

December 6, 2013

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04

RELATING to *Creating Places – Preserving Spaces: A Sustainable Development Plan for the Thurston Region*;

WHEREAS, in 2011, 30 partners signed a memorandum of understanding to work in cooperation to complete a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (Plan) for the Thurston Region; and

WHEREAS, the cities, towns, and county have a history of collaboration and coordination on activities of mutual interest;

WHEREAS, this effort was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Thurston Task Force was convened by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) to undertake the development of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the cities and towns and county were active members of the Sustainable Thurston Task Force, along with Intercity Transit, Housing Authority of Thurston County, Washington State Departments of Commerce and Enterprise Services, TRPC's Transportation Policy Board and panel chairpersons representing the Blue Ribbon Economic Development Panel, Health and Human Services Panel, Housing Panel, Local Food Systems Panel, Public Outreach and Education Panel, Public Safety Panel, North and South County Schools and Transportation Panels, Water Infrastructure Panel, and Energy workgroup; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community members participated on topic panels, developing white papers and strategy briefs to help inform Plan development; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was informed by local data, research, modeling, and surveys; and

WHEREAS, thousands of residents considered the challenges and opportunities facing our community; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Thurston Task Force completed the Plan, identifying twelve priority goals and targets, and approximately 300 actions to enhance quality of life, foster economic vitality, and protect the environment while balancing our needs today with those of future residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:

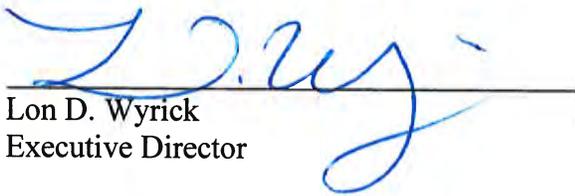
THAT the Thurston Regional Planning Council recognizes and deeply appreciates the three years and thousands of hours that the Task Force, panel members, and interested residents dedicated to this regional planning effort; and

THAT the document "Creating Places Preserving Spaces: A Sustainable Development Plan for the Thurston Region (2013)" is adopted as a working document of sustainability concepts for local governments, special purpose districts, non-profit organizations, and private citizens to help further their sustainability priorities; and

THAT there is a continuing role in Plan implementation for the Thurston Regional Planning Council, as funds are available, to raise awareness, look for best practices, monitor priority goals and targets, and lead supportive regional efforts.

ADOPTED this 6th day of December 2013.

ATTEST:



Lon D. Wyrick
Executive Director



Sandra Romero
Chair, Thurston Regional Planning Council