



Environmental Sustainability

Goal: Safeguard and enhance King County's natural resources and environment.

This goal has four objectives:

1. Protect and restore water quality, biodiversity, open space, and ecosystems
2. Encourage sustainable agricultural and forestry
3. Reduce climate pollution and prepare for the effects of climate change on the environment, human health, and the economy
4. Minimize King County's operational environmental footprint

The King County Strategic Plan articulates an ambitious environmental agenda for safeguarding and enhancing King County's natural resources and environment. Strategies in the plan focus on both local efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of county operations and regional collaboration to protect threatened salmon, clean-up Puget Sound, reduce climate pollution and energy consumption, and support sustainable agriculture and forestry.

Objective Indicators for Environmental Sustainability objectives reflect the state of the natural environment throughout the county.

Strategy Measures demonstrate King County's role in improving the environment.

For more about the King County Strategic Plan and how it's measured see the [About AIMS High page](#).



Goal
Environmental Sustainability

Objectives

Ecosystems

Agriculture & Forestry

Reduce Climate Pollution

Minimize King County's Footprint

Strategies

Development

Environmental Practices

Land Acquisition

Water Quality

Puget Sound

Environmental Data

Integrated Planning

Farms & Forests Use

Farm & Forest Practices

Climate Collaboration

Monitor Emissions

Reduce Emissions

Climate Impacts

Pollution & Health

Measure Energy Use

Alternative Fuels

Reuse Waste

Employee Impacts

Sustainable Projects

Regional Services

King County provides regional services for all King County residents related to this goal:

- Solid Waste Disposal
- Waste Reduction and Recycling
- Wastewater Treatment
- Watershed planning
- Water quality monitoring
- Regional Parks, Open Space, and Trails
- Agricultural and forestry stewardship
- Climate change programs

Local Services

King County provides local services for unincorporated King County residents (and by contract for some cities) related to this goal:

- Building permits and inspections
- Stormwater management
- Local parks

Key Agencies

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Department of Permitting and Environmental Review

Department of Executive Services

Department of Transportation