to protect the environment and fight climate change. Visit [envirostars.org](https://envirostars.org) to find a list of local businesses that have earned EnviroStars recognition for their environmental leadership.

