Sustainable Skagit

Climate Action and Sustainability Initiative













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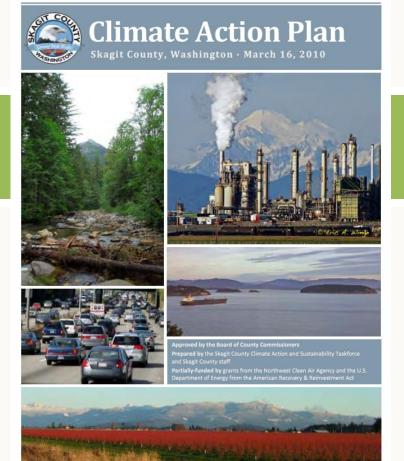


Notables for Q1

- New Sustainability Coordinator
- \$17,450 grant from NWCAA
- \$19,000 additional grant funding from Commerce for SCOG RCM program

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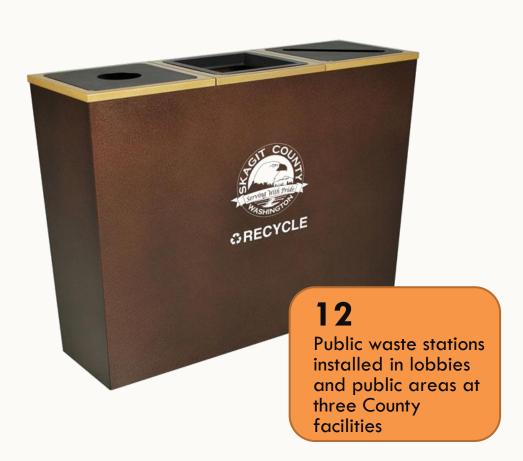


Reduce Reuse

Recycle



Waste Reduction







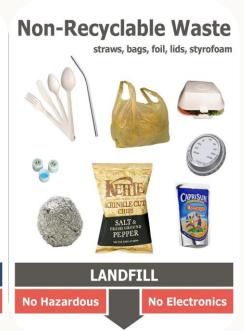
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Zero Waste Events



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Waste Reduction

Guide to Construction & Demolition Recycling



2011

Skagit County Public Works Solid Waste Division 360-336-9400

Recycling Hotline 360-419-7683 www.skagitcounty.net/recycle

printed on 100% post-consumer recycled and Forest Stewardship Council-certified paper C&D Recycling, Reuse, and Disposal Options

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Affordable Appliance		x				x							×				210 N Oak St · Burlington · 360-755-9012 · affordableappliancerecycle.com
Clear Lake Compactor Site		×		×		×			×			x	×				23159 Howey Rd · Clear Lake · 360-856-5083
Concrete Nor' West	×																663 Pease Rd · Burlington · 360-757-3121
Home Depot					×												2001 Marketplace Dr · Burlington · 360-757-1986 · homedepot.com
Lowes					x												1717 Freeway Dr · Mount Vernon · 360-424-5838 · lowes.com
Martin Marietta Aggregates	×																20411 E Hickox Rd · Mount Vernon · 360-424-3441 · martinmarietta.com
Pallet Services											×						12998 Farm to Market Rd · Mount Vernon 360-424-8171 · www.palletservices.com
Rita Street Appliance Recycling		×				×			×				×				211 W Woodworth St · Sedro-Woolley 360-855-2030
Sauk Transfer Station		x		×		x		x	×			x					50795 State Route 20 · Concrete · 360-853-8810
Skagit County HHW Facility					x					x							Turn right upon entering Transfer Station · 360-424-9532
Skagit County Transfer Station		×		×	x	x			×			x	×				14104 Ovenell Road · Mount Vernon · 360-424-3873
Skagit River Steel & Recycling		×	×	×		x	×		×		×	x	×	×			1265 S Anacortes St · Burlington · 360-757-6096 · skagitriversteel.com
Skagit Soils								×									13260 Ball Rd · Mount Vernon · 360-424-0199 · skagitcoilsinc.com
Sunland Bark & Topsoil								×								x	12469 Reservation Rd · Anacortes · 360-293-7188 · sunlandtopsoil.com
T & T Recovery/Lauts Inc.	x		x		x			x			x	x			×	x	6967 Old Hwy 99 N · Burlington · 360-757-4000

C&D Tips: Pre-Planning

- Use contractors experienced in C&D materials reuse and recycling initiatives
- Incorporate C&D materials reuse and recycling language in contract specifications

C&D Tips: Planning

- Develop a C&D recycling plan
- · Identify materials for recovery
- · Identify markets for materials

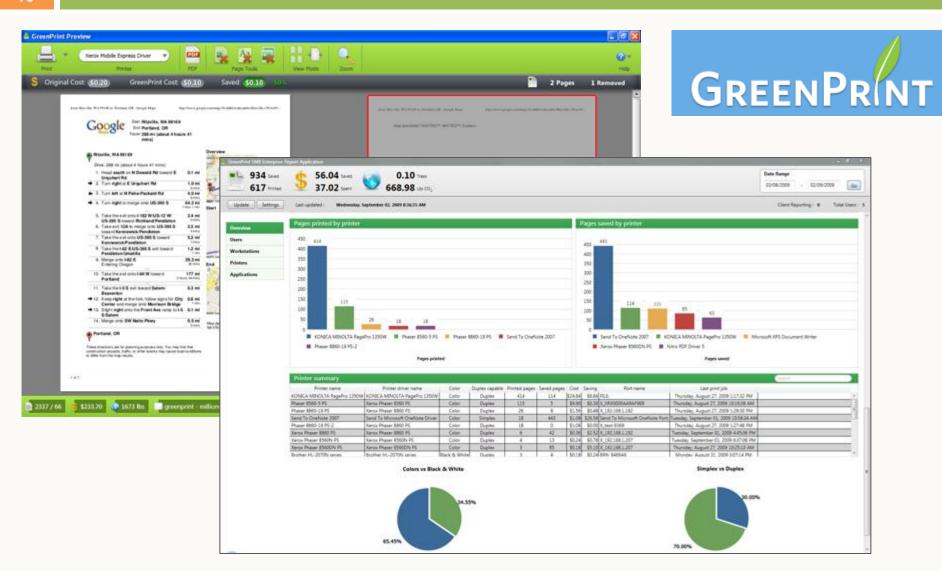
C&D Tips: Demolition

- · Salvage construction materials when possible
- · Investigate reuse of recovered material on site
- Link a deconstruction project with a current construction or renovation project to facilitate reuse of salvaged materials



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Transportation

- Vehicle Fleet Review
- No-Idle Signs
- Bike Racks









Energy Conservation Projects

GA/McKinstry

Performance-Based Contracting

Courthouse

Administration Building

Annex

Public Safety Building

Moen Building (Parks and Rec)

Mount Vernon Senior Center

Fairgrounds

SCOG RCM

Resource Conservation Manager

Concrete Senior Center

Public Defender's Office

Search and Rescue Building

Burlington Road Shop Admin Building

Community Services

Information Services Building

Parks and Recreation Shop

Data Center



SCOG RCM Program

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Avoided energy costs in 2010 for county facilities (including Q4)

53%

County facilities decreased electricity use from 2009 to 2010.

63%

County facilities decreased use of natural gas from 2009 to 2010.

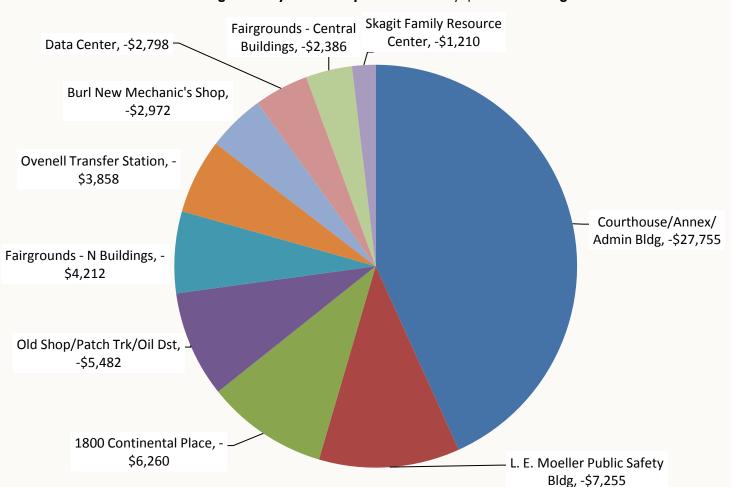
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SCOG RCM Program







Energy Conservation Outreach

 Reminder emails to shut down computers, printers, and monitors prior to holiday weekends.

 Energy efficiency emails to show the energy use of Skagit County buildings and suggest energy-savings practices.



 Meetings with Skagit County department heads to review energy conservation practices.

Other Projects

- Superior Court provided their 2009 and 2010 reports electronically.
- Avoided 2,200+ printed pages
- Avoided 500 mailed copies



Other Projects

 PDS continuing support for the Swinomish Climate
 Change Initiative



- Earth Day Resolution
- Energy Challenge
- New outdoor recycling for county parks

Other Projects

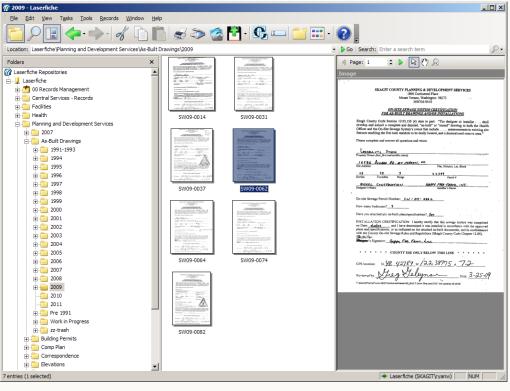


Upcoming Projects

- Energy Savings Performance Contracting
- Centralized Sustainable Purchasing
- Sustainable Home Program
- Paperless Policy
- Litter Ordinance
- Installation of GreenPrint software to 119 computers
- Vehicle Policy and Trip Reduction Program

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- Paperless Discovery for Prosecutor,
 Public Defender, Sheriff's Office
 using Laserfiche
- 3/4 of a million
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