



CASCADE AGENDA CITIES PROGRAM

The Cascade Agenda:

The Cascade Agenda is a collective vision for conserving Washington's remarkable landscapes in the face of a growing population and a changing economy, with the following goals:

- **Save our landscape** by conserving 1.3 million acres of working farms, forests and natural areas
- **Enhance our Communities** with smart community planning and the creation of spectacular parks and public places

Our Mission: The mission of the Cascade Agenda Cities Program is to enlist the region's cities to improve the livability of our communities - making them complete, compact and connected - and spectacular enough to make people choose to live there, saving the region's natural and working lands from sprawling development.

Our Vision is for cities that are complete, compact and connected.

- **Complete:** Urban neighborhoods have a vibrant mix of people, public gathering places, civic and cultural anchors and retail establishments
- **Compact:** New development is designed to make neighborhoods efficient, walkable and affordable
- **Connected:** People live near transit connections and can walk and bike safely to daily destinations

How CLC Adds Value:

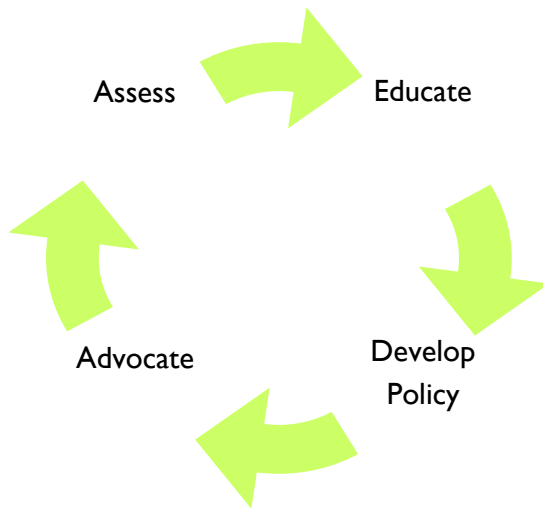
- We educate partner cities about what it takes to become a truly livable city.
- We promote work partner cities are doing to make their cities more livable.
- We help these cities-and their citizens-understand their options and make smart choices for future growth.
- We provide a framework for continuous improvement and sharing best practices that enables cities to make their communities better and better.

Program Objectives/Policy Goals

- **Neighborhood Centers**
 - Transit Oriented Development, Neighborhood Commercial Districts, Town Centers
 - Example: Parking Requirements, Incentive Zoning, Form Based Codes,
- **Innovative Housing**
 - Increase housing supply, choice & affordability
 - Locate most new housing in vibrant, walkable neighborhoods near transit
 - Build well-designed and efficient buildings
 - Example: Cottage, Carriage and Multiplex Housing
- **Streets for People**
 - Create streetscapes that support transportation choices
 - Enhance Business
 - Safety
 - Example: Complete Streets Policy, Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan, Sidewalk Café policies
- **Natural Spaces**
 - Green Cities, Community Gardens, Parks, Recreation & Open Space Allocation, Green Infrastructure

Services

To drive local innovation in land use policy and programs, we have developed a 4-step process for assisting member cities in developing and adopting innovative policies and programs that will result in on-the-ground improvements in urban livability. We identify needs, educate city leaders and citizens, develop appropriate policies and get these policies implemented.



- **Assessment:** provide a baseline as leadership cities enter the program and identify opportunities for action
- **Education:** educate city leaders and citizens on how to make smart choices about growth and improve the livability of their city
- **Policy development:** research best practices (local, regional and national) and facilitate development of model policies and programs with city leaders, regional experts as well as developers and builders
- **Advocacy:** Engage local citizens in advocating for quality growth in their communities and bring together a diverse coalition of interests to advocate for public investments at the state level

Current members

- 1) Buckley
- 2) Burien
- 3) Ellensburg
- 4) Edmonds (Leadership)
- 5) Issaquah (Leadership)
- 6) Kirkland (Leadership)
- 7) Lynnwood
- 8) Mill Creek
- 9) Mountlake Terrace
- 10) Puyallup
- 11) Renton
- 12) Sammamish
- 13) SeaTac
- 14) Seattle (Leadership)
- 15) Shoreline
- 16) Snohomish
- 17) Tacoma (Leadership)
- 18) Tukwila (Leadership)
- 19) University Place

How cities get involved

Member Cities

- Informational meeting
- Pass council resolution
- Designate primary staff contact
- No membership fee

Leadership Cities

- Pass council resolution
- Create inter-departmental team
- Conduct self-assessment of livability
- Annual membership fee (\$5,000)

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