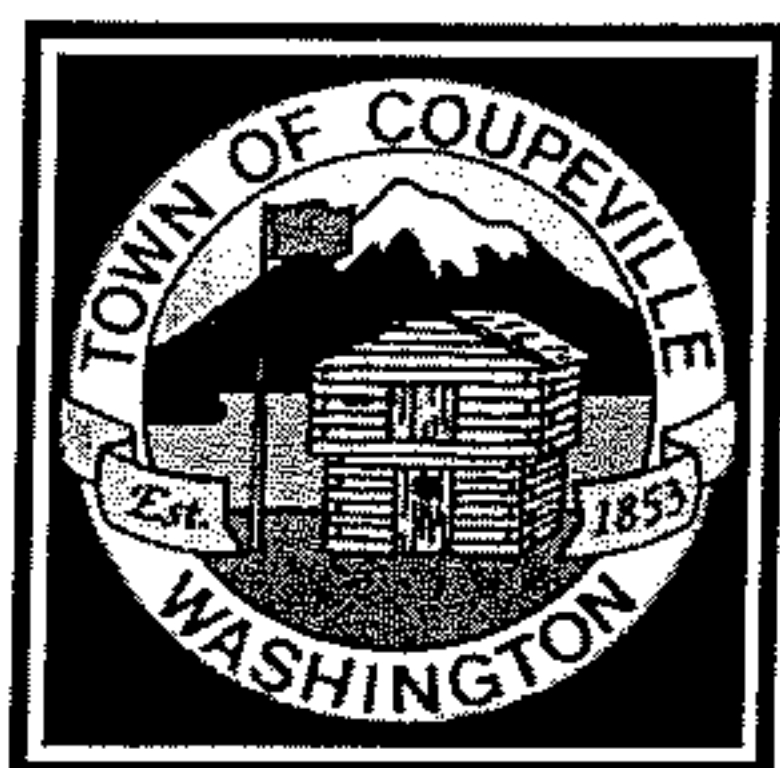


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# TOWN HALL NEWS

## TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

### CLIMATE ACTION PLAN & BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

The Town participated in a program with Local Governments for Sustainability and Northwest Clean Air Agency to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the community. This inventory created a baseline. Subsequently, the town adopted a Climate Action Plan with a target to reduce our emissions by 20% by 2020.

Actions by the government and community to achieve this goal will include increasing recycling, changing out light fixtures, reducing vehicle idling. In addition, there are many actions that individual businesses and residents can take to reduce their consumption of fossil fuels and electricity.

At the same time, we are developing practices that increase our ability to maintain a sustainable community. You already see simple efforts in place like re-usable shopping bags. We have implemented low impact development techniques and are looking at other environmentally friendly practices to implement.

The Town has contracted with WSU (Washington State University) Extension Service, through Island County, to provide support implementing our plan. WSU has now hired Cathy d'Almeida to focus on these efforts. Although Cathy is employed by WSU, we are her primary responsibility. WSU's suite of environmental programs: Beachwatchers, Waste Wise, Shore Stewards, are a great compliment to our interest.

Cathy has already coordinated an energy audit of Town facilities, and is making contacts with the various agencies that can provide support to our efforts. Watch for a newsletter with your next utility billing, and we will also be adding a Sustainable Community section to our web site in the near future.

Contact Cathy at [cathydalmeida@wsu.edu](mailto:cathydalmeida@wsu.edu) or 360-678-7849.

### POLITICAL SIGNS

This is a significant year of elections, and many Town residents are showing their support of candidates and issues by displaying political signs.

Political signs are allowed by our Town code, but must not exceed a total of 8 square feet at any one location, or 42 inches in height from the ground. Also, signs are to be placed on your personal property, not on the Town right of way (shoulders of streets).

Signs are to be removed within one week of the election.

### CLIMATE STEWARDS VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

A new program sponsored by Northwest Clean Air Agency and supported by WSU Beach Watchers will kick off in September.

Applications are being accepted to become a Climate Steward Volunteer. Volunteers will attend 20 hours of free training, where they will become familiar with the science of climate change, impacts of global warming and actions that reduce global warming pollution. Then, the volunteers will be expected to return at least 20 hours of volunteer service over the next eight months, working with community and outreach projects that promote energy conservation and reduce global warming.

Training will occur in September, 9/15, 9/17 and 9/22 from 9-1:30 and 9/24 9-4, at Padilla Bay Reserve.

If you are interested, register on line at [www.padillabay.gov](http://www.padillabay.gov) or contact Laura Curley at 800-622-4627, ext. 202.

Volunteers may help with implementing the Coupeville Climate Action Plan.

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