

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

6:00-8:00 P.M.

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MEETING AGENDA

6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">For the public record, please sign in via the chat feature or announce yourself by name and whether you are a commissioners, staff or member of the public	Nayab Khan, Chair
6:05	Welcome New Commissioners <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bios, voting and legislative approval processSelf-introductions starting with new commissionersQ & A	Patrice Barrentine, KC staff liaison and commissioners
6:25	How a typical meeting is run and commissioner participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agenda Format (old biz and new biz)Public commentCommissioner questions and comments encouragedQ & A	Kevin Scott, Vice Chair and Nayab Khan, Chair
6:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approval of AgendaApproval of April, May, and July minutes	Nayab Khan, Chair
6:35	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
6:40	Old Business - Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Details<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy and eventsKC Ag ProgramKing Conservation DistrictLocal Food InitiativeKing-Pierce Farm BureauFarm Fish Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineRichard MartinCarrie KingMike LufkinLeann KrainickBeth Ledoux
7:00	New Business- Pulse of the King County Ag Sector: 2021 challenges and successes <ul style="list-style-type: none">PandemicLaborCustomers/MarketsWeatherSupply chains/logisticsOpportunitiesOther	Commissioners Starting with Kevin Scott... 2-4 mins each
7:30	Happy 40th Birthday Farmland Preservation Program! <ul style="list-style-type: none">Video of Executive's press conferenceVideos of why we preserve farmlandHow much has been preserved to date and goals for the next 30 yearsQ&A	Mike Lufkin, Ted Sullivan, Richard Martin, Leann Krainick

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7:50	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
7:55	Concerns of Commissioners	Nayab Khan
8:00	Adjourn	Nayab Khan
Next Meeting: October 7		



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King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 8, 2021 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
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Commissioners Present					
Nayab Khan, Chair	Y	Lily Gottlieb-McHale	N	Paul Pink	N
Kevin Scott-Vanderberge, Vice-Chair	N	Leann Krainick	N		
Roger Calhoon	Y	Darron Marzolf	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present					
Fereshteh Dehkordi, DLS	N	Jordan Jobe, WSU	Y	Carrie King, KCD	Y
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP		Jackie White, KCC (Lambert)		
Addison Houston, SKCPH	Juki Parekh, DNRP (intern)		Lara Whitely Binder, DNRP		
Guests Present					
Matt Axe, KCD	Dave Glenn, Sno-Valley Tilth		Bobbi Lindemulder		
Jessi Bloom	Janet Keller		Jillian Robinson, LFI intern		
Andrew Ely	Julie Kintzi		Dane Scarimbolo, 4 Horsemen Brewery		

Meeting Summary

- **Actions: Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes (Deferred to due lack of quorum)**
- **Old Business: Commission, County, and Organization Updates**
- **Presentations: Farm Emergency Planning for Extreme Heat, Wildfires, and Smoke – 4 parts**

Meeting called to order by Chair Nayab Khan at 6:00 pm – NO QUORUM

Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Nayab Khan)

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was done via the Zoom chat function.

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda (Nayab Khan)

This action could not be taken due to a lack of quorum present.

ACTION: Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes (Nayab Khan)

This action was deferred to a future meeting due to a lack of quorum present.

Public Comment – Related to Specific Agenda Item (Nayab Khan)

There was no public comment given during this period.

Old Business – Updates

- **Commission Details – Policy & Events (Patrice Barrentine):**
 - [Web Link to Presentation](#)
 - There are two July COVID-19 vaccine “pop-up” events in King County: July 12 at Multi-Service Center in Federal Way, and July 14 at University of Washington (UW) Valley Medical Center in Seattle.
 - King County Council (KCC) meetings occur each Tuesday. Its Mobility & Environment (M&E) Committee meets the fourth Wednesday each month. The July 28 M&E meeting is cancelled. M&E passed a motion June 23 to accept the KC Cities Climate Collaboration 2021 Work Plan and Budget, which passed full KCC July 6.

- Commissioner recruitment is at step 3: KC Executive review/approval, with submission of financial disclosure forms. Step 4 is receipt of nominations by the KCC Clerk, at which point nominees may begin serving, which may happen by next meeting (September). Step 5 is for KCC to confirm legislation approving the nominations.
- As of June 30, Washington state has removed most COVID-19 restrictions. Most businesses/organizations can operate as they did prior to the pandemic, with no capacity or social distance requirements. However, they may still enforce these requirements as well as mask-wearing if they choose.
- King-Pierce County Farm Bureau is hosting a summary of the 2021 state legislative session and what to expect in the coming year.
- Last week's Local Food Initiative newsletter features Seattle's new South Delridge Farmers Market and spotlights BIPOC farmers.
- National Forest Week is July 12-July 18, and National Farmers Market Week is August 1-August 7.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):**
 - Summer Internship Program: WLRD's Agriculture, Forestry & Incentives (AFI) unit has been assigned two interns via UW's Doris Duke Conservation Scholars. Naajia Shakir will focus on designing collaborative farming operations for BIPOC communities, mainly at Horseneck Farm. Juhi Parekh will focus on wildlife damage impacts to farms/farmers. Parekh will send out a survey next week, to be posted at KingCounty.gov and social media, which closes July 25. Patrice Barrentine will email a link when live.
 - Horseneck Farm: A 26-acre County-owned farm in Kent is being transitioned to align with priorities of King County's Farmland Program. In its first year, five acres were moved from single-tenant to collaborative farm ventures, managed by the FAACT organization to help farmers (15 so far) establish businesses on-site. The County's goal is to provide land and supporting infrastructure, with irrigation, a well for potable water, and on-site security. Partnerships are being strengthened with organizations like Business Impact Northwest to provide marketing/business planning support for these farms, many of whom are new to farming in King County. The first crops are being harvested and sent to farmers markets. Martin wishes to take the Commission to the farm to see an example of what the County can do to help underserved farm communities.
 - *Farm Practices Illustrated*: This compendium, coordinated by AFI's Eric Beach, aims to provide easy-to-understand summaries of regulatory/permitting pathways faced by many farmers. Chapters are posted at FarmKingCounty.org and linked elsewhere. Three chapters are complete, with more coming. The Commission is being asked to guide sequencing chapter development, to prioritize the most crucial and advise if any topics are missing. One chapter is expected per quarter, with completion of the compendium in about two years.
- **King Conservation District (Carrie King):** See "Concerns of Commissioners" agenda item.

FFF Agriculture Strategic Plan Progress Overview (Patrice Barrentine)

[Web Link to Presentation](#). Several farmers and local agriculture organization representatives serve on the Farm Fish Flood (FFF) 2.0 Agricultural Strategic Plan task force. The force has adopted the plan structure and is drafting the plan now. The document is to be a 25-year plan to improve agricultural land resources in the Snoqualmie Valley APD.

Nayab Khan has served as Commission representative on the force since 2019. However, there is now an opportunity with the incoming new Commissioners to make Khan an alternate and assign someone else as primary representative. However, due to a lack of quorum, this action cannot be addressed at today's meeting.

A draft is expected in third quarter of 2021 to organizations, farmers, and interested parties. The Commission will be able to review and comment on it. Adoption is expected by December 2021. Its purpose is to provide a vision statement for the Snoqualmie Valley land base and improvements needed for the next 25 years. The main goals are to improve farmland productivity and protections. Under each goal are sub-goals, key values/themes, objectives, measures of how to accomplish the plan, and 1-page papers on how to accomplish each item. The most difficult sub-goal to address is the proposed acreage need for a long-term viable agricultural sector in the Valley. Key values and themes include: responsible stewardship, sustainable farming, equity and social justice, and regulatory certainty. The plan should align with existing strategic plans and programs of King County and other agricultural organizations.

Consensus from task force members present today is that, while the process is challenging, the final plan should be useful and a good model for other APDs. The drainage section is more than half completed, with more sections to be completed in the next few months. These will go to the Commission and public for review/recommendations after task force review. Sections will then be sent back through the force then to the FFF Implementation Oversight Committee (IOC) and DNRP for recommended adoption. Any questions should go to Patrice Barrentine or other force members.

Presentation: Farm Emergency Planning for Extreme Heat, Wildfires, and Smoke

Part 1 - Indicators, Planning Resources, Evacuation Sites, and Recovery Support (Patrice Barrentine)

[Web Link to Presentation](#). Patrice Barrentine said today's presentations are timely given recent heat waves, dryness, and moving into a time when heat, wildfire, and smoke preparedness should be routine. Barrentine gave today's first presentation. There were no follow-up questions or discussion.

Presentation: Farm Emergency Planning for Extreme Heat, Wildfires, and Smoke
Part 2 - Smoke Preparedness for People (Addison Houston, Seattle-King County Public Health)

[Web Link to Presentation](#). Addison Houston, Environmental Health Mitigation and Response Planner for Seattle-King County Public Health, gave today's second presentation, on wildfire impacts to public health and how to mitigate them. There were no follow-up questions or discussion.

Presentation: Farm Emergency Planning for Extreme Heat, Wildfires, and Smoke
Part 3 - Wildfire Resiliency for Your Farm Property (Matt Axe, King Conservation District)

[Web Link to Presentation](#). Matt Axe, Wildfire and Forest Resiliency Coordinator for King Conservation District (KCD), gave today's third presentation, on how people can minimize fire risk around their home and farm buildings.

There were several follow-up questions and comments:

- **Q:** Have you seen farmers use large sprinkler systems to protect their home when they're away?
A: No, but I recommend it. It doesn't ensure your home will survive, but is one more way to protect it.
- **Carrie King** referenced a story from National Public Radio during last year's Oregon wildfires, where a dairy farmer used manure guns to irrigate his pastures because he couldn't evacuate his 400 dairy cows. Other farmers brought their livestock to his property for protection, and the farmer also collaborated with wildland firefighters.
- **Patrice Barrentine** noted part of the service Axe provides is coming to a property to help assess fire risk and ways to mitigate it. KCD funds this service at no additional cost to property owners.
- **Q:** If you have a well but no water rights, can you water your fields during a fire?
A: There is a 5,000-gallon daily exemption to this. However, this is unlikely to be enforced in a natural disaster. [Kellie Gillingham](#) at WA State Department of Ecology can be contacted for more on this exemption.
- **Q:** What fire notification apps do you recommend?
A: One website is InciWeb, at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.

Presentation: Farm Emergency Planning for Extreme Heat, Wildfires, and Smoke
Part 4 – Managing Fire Risk on Farms in the Sierra Nevada (Nayab Khan)

Nayab Khan shared a website, [WSU AgWeatherNet](#), for farmers to search statewide live data on conditions including soil temperature, humidity, and rain.

In April 2021, Khan visited and took photos of fire-impacted zones in California's Sierra Nevada area. Khan saw many farms and ranches for free-range cows, and ponds, which are promoted by the county there. Khan observed one main impact from recent fires was to utilities; many farms lost power for several months. In response, utility poles were covered with a protective fire-resistant metal mesh. Darron Marzolf noted it may make more sense to build utility lines underground, as done in other areas of the world, which would be fire-resistant and save wood. Another concern after the fire was a possibility of runoffs. If there had been more rain this year, Khan said, the landscape would've been devastated. Khan suggested this issue should be reviewed for King County farms as well.

Public Comment – General (Nayab Khan)

Dane Scarimbolo commented on rural area retail sales in King County. Current rates are at 3.2%. Scarimbolo said this is key because when money is not spent in rural areas, they do not get much back from the County general fund. A 1% retail tax on rural area sales all goes to the County to fund infrastructure such as roads/bridges. 3.2% is the lowest of any county in the state. Scarimbolo noted that not encouraging small businesses in rural areas can hurt these areas. The County's rural roads/bridges budget is expected to run out of funds in 2023, or perhaps sooner due to COVID-19.

Concerns of Commissioners (Nayab Khan)

Carrie King said the search for KCD's Executive Director continues, with interviews underway. Their Farm Team and wildfire program are planning a farm tour in September. The hope is to combine a traditional farm tour with education on making a property more fire resilient. Lastly, Mary Embleton, regional food systems program manager, expects grant proposal requests to hit the streets next week after the KCD board approves updates to the application questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Next Meeting

September 9, 2021, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)



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Eric Beach, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP		Mark Wilgus, DNRP		
Bob Bernhard, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP				
Guests Present					
Dave Glenn, Sno-Valley Tilth	Dane Scarimbolo, 4 Horsemen Brewery		Marie Shimada, SVPA		

Action Summary

- **Actions: Approvals of Agenda, April 2021 Meeting Minutes (Deferred to due lack of quorum)**
- **Old Business: Commission, County, and Organization Updates**
- **Presentations: SCAP Update, Farmworker Housing Fact Sheet, Enumclaw Sales Pavilion Stormwater Improvements, KC Stormwater Manual Updates**

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Kevin Scott-Vanderberge at 6:00 pm – NO QUORUM

Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge)

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was done via the Zoom chat function.

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge)

This action could not be taken due to a lack of quorum present.

ACTION: Approval of April 2021 Meeting Minutes (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge)

This action was deferred to a future meeting due to lack of quorum present.

Public Comment – Related to Specific Agenda Item (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge)

There was no public comment given during this period.

Old Business – Updates

- **Commission Details – Policy & Events (Patrice Barrentine):**
 - The amended Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) passed committee April 22, then passed full King County Council (KCC) May 5. The Commission’s comment letter will be included in its public record.
 - DNRP Equity and Social Justice Coordinator Kimanthi Warren is reviewing the package of new Commission nominees. Next the package will go to DNRP Director Christie True for department approval.
 - Senate Bill 5045, regarding meat processing support and education, died in committee April 25, with no financial package attached to it. It may return with an attached budget next year.
 - The County Comprehensive Plan is in its annual amendment cycle, with so far only small routine technical changes. A docket request for rural areas transmitted to KCC April 30 was deemed ineligible.

- The first Countywide Planning Policies update since 2012 is underway. It is expanding to include strategies to protect farm, forestry, and rural resources. Public comment closed May 5, with vote/adoption likely in June.
- The Shoreline Master Plan amendment public comment period is open May 17 to June 15. Several documents are available for public review and comment. Comments should be directed to state Department of Ecology. Part of the amendment, including changes reviewed by the Commission in 2019, has already passed KCC.
- Seattle-King County Public Health has removed many farmers market restrictions. Booths must remain six feet apart, with prepared food cooked on-site. Eating areas and sampling are allowed, though many markets will not include these due to difficulty of mask enforcement. Masks and social distancing remain required, and there are customer limits in the market and booths. Smaller markets may be unable to operate at capacity due to lack of space. If King County reverts to Phase 2, this will limit the number of people sitting outdoors unless specified by the Governor.
- Farm stands and “you pick” farms should continue to require masks at payment stations, social distancing, manage customer traffic, include sanitizer/wash stations, and sanitize payment stations.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):**
 - Farmland Leasing Program farms are being updated to a higher standard with needed infrastructure, such as wells, irrigation, and wash/pack stations. In coming months, there will be major progress at Sammamish River, Green River, and Horseneck farms. A large update is expected in the fall.
 - There is expansion of ongoing compost studies, following up on a 2019 presentation to the Commission by Rick Reinlasoder. Doug Collins at WSU leads pilot projects to look at compost effects on farmland. The County has applied for grants to support this. Comment is welcome, including on crop/soil impacts and social acceptance of compost.
 - The County agriculture team is bringing on a couple of UW interns as part of the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars program. They will explore wildlife damage in King County, and reach out to Commissioners on the scope and scale of wildlife damage to King County farmers. They will develop a wildlife risk reduction plan for the Bonomi farm. Another student will focus on a countywide search for collaborative farming efforts like what is being attempted at Horseneck Farm.
 - The Land Access Plan for immigrant farmers will be addressed again soon. There is a plan to take the Commission on a tour of one of these farms.
- **Farm Bureau (Leann Krainick):**
 - The recently completed legislative session was disappointing for Farm Bureau. The dairy workers overtime bill passed, without the provision for retroactive pay. A capital gains tax also passed, which should not affect farming. A gas tax exemption for red dye diesel used in tractors is going away in 2028, which means farmers will pay the same prices as everyone else. The intent is to facilitate a switch to clean-energy equipment. A \$2500 rebate will be given, but this is small compared to the overall cost for farmers to convert.
 - The “My Fork Supports Farms” social media campaign is going through the summer.
 - Scholarship winners will be announced June 16.
 - In-person meetings may resume soon, the third Monday monthly, open to all members and potential members.
- **Land Conservation Initiative (Leann Krainick):** Mo McBroom, assistant director of DNRP, now helms the effort. Work continues, with significant advancement expected next year. Following this meeting, the LCI update is being removed as a standing Commission agenda item until further notice.
- **King Conservation District (Carrie King, Mike Lufkin):**
 - A free webinar on Discovery Farms’ research is June 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Dr. Nicole Emberson presenting.
 - The County has contracted, via part of the KCD regional food systems grant, with Business Impacts Northwest to provide business support to the King County farm and food sector. The focus will be one-on-one technical support for farmers and businesses, with workshops as well.
- **LFI Annual Report 2020 (Mike Lufkin):** The report highlights regional accomplishments towards the Local Food Initiative in 2020, despite the pandemic and economic downturn. The work supported agriculture and food support industries. This included CARES Act funds distributed by the County, creating the Local Food Finder map tool, and progress on the Food Business Resource Center. Infrastructure growth support also continues. Meat processing was brought to the region due to efforts by Patrice Barrentine and others. A feasibility study for a regional “Food Hub” was done in 2020; Kent and Seattle’s SODO community offered possible locations.
- **Farm Fish Flood (FFF):** A “deep dive” into FFF is planned for July’s Commission meeting.

Strategic Climate Action Plan [SCAP] Update (Leann Krainick and Patrice Barrentine)

The food waste issue, especially regarding its use as livestock feed, is ongoing and evolving. County livestock program specialist Rick Reinlasoder met with the County’s Solid Waste Division (SWD) with concerns, though the meeting

outcome is uncertain. Food waste is part of the adopted SCAP. An internal agriculture team meeting was held last week; another will be scheduled with the Commission’s ad hoc committee in a few weeks to decide how to proceed. Leann Krainick said animal nutrition should be stressed, as some may think animals can be fed anything. More updates are expected next Commission meeting.

Farmworker Housing Fact Sheet from *Farm Practices Illustrated* (Eric Beach, DNRP)

Eric Beach, regulatory and permitting specialist for the County’s agriculture team, presented the first bulletin from his work group’s in-progress *Farm Practices Illustrated* (FPI) compendium, addressing farm worker housing. Beach urged all farmers interested in understanding regulations for seasonal farm worker housing to review this. Year-round farm worker housing is essentially a landlord-tenant dynamic, with one advantage in that structures known as Agriculture Employee Dwelling Units (AEDU) may be allowed in areas that residences might not otherwise be due to County code.

This chapter of FPI includes a flow chart on guidance for seasonal and permanent farm worker housing. Also included are frequently asked questions, points of contact for relevant government agencies, and required permits. Commercial agriculture is eligible for a 50% reduction in permit fees. Drainage and critical area reviews can add major costs, so it is advised for farmers to “bundle” projects and reduce paperwork. It was asked, in a case of conflicting regulations from the state health department (WSDH) and Department of Labor and Industries (L&I), which supersedes the other. Beach was not certain on regulations pertaining to labor, but said farm worker housing licenses are issued by WSDH only for farms that employ 10+ workers, and that WSDH and L&I collaborate on farms with less than 10 workers to issue a “temporary worker” license.

In 2018-2019 there was an investigation to assess farm worker housing demand for the Snoqualmie Valley. The area poses some challenges, such as flood regulations for residences in the floodplain; housing may need to be located outside the floodplain. This is hard for many Valley farmers. It was suggested multiple times that the County code should be changed to accommodate the demand for farm worker housing in the Valley, but this is very difficult to do. The assessment of housing need was conducted with Sno-Valley Tilth and Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance, via a survey to Valley farmers. Data and interviews indicated an estimated need for 100 seasonal workers. There was inadequate data on how many farms now provide housing. A search was conducted for available housing, rented at \$750 or less per month, within a 30-minute drive of Carnation. It was determined there was enough available under these criteria to meet estimated demand.

Following this determination, recommendations were made by Beach’s group, including compilation of the FPI bulletin. Work is underway with the health department to provide sanitary sewer in the floodplain. His group is also available to assist with permitting related to farm worker housing.

Enumclaw Sales Pavilion Stormwater Improvements (Patrice Barrentine)

Patrice Barrentine reviewed the County’s stormwater program and surface water management (SWM) fees. SWM fees support County efforts to protect waterways from pollution that degrades waterways and Puget Sound. Some of these include: improving stormwater flow structures, the Agriculture Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP), FFF, and management for chronic drainage, flooding, and beaver issues. Fees also fund portions of wages for some Agriculture, Forestry, and Incentives (AFI) unit staff. Fee rates are classified by how much impervious surface – such as roadway – is on a property. Residential properties have a flat fee. For larger rate classes, there are several fee discounts and cost shares available. There is a Stormwater Services hotline to help determine if landowners qualify for these discounts.

An example of this involves the Enumclaw Sales Pavilion, which struggled for years under a huge SWM fee. The Pavilion had 15,000+ square feet of impervious roof and several acres of impervious parking surface. Stormwater Services staff put together a plan and provided technical support to find ways to increase the Pavilion’s SWM discount, such as an onsite water retention pond. This led to a 60% fee discount. If they can reduce their impervious surface by 13% more, they will qualify for a further 50% discount. Leann Krainick praised County efforts, noting the Pavilion’s owners’ satisfaction with the outcome, and stressed it is part of Commissioners’ jobs to link the County and farmers.

New Business: Stormwater Manual Update (Mark Wilgus and Bob Bernhard, DNRP)

Mark Wilgus and Bob Bernhard with King County DNRP’s Stormwater Services section spoke on updates to the County’s Stormwater Design Manual and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. The Design Manual sets design standards for managing stormwater at newly developed, redeveloped, and construction sites. The Prevention Plan outlines Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce runoff contamination on impervious surfaces. These documents are required by state Department of Ecology (DOE) to be updated every five years as part of King County’s NPDES permit. The standards must be equal to or greater than DOE’s 2019 stormwater management manual for western Washington, and other jurisdictions must comply with this as well.

The last update to the Design Manual and Prevention Plan was 2016. Wilgus reviewed changes in the Design Manual's 2016 update pertaining to agriculture, which are not expected to change in the 2021 update. These changes included: new techniques to disperse runoff onto fields instead of requiring stormwater facilities that take agriculture land from production, and an exemption from the stormwater facility requirement if the total impervious surface is less than 4% on commercial agriculture production sites in agricultural zones, Farmland Protection Program, or APDs.

Proposed 2021 changes to the Design Manual include:

- Elimination of modeling credit for flow control BMPs on private property, except: full dispersion, full infiltration, and farmland dispersion BMPs.
- Requiring easements with associated building setback lines, and maintenance for existing pipes that carry offsite flows and traverse private property, as condition for permit approval if sites are developed or redeveloped.
- DOE-required edits to make it harder for parcel redevelopment projects on industry/commercial sites to qualify for the site development exemption.
- Pollution Generating Surfaces standards are being changed to be compliant with DOE.
- Maintaining hydrology to wetlands, adding modeling and monitoring requirements, also required by DOE.

Bob Bernhard explained that the Prevention Manual describes required actions/BMPs to reduce contamination of stormwater, surface water, and groundwater in unincorporated King County. Some exemptions from this include: a state NPDES permit; a KCD-approved farm management plan; implementing BMPs in compliance with livestock or animal keeping practices; and engaging in forest practices except those under Class IV.

Several proposed 2021 updates to the Prevention Manual pertain to agriculture:

- Outdoor soil/sand/erodibles BMPs are now equal to DOE's.
- Food and beverage manufacturing and storage BMPs are now equal to DOE's.
- Landscaping activities, vegetation management, and irrigation BMPs are now equal to DOE's.
- Livestock must be kept out of County-owned storm drain ditches.
- Soil and potting soil BMPs for nurseries and greenhouses are updated.

Several points of discussion were brought up in follow-up questions from Commissioners:

- What can be done to resolve a discrepancy between the stormwater design manual and FPP in allowable impervious surface amounts for agriculture sites (4% in the design manual; 5% for FPP). Wilgus said if they can find the science to justify a 5% allowance, some flexibility may be possible.
- If there is a way to differentiate adding a building to a parcel vs. a whole farm, in terms of building permits. Wilgus replied that ultimately requirements must comply with DOE, but flexibility may be possible if it can be justified.
- Animal feed stock is a listed option in the stormwater manuals for food waste disposal. Bernhard asked for Commissioners to reach out with ideas on cost-effective containment methods.
- Erosion, mud in streams, and fecal coliform concerns are the main reasons behind keeping livestock out of ditches.

Public comment for these changes can be submitted to Bernhard or Wilgus through June 11 for administrative record. However, any significant requested changes would take a while, so those comments can be submitted any time.

After further discussion, it was agreed the Commission should explore the FPP vs. stormwater manual impervious surface allowance discrepancy further. Wilgus offered his help however possible going forward.

Public Comment – General (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge)

Dane Scarimbolo, local brewery owner and Commissioner applicant, voiced frustration over a 2020 KCC decision rendering home-occupation wineries and distilleries illegal in rural areas of the county. Scarimbolo does not believe this was a good move because it would otherwise have meant a good partnership between these establishments and farms. All wineries' and distilleries' ingredients come from farms. Scarimbolo further supported the idea of wineries and distilleries giving farms their food waste. However, many people have difficulty meeting County requirements for acreage, conditional use requirements, and permitting fees for these establishments.

Concerns of Commissioners (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge)

This is **Leann Krainick's** last meeting as a Commissioner. However, Krainick has submitted application to come back to the Commission in 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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Debra Clark, Dept. of Assessments	Rick Reinlasoder, DNRP				
Guests Present					
Jessi Bloom	Cynthia Krass		Henry Wong, Business Impact NW		
Dave Glenn, Sno-Valley Tilth	Bobbi Lindemulder		Janet (last name not provided)		

Action Summary

- **Actions: Approvals of Agenda, March 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- **Old Business: Commission, County, and Organization Updates; SCAP Update**
- **New Business: County Assessor CUT Program for Farms; Farmworker Housing Fact Sheet; DOE WREC Planning Process Results for WRIAs 7/8/9 – Protecting Irrigation Water**

Meeting called to order by Chair Nayab Khan at 6:01 pm

Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Nayab Khan)

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was done via the Zoom chat function.

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda (Nayab Khan)

Patrice Barrentine noted the removal of a couple of items due to absences. See below item for motion/action.

ACTION: Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes (Nayab Khan)

Kevin Scott-Vanderberge motioned to approve both tonight's agenda and the March 2021 meeting minutes as written. Darron Marzolf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Related to Specific Agenda Item (Nayab Khan)

There was no public comment given during this period.

Old Business – Updates

- **Commission Details (Patrice Barrentine):**
 - Meeting dates through 2021 have been set and will all be held via Zoom.
 - The tentative plan for next meeting is to review the Stormwater Manual updates. The option of a fall field trip, and compost trial results on farmland, are being discussed. Any ideas should be sent to Ms. Barrentine.

- Six Commission nominees have been interviewed and are moving forward. Nominations are reviewed by DNRP's Equity and Social Justice (ESJ) coordinator and the manager for the Agriculture, Forestry, and Incentives (AFI) unit before going to DNRP Director Christie True in the next couple of weeks.
- Jordan Jobe, the Commission's new ex-officio representative for WSU, was welcomed.
- The Commission website has been updated and is now current with posted meeting packets.
- There is new pandemic relief funding available through WSDA's Relief/Recovery Grant Program. This is open to eligible shellfish growers, farm market organizations, agrotourism, and small breweries/wineries/distilleries. Funding totals \$15 million and applications are open April 9-26. The USDA is also adding \$500 million in unspent monies from last fiscal year to fund pandemic relief for producers. More information is forthcoming.
- The state legislative session ends in a few days. Senate Bill 5045, addressing meat/poultry education, has been passed to the Appropriations committee, and has not made it to the voting floor yet.
- All Washington residents age 16+ are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination starting April 15.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Patrice Barrentine):** Ted Sullivan reports the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) has closed on another deed purchase in a rural zone contiguous to the city of Enumclaw. The property is 30 acres and has sat fallow for over 10 years, and is being returned to hay and silage production.
- **Land Conservation Initiative (Leann Krainick):** Forterra will hold a virtual Zoom fundraising event May 11, including a Seattle developer, Ms. Krainick, and the Executive, for a one-hour presentation. More information will come next Commission meeting.
- **Farm Bureau (Leann Krainick):**
 - Senate Bill 5172, which addresses overtime for dairy workers, is due for the Senate floor. The bill currently proposes no retroactive pay and a three-year period to phase agriculture businesses into the overtime rate, 1.5 times that of normal pay. Farm Bureau and many agriculture organizations are watching the bill's progress.
 - FB has a billboard on I-5 near Fife, stating "partisan politics are destroying local farms." The intent is to raise awareness of how policy affects food. A "Save Local Farming" billboard is planned for Skagit County.
 - King-Pierce Farm Bureau scholarship applications are due April 30. The program is open to anyone pursuing a two- or four-year degree relating to agriculture. Over \$10,000 in scholarships are available.
 - Farm Bureau members can contact the state office in Lacey for pandemic supplies, such as sanitizer.
- **King Conservation District (Carrie King):** Brittany Bush Bollay will be seated in June as the newest elected member of KCD's Board of Supervisors.
- **Local Food Initiative:** There was no update on this item.
- **Farm Fish Flood (FFF):** There was no update on this item.

Strategic Climate Action Plan [SCAP] Update (Leann Krainick; Patrice Barrentine)

Ms. Krainick testified as a citizen before King County Council's (KCC) Mobility and Environment (ME) committee on March 24 regarding livestock and use of food waste as feed. This is expected to be a hot topic; Ms. Krainick advised getting the Solid Waste Commission's input. She will testify before the ME committee again April 22.

The SCAP is in the ME committee now, who are expected to vote it to full KCC in April. The Commission's SCAP comment letter to KCC was re-sent to committee staff March 22, to be included in public record. Jackie White, staff for Councilmember Kathy Lambert, said there should be another briefing in the ME committee after which a special meeting will be held to act on the letter.

A few Commission members are part of a group in discussion with staff from King County's Solid Waste Division. A main topic is the challenge of addressing the sheer volume of waste produced.

New Business: County's CUT Incentive Program for Farms (Debra Clark, KC Dept. of Assessments)

Ms. Clark administers the County's Current Use Taxation (CUT) program for agriculture/farmland, timberland, and Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs) lands. CUT offers a property tax reduction incentive to landowners to voluntarily preserve open space, farmland, or forestland on their properties. She began her talk by noting most of her current work centers on property sales, and that it's surprising that many sellers enrolled in CUT aren't advertising this, as it is a major tax break. 1,721 parcels totaling nearly 27,000 acres are enrolled in the program, with a market value of nearly \$1 billion and a tax value of \$411 million. She said the program is a great value for those farming their properties.

A major benefit of the program is the tax break for landowners, as well as keeping farm activity alive. Enrollment is voluntary and not an automatic process. To qualify, landowners must meet several criteria depending on land size:

- Parcel or contiguous parcels must equal 20 acres or more; or
- Over five acres but less than 20 acres: proof of \$200 earned per acre per year for three of the past five years; or
- Under five acres: proof of five years of commercial farming, earning \$1500 per year for three of those years.

- If a program farm is sold, the new owner must sign a continuance to remain in the program.

State RCW sets program requirements, which can only be changed by state legislature. Ms. Clark explained her job is to ensure program participants maintain these requirements. There are major tax/financial penalties, including possible expulsion from the program, for noncompliance. But due to managing several thousand properties, auditing of the program is not at the level she would like.

The program is also supposed to have – but does not currently – an advisory panel of five members of the farming community, to ask questions about farm activity and ensure the County remains fair in its program administration; this does not include advising how to value property. Ms. Clark was directed to inquire to the Commission on possible members; Kevin Scott-Vanderberge asked to stay in contact with her on this. It was suggested the Commission’s Land Committee could reconvene and help serve as this advisory panel and look into addressing or lobbying to resolve any program concerns and collaborating with Ms. Clark. She agreed to contact County staff.

Rick Reinlasoder, DNRP livestock specialist, added that PBRS also has a farm category, and those who don’t qualify for CUT can look at this as an option, though the tax breaks would not be identical. Ms. Clark concurred, explaining PBRS does not require back taxes and can work well for properties that can’t be subdivided. New farmers can come into PBRS if their land has historically been farmed; however, she was not sure if this was also the case if the land has not historically been farmed.

New Business: DOE’s WREC Streamflow Restoration Planning Process Results for WRIAs 7/8/9 – Protecting Irrigation Water (Rick Reinlasoder, DNRP; Cynthia Krass; Bobbi Lindemulder)

Mr. Reinlasoder introduced Ms. Krass and Ms. Lindemulder, with whom he shared in bringing expertise to the streamflow restoration planning process of the Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committees (WREC) for WRIAs 7, 8, and 9, specifically protecting irrigation water. WRIA stands for Watershed Resource Inventory Area. WRIA 7 is the Snohomish/Snoqualmie basin; 8 is Cedar River/Lake Washington; and 9 is the Green/Duwamish.

In 2016, Whatcom County was sued for inadequately protecting surface and groundwater resources. In this case, *Whatcom County v. Hirst*, the Washington Supreme Court ruled for the plaintiff, a ruling known as the Hirst Decision. This halted rural development in some areas, due to concern there was insufficient water available to put wells in place. Thus, in 2018, state legislature implemented the Streamflow Restoration Law, or the “Hirst Fix” legislation, which calls for streamflow restoration planning in selected watersheds. King County and partners took part in this for WRIAs 7, 8, 9, and Vashon Island (which for this purpose fell under WRIA 15).

The planning process discussed tonight is just for domestic, permit-exempt wells. The WRECs were each chaired by a representative from the state Department of Ecology (DOE), with representatives from many agencies, jurisdictions, tribes, agricultural interests, and other partners. The committees met monthly for two years to form a plan. A subject matter expert first projected a number of permit-exempt domestic wells that might be put in rural areas over the next 20 years, then extrapolated water use from those wells that would not return to the earth. The committees established offset targets and developed a project roster to offset the water use and provide Net Environmental Benefit (NEB), meaning watershed conditions should improve from when the plan began. Components were put into the plan, which must meet a full consensus vote to pass, after which it goes to DOE for review/approval. If there is no consensus, the plan goes to DOE for development through the rule-making process. The plans and projects are implemented through state funding, which is set to total about \$300 million over the next 15 years for all planning basins. Projects listed in the plans receive “bonus points” on their funding applications.

In the three King County WRIAs, agriculture and irrigation representatives held a stance to protect irrigation water rights for agriculture and reduce negative impacts to farming. For WRIAs 8 and 9, this was guided by King County’s comprehensive plan policies to protect farmland and protect irrigation rights as well as explore alternate irrigation sources. WRIA 7’s committee similarly supported retiring irrigation rights that did not potentially serve agricultural lands long-term; there was opposition to in-stream conversion of non-current irrigation water rights on agricultural land, and to conversion of rights that could be of future use in APDs.

A key principle of state water law is that, generally, legitimate water rights can only be transferred downstream, not upstream. Rights also generally must be used once in a five-year period. There are annual minimums and limits on what can be pumped. This meant agriculture representatives’ general stance was to leave alone any currently unused water rights on agricultural land. Further, if a right has not been used in many years and doesn’t meet any allowances in code, such as military service, an active process called “relinquishment” can be taken by the state to send the water back to the stream. If a user has a water right they want to hold but may not use immediately, they can put it in a temporary trust. A County water needs assessment project funded by KCD is underway to map some water rights. DOE

and King County are also working to set up a water rights mapping tool similar to iMap. Ms. Krass offered to provide informal advice on water rights to anyone interested.

In calculating future well use and offsets, the process was comparable across the three WRIs; WRIA 7 projected more wells than the others due to having more undeveloped parcels, and fewer land protection provisions. For WRIs 8 and 9, their acre-foot per year (AFY) offset target was larger than their projected AFY consumptive use to better protect the water resource. For WRIA 7, the use/target numbers were identical because they considered any project offset volume achieved beyond the target to be NEB. The offset volume for each WRIA, also calculated in AFY, greatly exceeded the use/target numbers due to wanting to provide NEB and allow for projects not implemented.

Most projects on the plan rosters are subject to feasibility studies and funding approval. The projects were classified into several types:

- Water for water – this is highest priority in the planning process, and means water rights are purchased and their water left in the stream. It includes water rights acquisition for placement in a permanent trust, water storage, or managed aquifer recharge. A caveat is that agriculture representatives were okay with some irrigation rights being acquired in the Sammamish Valley with some conditions: the water right owner is interested, has access to recycled water, and management costs would be comparable to their current irrigation practices.
- Fish and wildlife habitat projects – levee setbacks, floodplain restoration, and riparian/wetland restoration. The water storage and recharge benefit from these, while present, was difficult to quantify.
- Other related projects – includes stormwater infrastructure retrofits and improvements.

Getting water storage on the plans was a big win. The Snoqualmie WID got a grant to do a basin-wide feasibility assessment, with 15 to 19 sites being reviewed for potential off-channel water storage.

Statuses of the plans are currently as follows:

- WRIA 7 – Their plan should be voted on this month.
- WRIA 8 – A February 2021 vote had no consensus; this may return for a second vote or go to DOE for rule-making process.
- WRIA 9 – A February 2021 vote received consensus approval; this has gone to DOE for review and adoption by hopefully June or July 2021.

The bottom line agreed on is there should be limited impacts to agriculture. Other impacts may include facilitating recycled water use on Sammamish Valley farms, meeting in-stream flow requirements, and improving fish conditions. Counties can also issue building permits for rural residences without extensive hydrogeologic study, as domestic permit-exempt wells are now allowed. This will allow small steps forward for water storage.

New Business: Farmworker Housing Fact Sheet from *Farm Practices Illustrated* (Eric Beach, DNRP)

Mr. Beach announced his work group's completion of three chapters of the *Farm Practices Illustrated* guide, out of a total of eight planned chapters. Tonight he presented the first chapter, "Farm Worker Housing," and will come to future meetings with new chapters. These will be available on FarmKingCounty.org. He reviewed the first chapter, asking the Commission for feedback. The PDF is included in tonight's meeting packet.

Public Comment – General (Nayab Khan)

There was no public comment given during this period.

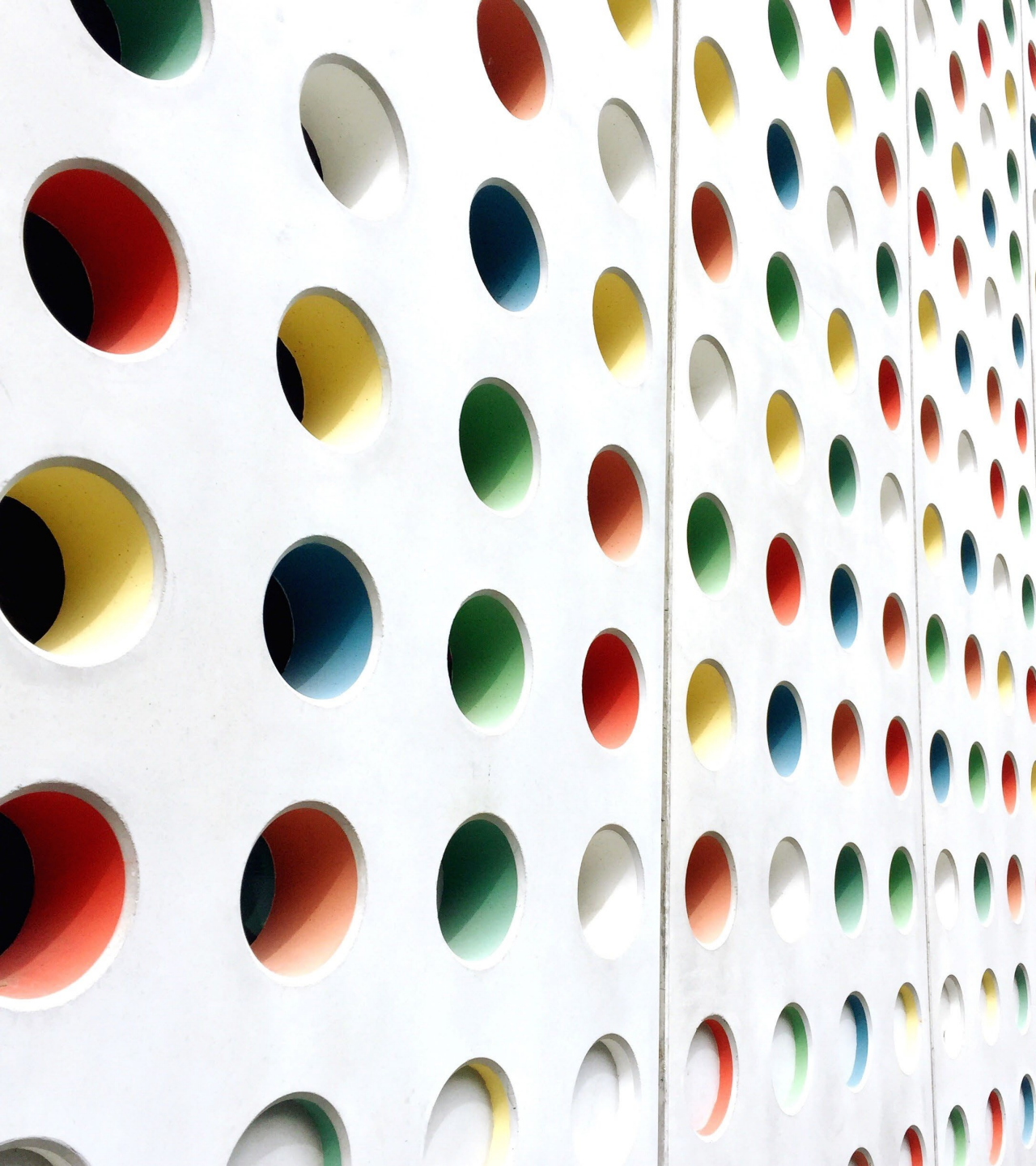
Concerns of Commissioners (Nayab Khan)

- **Leann Krainick** voiced concern about the "cumbersome" navigation of King County's COVID-19 vaccination-scheduling website, and a difficulty in getting appointments in rural areas. She has brought the concern to Public Health's attention.
- Ms. Krainick also reminded Commissioners to promote their farms for Earth Day on April 22, as farms do a lot of good for the environment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Next Meeting

May 13, 2021, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)



Meetings, Conferences, Events and Key Dates

REGARDING KING COUNTY
AGRICULTURE

SEPTEMBER 2021

Commission Nomination Process



1

Ag Commission selects and forwards nomination to

ESJ Review completed!

2

Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) Director for review and approval; upon approval nomination is forwarded to

WLRD Director and DNRP Director have approved recommendation!

3

King County Executive for review and approval; *All nominees must complete financial disclosure forms within 2 weeks of this step*; upon approval nomination is forwarded to

Financial disclosure forms!

4

King County Council-when Clerk receives the nomination, nominee can begin participating as a voting member and then

Approved by Exec and transmitted to Council Aug 5, can vote as of Sept 4

5

King County Council brings forward the confirming legislation for each nominee in their district first to committee and then full council to complete the process

Welcome and Congratulations!

King County Events and Public Meetings

- <https://www.kingcounty.gov/about/news/events.aspx>
- Covid-19 Vaccination Pop-ups around the County
 - <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/schedule.aspx>
 - Labor Day Holiday – observed Sept 6
- Council Meetings every Tuesday, 1pm
- Mobility and Environment Committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 9:30am
 - *Sept 15: Joint meeting with the Regional Transit Committee*

King County Council

August 17, 2021



Ordinance No. 19320

AN ORDINANCE making an honorary road name designation in recognition of Mukai Farm and Garden.

Sponsors: Mr. McDermott

Passed unanimously

Designed by Kuni Mukai and constructed by B.D. and Masa Mukai between 1926 and 1930, the Mukai Garden is the only known surviving garden in the U.S. designed by a first-generation Japanese woman. This remarkable garden showcases traditional Japanese garden design adapted to an American landscape and serves as a tangible expression of the resiliency of Japanese immigrants' cultural traditions.

King County Council

August 17, 2021


King County Executive Dow Constantine announced a proposal that would make low-interest financing for energy and seismic upgrades available for more than 4,000 existing buildings and new construction, addressing one of the biggest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

The graphic features the title 'KING COUNTY C-PACER' in green. Below the title is a stylized city skyline with solar panels on the roofs. To the right of the skyline are five icons: three red circles with white downward arrows and two red circles with white upward arrows. The text next to these icons is: 'Greenhouse gas emissions', 'Energy use', 'Water use', 'Seismic upgrades', and 'Green jobs'. At the bottom of the graphic is a teal bar containing the website 'kingcounty.gov/pace' and the King County logo.

KING COUNTY C-PACER

- ↓ Greenhouse gas emissions
- ↓ Energy use
- ↓ Water use
- ↑ Seismic upgrades
- ↑ Green jobs

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 **King County**

Ordinance No. 2021-0301

AN ORDINANCE establishing a commercial property assessed clean energy and resiliency financing program.

Sponsors: Rod Dembowski, Claudia Balducci, Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Introduced and Referred to Mobility and Environment Committee

King County Council

August 17, 2021

Winery/Brewery/Distillery

Ordinance No. [19309](#)

AN ORDINANCE declaring a one-year moratorium prohibiting the acceptance of applications for or establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting room; establishing a work plan to evaluate the next steps for the regulations regarding these uses; and declaring an emergency.

Sponsors: Claudia Balducci

Adopted June 22, 2021

Hearing Held August 17, 2021

King County Council

August 17, 2021

Agriculture Commissioners

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of, who resides in council district three, to the King County agriculture commission.

Motion No. [2021-0293](#): **Darron Marzolf**

Motion No. [2021-0294](#): **Roger Calhoon**

Sponsors: Kathy Lambert

Motion No. [2021-0297](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of **Shelley Pasco**, who resides in council district five, to the King County agriculture commission.

Sponsors: Dave Upthegrove

Introduced and Referred to Local Services Committee

Events

Tilth Conference

WSU Cultivating Success



Whole Farm Planning
Planificación de toda la finca

Course Starts Tuesday,
September 21– Dec 7, 2021

Being offered online, statewide, and with Spanish interpretation

Events

Business Impact NW



Free for King County farm businesses and King County food business that source primarily from King County farmers.

One-on-One Business Coaching, On-Demand Trainings, Live Classes, and Events



Events

Free “Wildfire Preparedness for Farms” webinar Wednesday, September 15 at 6PM

KCD King Conservation District

For more event details and to reserve your spot, [visit our Eventbrite page here.](#)



KCD Selects New Executive Director

KCD is excited to announce the selection of Rosa Méndez-Perez for KCD Executive Director.

Rosa will take the reins of KCD on September 20, 2021.

LOCAL FOOD

Initiative News



KING COUNTY Department of Natural Resources and Parks

[Executive Constantine invests in local food economy with plan to protect 13,500 acres of farmland](#)

[Matsuda Farm growing food and community on Vashon Island](#)

[King County joins West Coast states and cities to reduce food waste](#)

July

[Preparing King County farms for extreme summer conditions](#)



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King County DNRP WLRD Events



Coming up in September

9/15 – Deadline for SWM Fee Low-Income Discount applications.

9/16 – Lones Levee Setback and Floodplain Restoration Project media event.

9/22 – Lake Swimming Beach Program bacteria monitoring concludes for the season.

Chinook Wind Mitigation Project scheduled to begin.

August

8/29 – King County working to add more green space to combat extreme heat | king5.com



HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY!

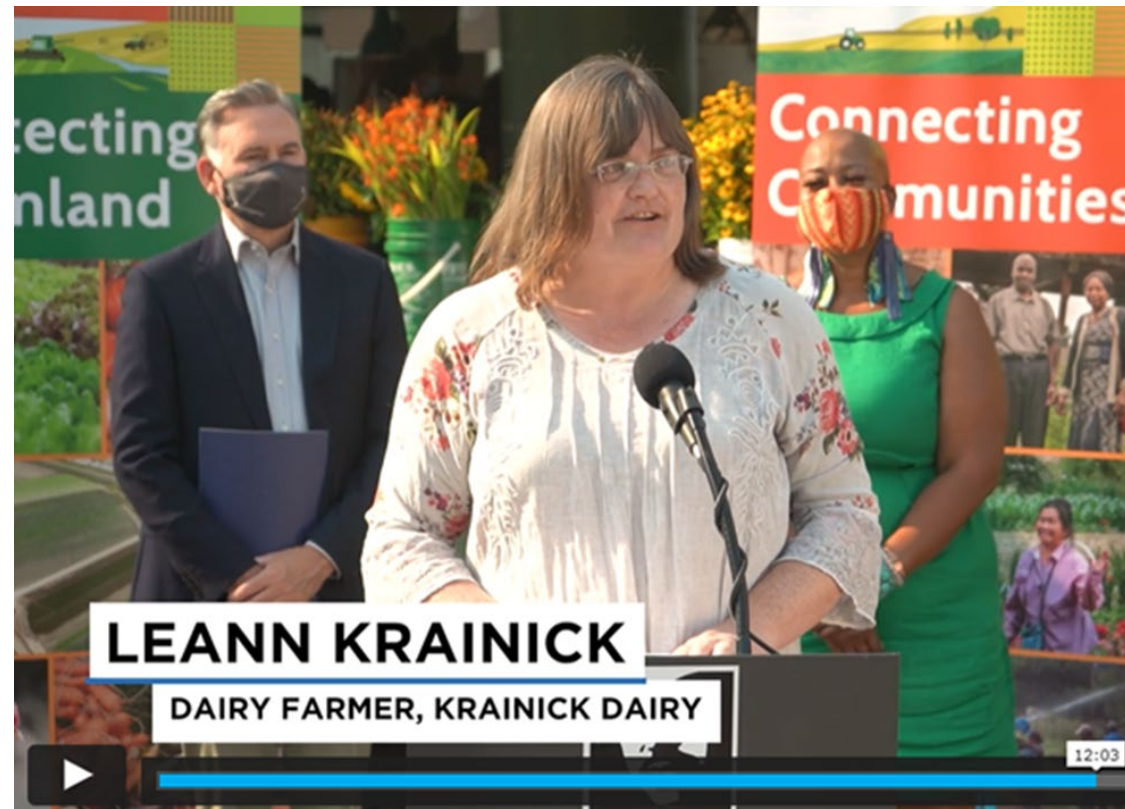
King County Farmland Preservation Program



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Our success in protecting farmland has made it possible for more people to enjoy the delicious foods and fresh flowers that King County is famous for, strengthening an equitable, sustainable local food economy. We're off to a strong start protecting the next 13,500 acres of land that local farmers must have to bring more homegrown goods to markets, restaurants, and groceries.

Dow Constantine, King County Executive



LEANN KRAINICK

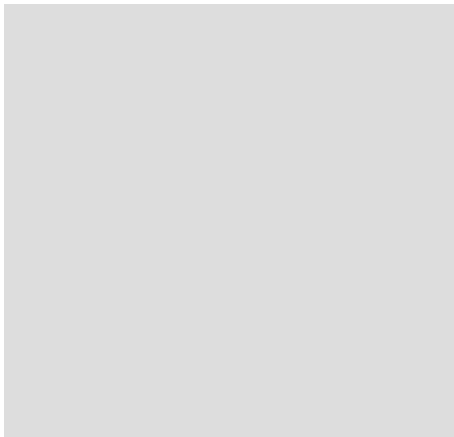
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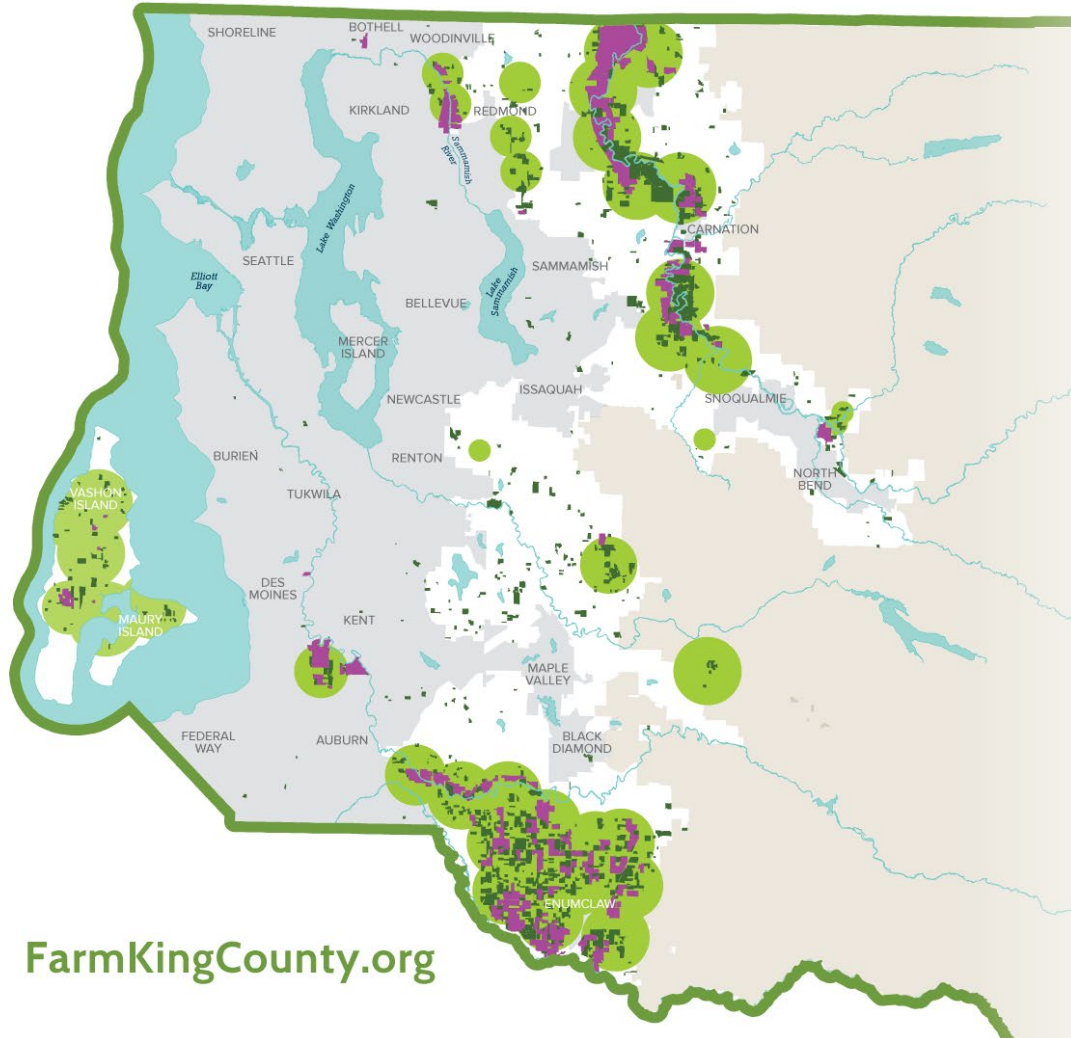
The Farmland Preservation Program not only preserves land to promote growing local food and fiber, but preserves legacies of multi generational farms and the socio and economic impact they have on the local community. This program helped keep our multi generational farm operating. We take pride in continuing to grow and produce fresh, local food for residents in King County and, in some cases, throughout the world.

Leann Krainick, farmer, Krainick Dairy



Videos of why we preserve farmland

- [King County protecting farmland, connecting communities](#)
- [From refugee to successful farmer](#)
- [Making access to farming more equitable](#)



FarmKingCounty.org




PROTECTED

16,000
Acres

CONSERVATION POTENTIAL

13,000
Acres



-  Conservation potential
-  Protected by Farmland Preservation Program
-  Protected by tax incentives
-  Urban areas
-  Forest production district