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Spokane County Assessment & Climate Impacts

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The Assessment Process

- 6 Focus Areas: *Economy, Education, Environment, Health, Housing, Public Safety*
- 12 Community Meetings
- 376 participants
- Weighted Vote (over 1,400 votes cast)
- 73 data indicators identified
- 11 Focus/Feedback Groups Held with disproportionately impacted communities



60-% to 80+%

272 of 339 & 95%

176 & 57

We succeed when we work together.

Focus Area	Priority #1	Priority #2
Economy	"Work to make local housing more affordable"	"Build out local capacity for childcare."
Education	"Improve mental health resources/services in schools"	"Promote a sense of belonging and assure students feel safe at school"
Environment	"Increase the tree canopy"	"Increase conservation of wild and open lands"
Health	"Identify mental health problems early"	"Improve the built environment to promote & support healthy lifestyles."
Housing	"Promote housing innovations such as shared equity housing, tiny homes, and co-operative living"	"Require multifamily projects include a percentage of affordable housing"
Public Safety	"Provide greater access to services/resources for patients with mental health needs"	"Prevent the further spread of fentanyl."

Prioritization Criteria (*in no particular order*) for Voting

1. An issue that affects the greatest number of residents.
2. An issue that that has a disproportionate impact on minority communities.
3. A condition that is unambiguously below or above where we want it to be.
4. A condition that we want to preserve.
5. An indicator that is predictive of other outcomes and positively impacts several goals.
6. A condition that we, locally, have some opportunity to change.
7. An issue we can impact in 3-5 years.

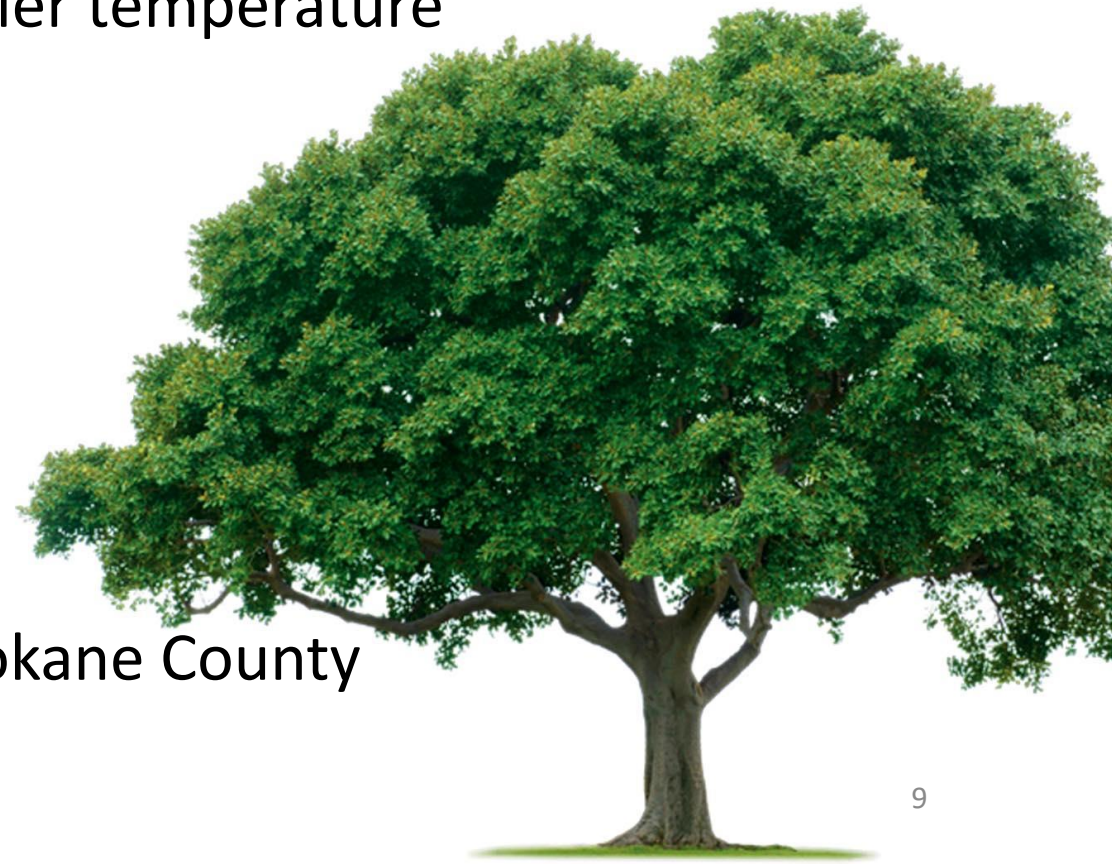
The Voting Results...



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Why Expand the Tree Canopy?

- Spokane County has seen a 725% increase in the number of dangerous heat days since 2000
- Tree shade provides as much as a 25% cooler temperature
- Trees clean the air of smoke and pollution
- Trees increase property values
- Trees improve mental health
- Trees filter ground water
- Trees aid in drought
- Trees improve rain chances
- There are significant heat zones across Spokane County



Climate increasingly plays a major role in Spokane County

- Mental Health (stress, trauma, etc.)
- Public Safety (wildfire threats, smoke, storm intensity)
- Housing Innovations (fire threats, sustainable materials)
- Tree Canopy

- Intense Weather Events
- Fire Danger
- Drought & Water Scarcity



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