

# 2024 State Legislative Agenda



The integrity and success of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) is critical to The Nature Conservancy’s work to build an equitable and resilient future for communities, lands and waters in Washington. The Nature Conservancy is committed to the implementation of this essential climate legislation.

## COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP

We commit to the priorities of the legislative coalitions we engage in:

- [BlueGreen Alliance](#)
- [Environmental Priorities Coalition](#)
- [Washington Association of Land Trusts](#)
- [Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition](#)

## PRIORITY: PUTTING CCA INVESTMENTS TO WORK FOR DECARBONIZATION, RESILIENCE, AND JUSTICE

The 2024 supplemental budget is a unique opportunity to invest revenue from the cap-and-invest auctions into building the climate future we envision, including:

- **Natural Climate Solutions** investments for conservation, restoration, and improved management practices in forests, wetlands, and grasslands
- A **Just Transition** by reducing the financial burden of energy use and investing in workforce development needed for a climate-friendly future
- Recommendations of the [Environmental Justice Council](#)
- Investments that attract **federal climate funding** for Washington communities

## PRIORITY: HOLDING OIL COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

Washington currently has no tools that provide transparency into how gas prices are set, or allow the state to interrupt potential unfair pricing practices harming consumers. As oil companies mark record profits, understanding what goes into the price at the pump is an important consumer protection tool. Transparency can also help to daylight any false narratives that aim to halt climate progress for our state.

[HB 2232/SB 6052](#) will require oil companies to report pricing data, sets up a watchdog team within the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) and creates protections against corporate “greenwashing,” when companies make false claims about their climate commitments.

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## HONORING LEGACY INVESTMENTS

We continue to advocate for legacy funding efforts in the 2024 supplemental budgets, including: DNR Forest Health & Wildfire Resilience (HB 1168), WSDOT Stormwater Retrofits (Move Ahead WA), RCO Washington Coastal Restoration & Resiliency Initiative, and the RCO Community Forests Grant Program.

# Our New Strategic Plan Shapes Our Work



**THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN** was developed with our place in the larger environmental movement in mind. Our legacy of credibility and access to resources and decision-makers provides an opportunity to promote equitable policies that support local communities and promote nature-based climate solutions.

Our staff developed three cross-cutting priorities for our new Strategic Plan: **1. Foster right relations with Tribal and First Nations, 2. Center racial equity and environmental justice, and 3. Leverage learning and innovation.** These goals serve as the lens through which we approach our work.

In addition to our cross-cutting priorities, we have **five strategies** that guide our legislative efforts this session:



Climate Policy & Implementation



Equitable Public Funding Access



Supporting Indigenous Rights and Connections to Lands & Waters



Ecological Forest Management



Caring for TNC's Lands & Waters



CONTROLLED BURN  
FIRE EQUIPMENT



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