

CITY OF ELLensburg

Clean Energy Implementation Plan
Community Session – September 23, 2025

AGENDA

Topic	Time
Opening & Introductions	5:30pm-5:40pm
CETA/CEIP Background	5:40pm-5:50pm
Ellensburg Current Actions	5:50pm-6:10pm
Public Input	6:10pm-6:55pm
Wrap-up	6:55pm-7pm

OPERATING AGREEMENTS



Be Present: Be engaged and avoid distractions.



Active Listening: Be respectful of others' ideas, even if you disagree.



Expect and Accept Non-closure: We may not be able to resolve or address all things today.



Equal Participation: Share the airtime.



Constructive Feedback: Focus on problem-solving and solutions.

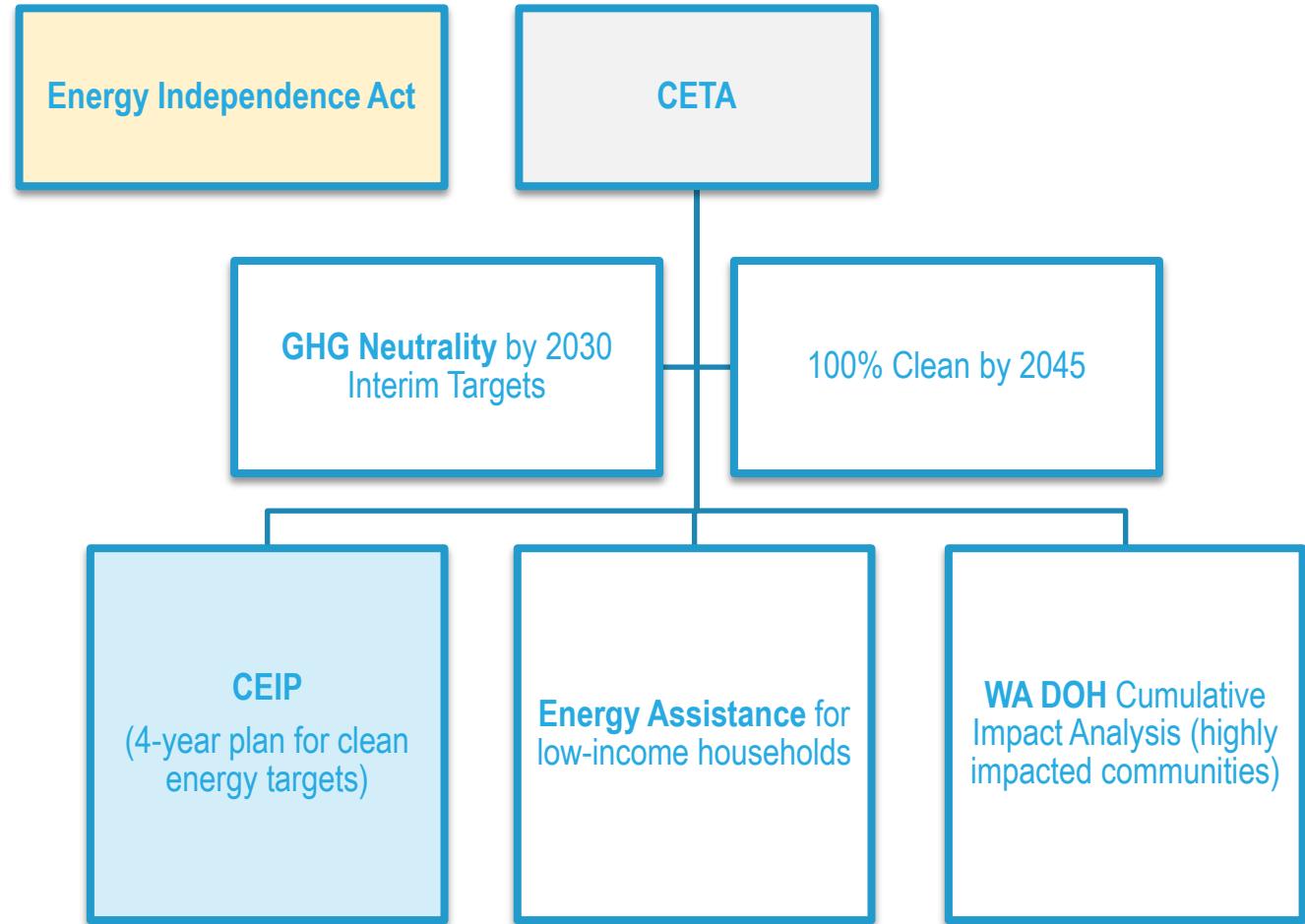


Be Open-Minded: Consider different perspectives and be willing to adjust your own thinking.

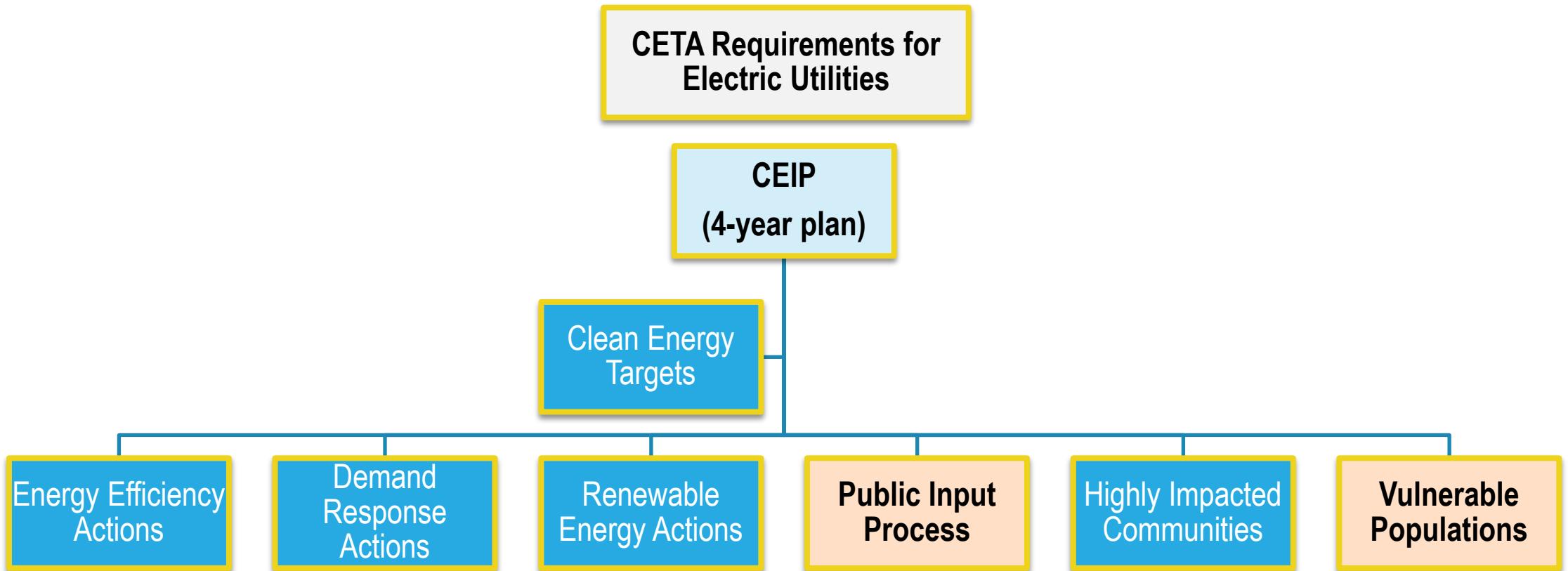
CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT (CETA) BACKGROUND

WHAT IS CETA?

- CETA requires the state's **electric utilities** to fully transition to clean, renewable and non-emitting resources by 2045, with the following targets:
 - 2025 – Eliminate coal-fired generation serving Washington customers
 - 2030 – Must be greenhouse gas neutral
 - 2045 – Must generate 100% of their power from renewable or zero-carbon resources
- Provisions to ensure this transition is equitable



WHAT CEIP?





20,970
population



~\$126
million



70%
people



273
employees



10+
facilities



150
acres



6
utilities



11,000
customers



90.8
street miles

Energy Services Department Overview

Delivering low-cost, reliable, safe, and modern energy since:

- Electric utility since 1890
- Natural gas utility since 1954

Serving 11,000+ customers:

- Residential
- Commercial/Industrial
- CWU

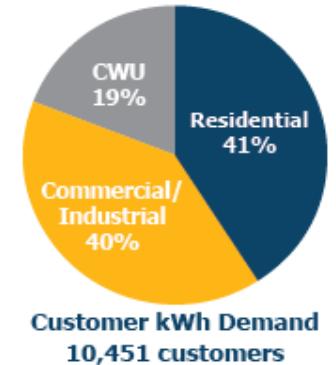
Our Team

- Line crews
- Gas Technicians
- Customer service
- Metering
- Engineering
- Rates & Data Analysts
- Regulatory/compliance
- Sustainability
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation
- Consultants/Contractors

Electric Utility

100% of Energy purchased from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

- Demand: 26 MW/year average; peak 49 MW (winter)
- Purchase of Clean Energy - 96% carbon-free - BPA power mix – 85% hydro, 11% nuclear, 4% unspecified (from 2022 fuel mix report)
- 7,000 metric tons co2e/year

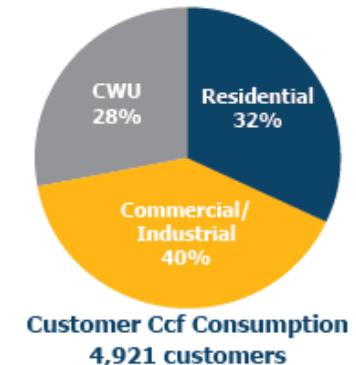


Natural Gas Utility

- Demand: 800,000 MCF/year average

- 40,000 metric tons CO2e/year

- American Public Gas Association Safety Contest Award; the System Operational Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Silver Award; and the prestigious Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Award



Core Functions

- 24/7 electric and gas system operation, dispatch, and outage response
- Substation, pipeline, and infrastructure maintenance/replacement

System Operations:



- WA UTC (Utilities & Transportation Commission), Commerce, Ecology, FERC, DOE, EPA, OSHA, PHMSA (Office of pipeline safety), and more.
- Reliability, safety, and emissions reporting

Regulatory Compliance:



- Metering, billing, new and altered service connections, energy assistance
- Outages, service calls, and safety education
- Energy Efficiency (Rebates)

Customer Service:



- Grid modernization (outage management, advanced metering)
- DERs (Distributed Energy Resources), efficiency, and clean energy initiatives

Meet projected load growth

Strategic Initiatives:



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Sustainability & Energy Plan (SEP)

Purpose

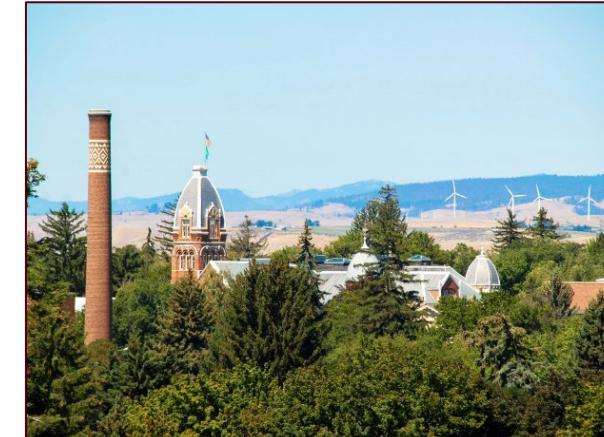
- Aligns with WA's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) and Climate Commitment Act (CCA)
- Approved by City Council in January 2024

Process

- GHG emissions inventory
- Community input via survey and stakeholder interviews
- Guided by a diverse steering committee

Key Goals

- Establish baseline emissions and reduction targets
- Ensure compliance with state climate laws
- Center equity and support for vulnerable populations



SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY PLAN



2024

You can learn more about our SEP and our sustainability work on our [website](#)!

Energy Efficiency Programs

Ducted Heat Pump

Ductless Heat Pump

Thermostat

Water Heating

Air Sealing

Exterior Doors

Windows

Site Built Home Insulation

Manufactured Home Insulation

Multifamily Weatherization

Multifamily HVAC

Home Audits



Summary

HEAR GRANT

Contract Close-out Executed 7/24/2025

Low-income	Low-income	COE Program	COE Program	COE Program
98 Project Sites 98 Recipients 98 Heat Pumps Rebate Total \$1,997,173.28	45 Upgrades 53 Fuel Switch natural gas, oil, wood, pellets	72 Project Sites 64 Recipients 59 Single Fam. 3 Small Bus. 3 Multi-Family	31 Upgrades 41 Fuel Switch natural gas 38 Heat Pumps 1 Range 2 HPWH	86 Total Appliances 69 Heat Pumps 12 Induction Range 4 HP Water Heater 1 HP Clothes Dryer Rebate Total \$1,478,901.70



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The Ellensburg Police Department Presents

2021 CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

About the Academy

The Citizen's Academy is a six week program with the Ellensburg Police Department. This is an insightful look at the job of an Ellensburg Police Officer. The dates of the academy are October 12, 19, 26, and November 2, 6, 9. The program is open to residents of the Ellensburg community that have an interest to learn more about their police department, crime concerns within Ellensburg and the role a police officer has regarding the enforcement of laws. A variety of topics will be covered, including: patrol operations, domestic violence, narcotics and special investigations, as well as the use of force and vehicle operations.

Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in activities such as pursuit driving, firearms, traffic stops and less lethal devices. Due to Covid restrictions we are still working on scheduling normally conducted tours.

Space is limited. Don't miss out on this GREAT opportunity!

Contact Corporal Jason Brank at 509.963.7280 or e-mail at brankj@ellensburgwa.gov



Applications may be obtained at the Ellensburg Police Department at 100 N Pearl St or online at <http://www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us/Citizens-Academy>

Ellensburg Police Department
509.962.7280

Coffee With City Council

Friday, August 19
9-11 a.m.
at Dakota Cafe

Stop by for a cup and conversation.



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Ellensburg, WA 98926

This report includes 2021 accomplishments and outlines plans for the coming year in 2022.

Ellensburg INSIDER

City Annual Report 2021

Working Toward A Strategic Vision
In the fall of 2021, the Ellensburg City Council adopted a shared vision for the future built on strategic priorities. The City Council's Strategic Vision 2022-2026 is a long-term strategic plan for guiding the City of Ellensburg and establishes precedents for the expenditure of staff and other City resources. In addition to providing essential public services, the vision includes:

- Sustainable Energy
- Sustainable Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Quality of Life
- Safe and Inclusive Community

These priorities were further refined in 2022. To learn more visit the City website at ellensburg.gov/strategicvision



Sustainable Energy

• The City's electric utility maintained 95% carbon-free energy supply purchases.

• The City had 1,652 kWh of solar energy generation (DG) capacity installed on the system, producing approximately 2 million kWh annually. The City provided incentives for the installation of solar energy to come housing and energy conservation measures.

• The City received \$800,000 in federal funding for converting methane to renewable natural gas at the Blue Heron Treatment Plant.

• But Rose utility offers energy conservation. Water, sewer, natural gas, electric and telecommunications utility services are extended along Bull Road and Berry Road to support development and create jobs in the area.

• The City gained revenue from sales of diverse sources, reserves, and natural gas and contracts resulting in a \$2.4 million credit for customer rate relief.

• The natural gas utility received System Operational Achievement Recognition (SOAR) for excellent system integrity, system improvement, employee safety, and workforce development.

• The Public Safety Building was completed in 2021, allowing police to fully occupy and utilize the increased space for training, office, and storage.

• The training room and indoor range were immediately available for regional training including the state-mandated basic and advanced De-escalation training. Ellensburg Police Department also initiated a body-worn camera program.

• The Parks and Recreation department purchased and body-worn cameras to increase officer safety, accountability, and transparency with the community.

• Lodging Tax grants to support community events totaled \$48,800.

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Sustainable Infrastructure

The City adopted a Housing Action Plan in 2021 with strategies to create more housing in different types of locations to accommodate growth and improve access to support future growth of City infrastructure.

• Funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were allocated to projects that directly address the housing needs of the community.

• Parks department grants funded West Ellensburg Park improvements, Ellensburg Explore!, Expressions de Ellensburg nature day camp, Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Interpretive signs.

• About 10 houses are currently under construction on Broadmoor Street.

Housing affordability is a primary concern. Ellensburg has made significant progress in recent years to improve housing options. In 2017, voters passed a 0.1% (one-tenth of one percent) sales and use tax for affordable housing. These funds, along with surplus funds from the Parks and Recreation department, are used to support affordable housing for members of our community. In 2021 there were three main projects underway, totaling nearly 80 new units of long-term affordable housing.

The Stant Mandates project is a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build 18 units of affordable housing on the Stant Mandates property. The City of Ellensburg property contribution and affordable housing sales are used to offset the tax. The project will break ground in 2022.

The City expressed support of property at First Avenue and Newell Street for future development.

• It is important to note the City partnered with Kittitas County to create a County-wide economic development strategic plan with some specific actions for Ellensburg. Industry centered groups (real estate, business, tourism, etc.) have been included in planning to identify priorities to enhance quality of the area and robust local economy as the community moves forward.

• The Arts Commission (from the City's art fund)

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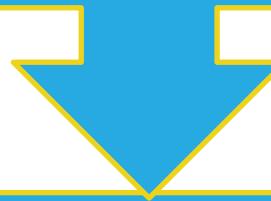
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CITY OF ELLENSBURG 2025 CEIP

Angela Long, Rockcress Consulting

EQUITY IN THE CEIP

Goal is to ensure an equitable transition to clean energy



This means the CEIP should identify:

“Vulnerable” populations
and Highly Impacted
Communities

Impacts on them

Utility actions to reduce
identified impacts

Indicators (metrics) to
evaluate equity of actions

SEP Community Surveys & Interviews

- **Top 10 Customers and Community Stakeholder Survey**
 - A total of 11 respondents completed interviews
- **Community Online Survey**
 - 312 respondents; majority residential with some businesses represented
- **CETA Community Organizations Interviews**
 - Allied People Offering Year-Round Outreach (APOYO)
 - Ellensburg DEI Commission
 - Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH)
 - HopeSource
 - Kittitas County Habitat for Humanity
 - Kittitas County Veterans Coalition
 - Kittitas Early Learning Coalition
 - WorkSource Kittitas County

312 TOTAL
RESPONDENTS

TOP RESPONDENT CONCERNS:

-  Rising home costs
-  Land use and increasing population density
-  Cost of energy
-  Availability of clean water

47% of respondents believe the City should do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Of these, 93% favor the City pursuing grant funding to pay for reduction efforts.

52% of respondents believe the City should only take actions to comply with state regulations.

EXAMPLE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS BASED ON SEP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION INTERVIEWS

Which populations are most vulnerable in the community?

Lead Risk from Housing	Low Birth Weight Combined	No High School Diploma	Populations Living in Poverty	Proximity to Risk Management Plan (RMP) Facilities	Transportation Expense
Unaffordable Housing (>30% of income)	Seniors	Seniors on a fixed income	Veterans	Low-income families	Single-parent households
Renters	People with disabilities	People of color (particularly Latinos)	People living in unstable housing	People suffering poor air quality (particularly from wildfires)	Low-income families living in inefficient homes
People that speak a language other than English	People in need of affordable housing	Young families	Families where both parents work		

Yellow Boxes
Indicate that
Population was in
the 2021 CEIP

Live polling was available during the event.

EXAMPLE RISKS IDENTIFIED THROUGH SEP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION INTERVIEWS

What are the biggest risks you see for the community, especially vulnerable populations?

Language barriers	Childcare access	Education gaps	Unemployment & underemployment	Veteran-specific issues (financial assistance)
Transportation access	Supportive services (mental health)	Poor indoor air quality	High energy bills	Inefficient HVAC systems
Limited awareness of programs	High cost of living	Affordable housing	Digital Divide (particularly for seniors)	

Live polling was available during the event.

EXAMPLE ACTIONS IDENTIFIED THROUGH SEP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION INTERVIEWS

What potential actions do you think will support the community during the clean energy transition?

Outreach & education on energy efficiency programs

Multilingual communication programs

Enhanced low-income rate programs

Emergency assistance for power shutoffs

Targeted weatherization programs

On bill financing for energy efficiency

Energy efficiency property tax

Demand response with education

Solar and renewable energy

Electric buses for public transit

Bill discounts

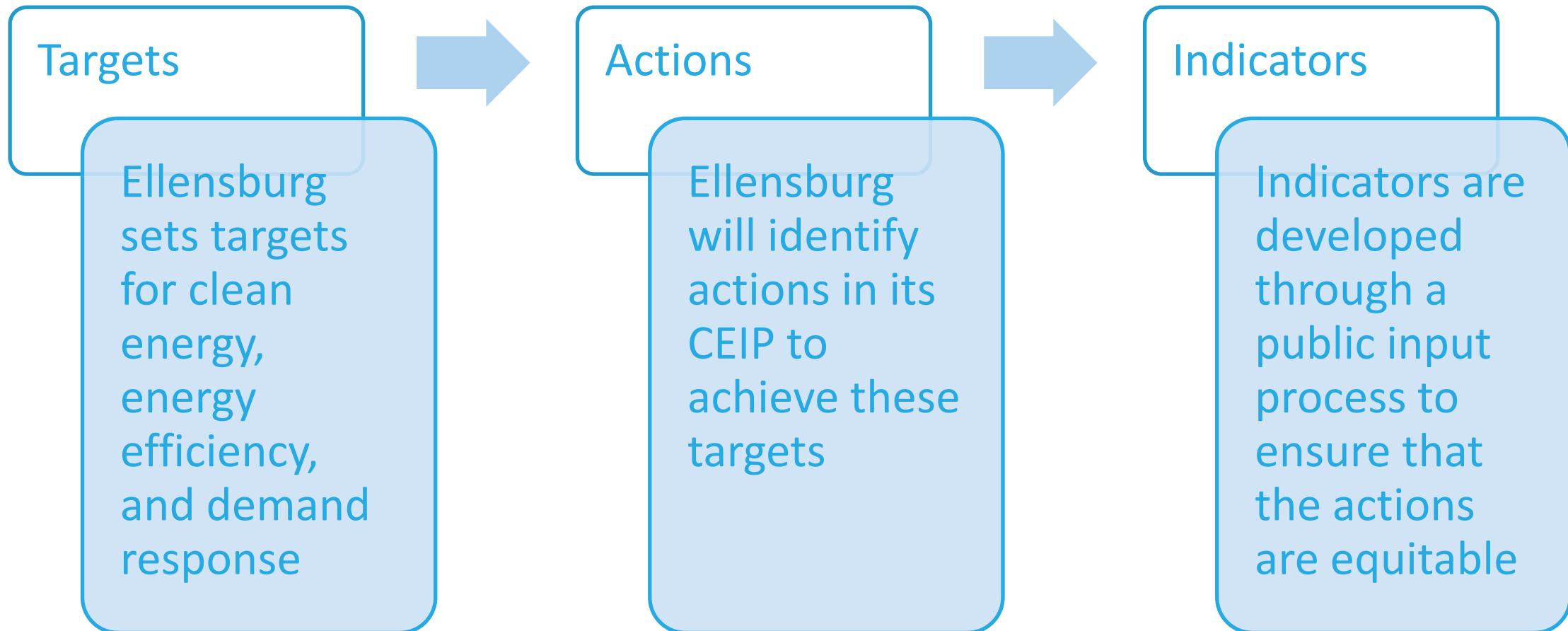
Simplified program design

Data-driven equity tracking

Community partnerships

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ACTIONS & INDICATORS IN THE CEIP



2025 CEIP DRAFT ACTIONS

Clean & Renewable Energy

- Ellensburg is currently > 90% clean
- No action required

Energy Efficiency (EE)

- Continue with EE programs to meet target identified

Demand Response (DR)

- No action required
- Demand Voltage Regulation (DVR) was found cost-effective but is not feasible because operationalizing DVR requires visibility through Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

INDICATORS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Let's gather ideas for indicators (metrics) to evaluate the impact of our 2025 CEIP together!

	Costs	Benefits
Energy Efficiency	Program Administration Costs Equipment Costs	Low Rates in Long Term Incentive Dollars Bill Savings Comfortable Homes
Demand Response	Program Administration Costs Equipment Costs Some Inconvenience	Program Incentives/Bill Credits

Live polling was available during the event.

WHAT'S AHEAD

- Incorporate input into the CEIP
- Expect to present CEIP to the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) & Environmental Council in October and City Council in November
- Report posted to website for public review → [Use the QR Code to Learn More about the CEIP](#)
- Formal adoption of CEIP by end of 2025, with submittal to the State of Washington by January 1, 2026



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION TODAY!