

**CITY OF STANWOOD
Stanwood, Washington**

RESOLUTION 2016-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON,
SUPPORTING APPLICATION TO THE WESTERN WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE CITIES PARTNERSHIP FOR THE
2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR**

WHEREAS, Western Washington University (University) is now accepting applications for cities to be the Sustainable Cities Partner for the academic year beginning September 2016; and

WHEREAS, the selected city partner will benefit from thousands of hours of effort by Western students and faculty members working to advance the selected city's sustainability projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanwood is interested in participating in the Western Washington Sustainable Cities Program for the academic year beginning September 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanwood historic business districts of east and west Stanwood are located in the 100-year floodplain adjacent to the Stillaguamish River, Port Susan Bay, and Skagit Bay; and

WHEREAS, Since passage of the Biggert-Waters Act by Congress in 2012, commercial and residential property owners in Stanwood have approached the City seeking assistance to lower their flood insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projects that climate change may increase the severity and frequency of flood events and tidal flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan has a goal to work with public and private partners to develop strategies and programs to prepare for and mitigate the potential impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanwood is proposing to work with the University to identify properties in west Stanwood affected by increasing FEMA flood insurance premiums and work with property owners and private industry to reduce the cost of flood insurance and potential impacts from climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City will derive value from the collaborations resulting in on-the-ground impact and forward movement to help Stanwood residents and business owners reduce the risk of flood damage and lower flood insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the City has funding and staff time available to support the proposed program; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

1. To submit an application to participate in the Western Washington University Sustainable Cities Program for the 2016-2017 academic year.
2. To work with the University to identify properties in west Stanwood affected by increasing FEMA flood insurance premiums and work with property owners and private industry to reduce the cost of flood insurance and mitigate the future impacts of climate change.
3. To make staff time and financial resources available to the program if the city is selected as the Sustainable Cities Partner.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Stanwood this 28th day of April, 2016.

City of Stanwood



Mayor Leonard Kelley

ATTEST:



Jan Berg, City Clerk