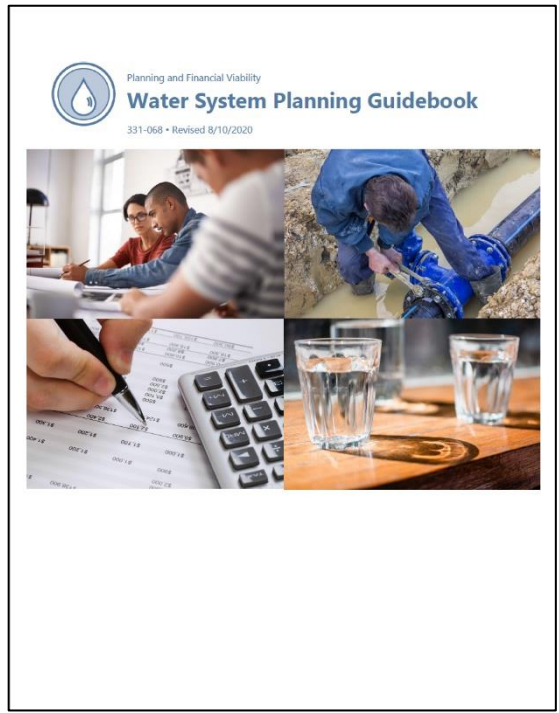


# WSP Climate Resilience Element Supporting Resources



# Climate Resilience Element: Multiple Supporting Resources



Planning and Financial Viability  
**Water System Planning Guidebook**  
 331-068 • Revised 8/10/2020

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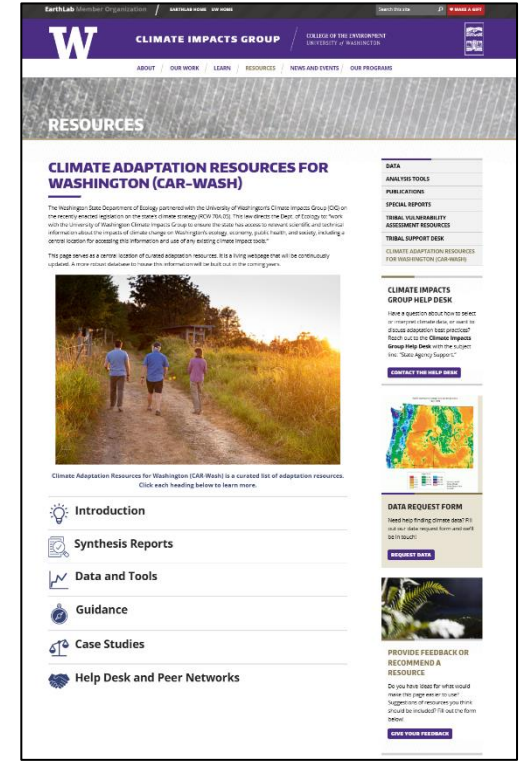
New section in Chapter 2 of existing DOH WSP Guidebook

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The webpage header includes the Climate Impacts Group logo and navigation links: ABOUT, OUR WORK, LEARN, RESOURCES, NEWS AND EVENTS, OUR PROGRAMS. The main heading is "RESOURCES" and the featured section is "CLIMATE ADAPTATION RESOURCES FOR WASHINGTON (CAR-WASH)".

**CLIMATE ADAPTATION RESOURCES FOR WASHINGTON (CAR-WASH)**

The Washington State Department of Ecology partners with the University of Washington's Climate Impacts Group (CIG) on the newly published approach to the water climate change strategy (WCCS). This new website is the first of its kind, working with the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group to ensure the state has access to relevant, user-friendly and practical information about the results of climate change on Washington's drinking water supply, water quality, and energy. Including a central location for accessing this information and job of any existing climate impact tools.

This page serves as a central location of curated adaptation resources. It is a living webpage that will be continuously updated. A more robust dashboard to view this information will be built out in the coming year.

**CLIMATE ADAPTATION RESOURCES FOR WASHINGTON (CAR-WASH)**

- DATA
- ANALYSIS TOOLS
- PUBLICATIONS
- SPECIAL REPORTS
- TRIAL VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT RESOURCES
- TRIAL SUPPORT DESK
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION RESOURCES FOR WASHINGTON (CAR-WASH)

**CLIMATE IMPACTS GROUP HELP DESK**

Have a question about how to best or interpret climate data, or need to discuss adaptation strategies? Reach out to the Climate Impacts Group Help Desk with the subject line: "State Agency Support."

**CONTACT THE HELP DESK**

**DATA REQUEST FORM**

Need help finding climate data to use in your response form and user feedback?

**REQUEST DATA**

**PROVIDE FEEDBACK OR RECOMMEND A RESOURCE**

Do you have ideas for what could make this page even better? Suggest one or more resources you think should be included? Fill out the form below.

**CLICK YOUR FEEDBACK**

Navigation menu: Introduction, Synthesis Reports, Data and Tools, Guidance, Case Studies, Help Desk and Peer Networks.

UW CIG 'Water System Planning Resources' webpage

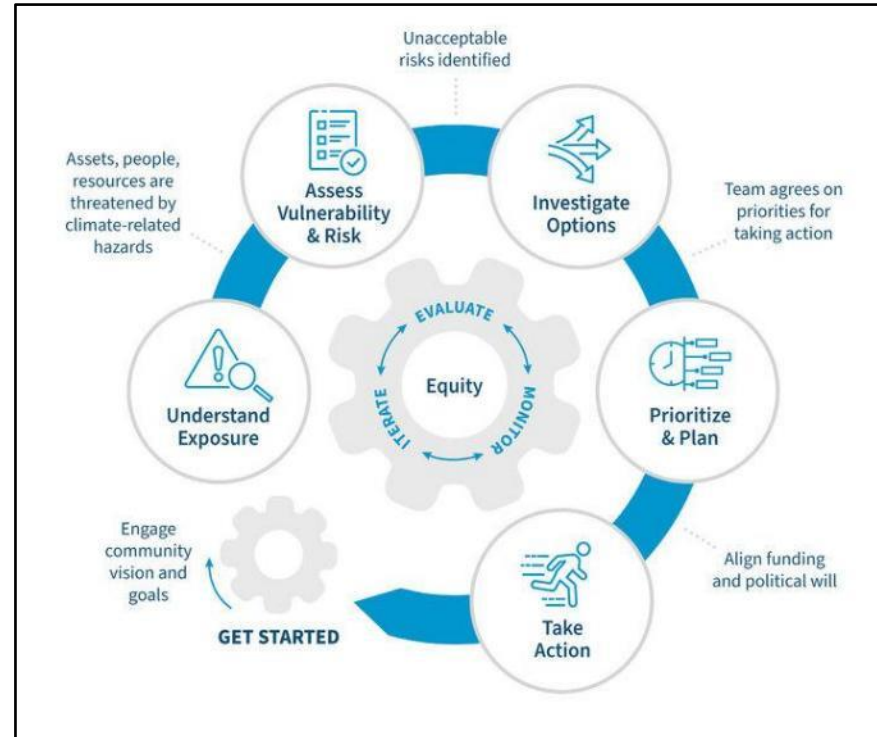


# Climate Resilience Element: Approach and Framework



- Translated RCW language into a proven resilience framework to assess and plan for extreme weather events.
- Steps to Resilience Framework provides a step-wise, iterative approach for evaluating and responding to risks from climate-related hazards.
- Several large municipalities have used this framework to plan and mitigate weather and climate risks.

## Steps to Resilience Framework: U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit



Source: <https://toolkit.climate.gov/overview-steps>



# Climate Resilience Element (CRE): Guidebook Section



Follows ‘Steps to Resilience Framework’, paralleling RCW language

Steps to Resilience Framework	WSP CRE Guidebook Section	RCW
Understand Exposure	A.1	A.1
Assess Vulnerability & Risk	A.2	A.2
Investigate Options	B	B
Prioritize & Plan	C	C

## 2.8 DRAFT Climate Resilience Element

**Purpose.** Climate change is expected to alter the quantity, quality, and availability of water supplies across Washington. However, these impacts vary across the state and the specific impacts realized by different water systems are determined by a multitude of factors such as supply source (surface, groundwater), water rights, access to alternative supplies, and financial resources. This section should document which extreme events are likely to pose the most significant challenges for water systems and the range of potential impacts of these challenges such that water systems can incorporate this information into their assessment of critical assets (Chapter 3), Capital Improvement Program (Chapter 8), and Financial Program (Chapter 9).

Beginning June 30, 2025, water systems serving 1,000 or more connections must include a Climate Resilience Element in their Water System Plans (WSP). The requirements are outlined in [RCW 43.20.310](#) and include that water systems must:

- A. (1) Determine which extreme weather events pose significant challenges to their system; and (2) Build scenarios to identify potential impacts;
- B. Assess critical assets and the actions necessary to protect the system from the consequences of extreme weather events on system operations; and
- C. Generate reports describing the costs and benefits of the system’s risk reduction strategies and capital project needs.

Acknowledging the diversity of climate resilience activities water systems may pursue, this section provides a general approach for addressing the requirements of RCW [43.20.310](#) and shares resources available to support water systems in evaluating and addressing their system’s specific challenges. The approach outlined in this section is modeled after the ‘Steps to Resilience’ framework in the [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit](#) (Figure 1) and is structured to align with requirements A-C in [RCW 43.20.310](#). A [Climate Resilience Element \(CRE\) Workbook \(link\)](#)<sup>12</sup> and other resources are available to support water systems in fulfilling the requirements of this section. The University of Washington, Climate Impacts Group (CIG) [‘Water System Planning Resources’ webpage \(link\)](#) includes links to additional resources supporting climate resilience planning.



# Climate Resilience Element: Companion Workbook



- Sections mirror guidebook subsections (A1, A2,...)
- Workbook includes:
  - Approaches to identifying extreme event exposure for water systems
  - ‘Template tables’ to inventory risks
  - Guidance on incorporating risks to existing water system plans
  - Links to resources and tools to help meet the CRE requirement

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# Climate Resilience Element: Questions for discussion



- General comments, feedback or reflections on the documents?
- How can we improve the usability of workbook? (Ex: change heading names, additional tables, other worksheet ideas)
- Does the document accurately convey flexibility in approaches for water systems to meet the CRE requirement (i.e., this is not a prescriptive approach)?
- What other resources might we consider linking to support meeting the CRE requirement?

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