

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY JANUARY 13, 2021

6:00-8:00 P.M.

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

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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 commissioner, staff, or member of the publicApproval of AgendaApproval of Meeting Minutes: <i>December</i>	Kevin Scott, Chair
6:05	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
6:10	Old Business - Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Details<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ag policy and eventsSelection CommitteeKing County Ag ProgramKing Conservation DistrictLocal Food InitiativeKing-Pierce Farm BureauFarm Fish Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineKevin ScottRichard MartinCarrie KingMike LufkinLeann KrainickRichard Martin
6:30	New Business Farming and Wildlife: Beavers <ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationQ&ADiscussion	Jen Vanderhoof, Senior Ecologist, King County WLRD
7:00	Policy Review: Green River alternatives (3) to the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">printed materialsvideos Overview and PEIS alternativesmotion to send letterdiscussionvote	Kevin Scott, Patrice Barrentine
7:35	Planning for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Topics calendarCommitteesBrainstorm by commissioners	Kevin Scott, Darron Marzolf, Patrice Barrentine
7:50	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
7:55	Concerns of Commissioners	Kevin Scott
8:00	Adjourn	Kevin Scott

Next Meeting: February 10th, 2022



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King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference Call

Commissioners Present (Y/N)					
Nayab Khan, Chair	Y	Andrew Ely	N	Shelley Pasco	N
Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Vice-Chair	Y	Lily Gottlieb-McHale	N	Henry Wong	Y
Jessi Bloom	Y	Janet Keller	Y		
Roger Calhoun	Y	Darron Marzolf	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Fereshteh Dehkordi, DLS	N	Jordan Jobe, WSU	N	Carrie King, KCD	Y
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Matt Kuharic, DNRP				
Melissa Borsting, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP				
Guests Present					
Ben Blue	Leann Krainick				
Henna Khan	Kim Roeser				

Meeting Summary

- **Actions: Approvals of Agenda and October 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- **Old Business: Commission, County, and Agriculture Organization Updates**
- **New Business: Commission Officer Elections**
- **Presentations: Strategic Climate Action Plan**

Meeting called to order by Chair Nayab Khan at 6:06 pm

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

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

ACTION: Approval of Special Meeting Agenda (Nayab Khan)

Darron Marzolf motioned to accept the agenda as-is. Janet Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This was a special meeting to make up for November’s meeting, cancelled due to weather and power outages.

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

Darron Marzolf motioned to accept the minutes as-is. Janet Keller 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/Agriculture Policy & Events (Patrice Barrentine):**
 - King County Council (KCC) and its committee schedules will be affected by the holidays; check the Council website for current information.
 - KCC Ordinance 2021-0301 passed full Council November 16th with amendments. This Ordinance establishes the King County “C-PACER” (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency) financing

program that supports infrastructure improvements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy and water use, while increasing green jobs and seismic resilience.

- There has been progress on the Climate Equity Bond program, which Melissa Borsting will report on later.
- Commissioners are encouraged to participate in the Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan scoping process, which includes public meetings on January 6th, 2022 from 2:30-4:00 pm and 6:00-7:30 pm. If the Commission wants to comment, they should move quickly, but more comment opportunities will come in the next two years as the plan develops. More information is at www.LowerGreenSEPA.org.
- Reappointments for Darron Marzolf, Roger Calhoon, and Kevin Scott-Vandenberg have been confirmed by KCC; reappointment of Lily Gottlieb-McHale awaits KCC action. Recommendations to appoint new Commissioners have been approved for Andrew Ely, Jessi Bloom, and Janet Keller; recommendations for Henry Wong and Shelley Pasco have received Local Services Committee approval and await full KCC action.
- The 2022 Washington legislative session will begin January 10th and be a hybrid of remote and in-person.
- Congratulations were offered to former Commissioner Rosella Mosby, newly elected president of Washington State Farm Bureau (WSFB). Rosella is the first woman president of WSFB.
- There is an ongoing multi-session virtual conference, “Farming on the Urban Edge,” sponsored by WSU. More information is at www.periurbanagriculture.org/conferencesessions.
- Commissioners were directed to information on [flood preparedness](#) and the Local Food Initiative newsletter.
- USDA hosted a webinar on November 18th, reviewing several new farmer cost-share/conservation programs. USDA’s 2022 Census of Agriculture is also underway.
- Commission meeting topics in 2021 and a draft of possible topics for 2022 were reviewed; any feedback should be sent to Patrice Barrentine. In first quarter 2022 the Commission will solidify this list.
- There was a reminder of the 2022 meeting schedule; most meetings will remain via video conference call. There are plans for an eventual in-person meeting and/or field trip.
- **Selection Committee (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg):** Applications for new Commissioners were reviewed in November. The selection committee (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Jessi Bloom, and Janet Keller) recommended five applicants to fill current and expected vacancies. DNR leadership is reviewing the recommendation; a decision is expected in January. The five candidates will represent a diversity of interests and experiences on the Commission.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):**
 - Staff are completing end-of-season in-person meetings with farmers on County-owned farms. Farmers reported on what went well, not-so-well, and what further resources KC can provide to support and expand their farm businesses. Key issues reported included: access to irrigation water and cold storage, security, soil health, and deer. KC hopes to develop a formal mentoring and technical support program next year and is interested in having Commissioners join the effort as mentors or as participants in workshops.
 - Laura Hendrix was recently hired by DNR as its new floodplain manager. Hendrix comes to KC from Montana and worked with farmers and ranchers who managed lands in floodplains. Hendrix hopes to bring this knowledge to KC and help farmers here deal with regulatory challenges in the floodplain. Hendrix will work closely with Eric Beach.
 - Bee Cha’s appointment as KC Farm Manager ends in May 2022; the County will be looking for a short-term employee or contractor to assist with farm management needs for three to four months in summer and fall after Cha leaves. Richard Martin has asked for funding in 2023 to convert the position to a full-time, permanent position. Commission members will be notified when recruitment announcements are issued.
- **King Conservation District (Carrie King):**
 - There is a vacancy on KCD’s Board of Supervisors; the filing period ends December 13th.
 - 17 applicants are expected to receive grant awards through the Regional Food System program soon.
 - KCD’s annual plant sale has sold over \$130,000 and 27 species sold out, topping last year’s sale.
 - KCD’s new Executive Director, Rosa Méndez-Perez, is focused on KCD reorganization and is working with Catherine Lewis from Pierce Conservation District to revise the KCD budget/financial system. KCD’s budget will be passed this coming Monday and KCD looks forward to presenting it soon.
- **Local Food Initiative:** There was no update for this item.
- **King-Pierce Farm Bureau (Leann Krainick):**
 - Krainick recognized outgoing KC Councilmember Kathy Lambert for 20 years as “ag-vocate” and supporter of KC farmers. Nayab Khan asked how to encourage the incoming Councilmember’s engagement with the Commission. Patrice Barrentine said Commissioners can each engage their specific Councilmember or the Commission can send a letter to KCC, welcoming the new Councilmember and stating the Commission looks forward to partnering with them. A motion would need to be made and passed by the Commission for this.

- Krainick reiterated Rosella Mosby’s election as state FB president and noted Mosby is also its first president from Pierce or King County, signaling a shift in the FB delegation’s appreciation for agriculture west of the Cascades. Mosby plans to bridge the gap between eastern and western Washington agriculture.
- The FB “Policy Book” was reviewed and approved as guidance for FB lobbyists during the 2022 state legislative session. There were few changes, but much discussion, and no consensus on how inclusive it should be; FB’s policy committee will likely take it back for further review next year.
- Washington Department of Ecology’s (DOE) efforts to implement Water Resources Policy 1025 are on hold, after state FB, the Dairy Federation, and others argued DOE lacks authority to require water rights for using surface water for livestock watering. The policy is intended to convey stock water away from streams to protect water quality. This is relevant to KC agriculture in that many farmers here don’t have irrigation, but use cisterns that collect water, some of which comes from ditches.
- KPFB meetings are in-person the third Monday monthly. Any hoping to attend by video can contact Krainick.
- **Farm Fish Flood 2.0 (Patrice Barrentine):** The next meeting of the Fish Farm Flood Implementation Oversight Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 13th, 2021 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Strategic Climate Action Plan – SCAP (Leann Krainick, Matt Kuharic)

Leann Krainick introduced this topic, describing Krainick Dairy’s recent issues in receiving dependable electricity. Multiple PSE outages have caused major uninsured losses; there is concern emission reduction mandates and shifts to renewable energy may impact future dependable delivery of electricity.

The Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) was adopted in 2021 as guiding policy for KC climate action. The next update will be in 2024 with adoption in 2025; there are hopes to engage the Commission for input. The Commission had written a letter expressing support as well as concerns about SCAP, impacts of climate change on agriculture, and farmers needing resources and incentives for climate action. Matt Kuharic, DNRP’s Senior Climate Program Manager, overviewed planning for 2020’s SCAP update and its actions related to energy delivery and fossil fuel reliance. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

It was asked if there is a SCAP advisory board; Kuharic said there is only a Climate Equity Community Task Force, which only guides actions related to SCAP’s section on Sustainable and Resilient Frontline Communities. Progress reports are submitted to full KCC to ensure SCAP implementation. Krainick noted that current green technology is not affordable to farmers, and hopes initiatives like SCAP will provide more government funding and assistance, and improve infrastructure and awareness of climate impacts. Krainick agreed a SCAP advisory group is a good idea, that SCAP would benefit from farmer input. Patrice Barrentine advised the Commission consider a future action/agenda item to write a letter suggesting sector input in the next SCAP and continued partnership on key pieces for agriculture.

New Business: Officer Elections (Nayab Khan, Patrice Barrentine)

Nayab Khan voiced appreciation in being able to serve on the Commission and as Chair this past year. Khan will serve until new members are on-boarded and then will step down. Khan moved on to nomination and election of Commission Chair and vice-Chair for 2022. Nominations were received for Kevin Scott-Vanderberge as Chair and Darron Marzolf as vice-Chair. Khan asked for any additional nominations from the floor; none were received.

Roger Calhoun motioned Kevin Scott-Vanderberge be elected Chair and Darron Marzolf elected vice-Chair for 2022; Scott-Vanderberge seconded the motion. Marzolf and Scott-Vanderberge accepted the nominations. Khan called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously by Zoom chat vote, due to ongoing internet connection issues.

King County’s Farmland Leasing Program (Melissa Borsting)

Due to the ongoing internet connection issues, Patrice Barrentine recommended ending tonight’s meeting early and moving this presentation to 2022. Nayab Khan agreed and called for an early adjournment.

Public Comment – General (Nayab Khan)

This item was cancelled due to ongoing internet connectivity issues.

Concerns of Commissioners (Nayab Khan)

This item was cancelled due to ongoing internet connectivity issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Next Meeting(s)

January 13th, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)



Legislation, Conferences, Events and Key Dates

REGARDING KING COUNTY
AGRICULTURE

JANUARY 2022



King County Events and Public Meetings

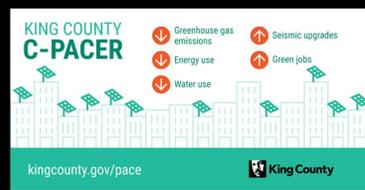


- <https://www.kingcounty.gov/about/news/events.aspx>
- Covid-19 Vaccination Pop-ups around the County
 - <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/schedule.aspx>
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – January 17th
- Metropolitan King County Council Meetings every Tuesday

A financing mechanism to help commercial, industrial, agricultural, and multi-family buildings become more efficient and resilient

Examples of projects that can be financed using C-PACER include:

- Energy and water efficiency
- Electrification improvement (eliminates fossil fuel combustion)
- Renewable energy
- Electric vehicle charging
- Seismic hardening
- Fire detection and suppression
- Flood readiness
- Stormwater management
- Energy storage



Council Legislation
regarding
Commissioner
Appointments

King County
Council

Confirmed to date

Reappointments

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

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

Motion No. [2021-0292](#): **Kevin Scott-Vanderberge**

Agriculture Commissioner *Reappointments*

Proposed Motion No. [2021-0292](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of **Lily Gottlieb-McHale**, who resides in council district nine, to the King County agriculture commission.

No Action Yet

Council Legislation
regarding
Commissioner
Appointments

Confirmed to Date:

Andrew Ely
Jessi Bloom
Janet Keller
Henry Wong
Shelley Pasco

Agriculture Commissioners *New Appointees*

Motion No. [2021-0298](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of **Henry Wong**, who resides in council district two, to the King County agriculture commission.

Sponsors: Girmay Zahilay

Nov 2: Introduced and Referred to Local Services Committee

Nov 30: Local Services Vote: Do Pass Consent

Dec 14: Metropolitan KC Council: Passed

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

Aug 17: Introduced and Referred to Local Services Committee

Nov 30: Local Services Vote: Do Pass Consent

Dec 14: Metropolitan KC Council: Passed

2024

King County Comprehensive Plan Update 2024

**Will require active work by the commission this
year**

More to come in February





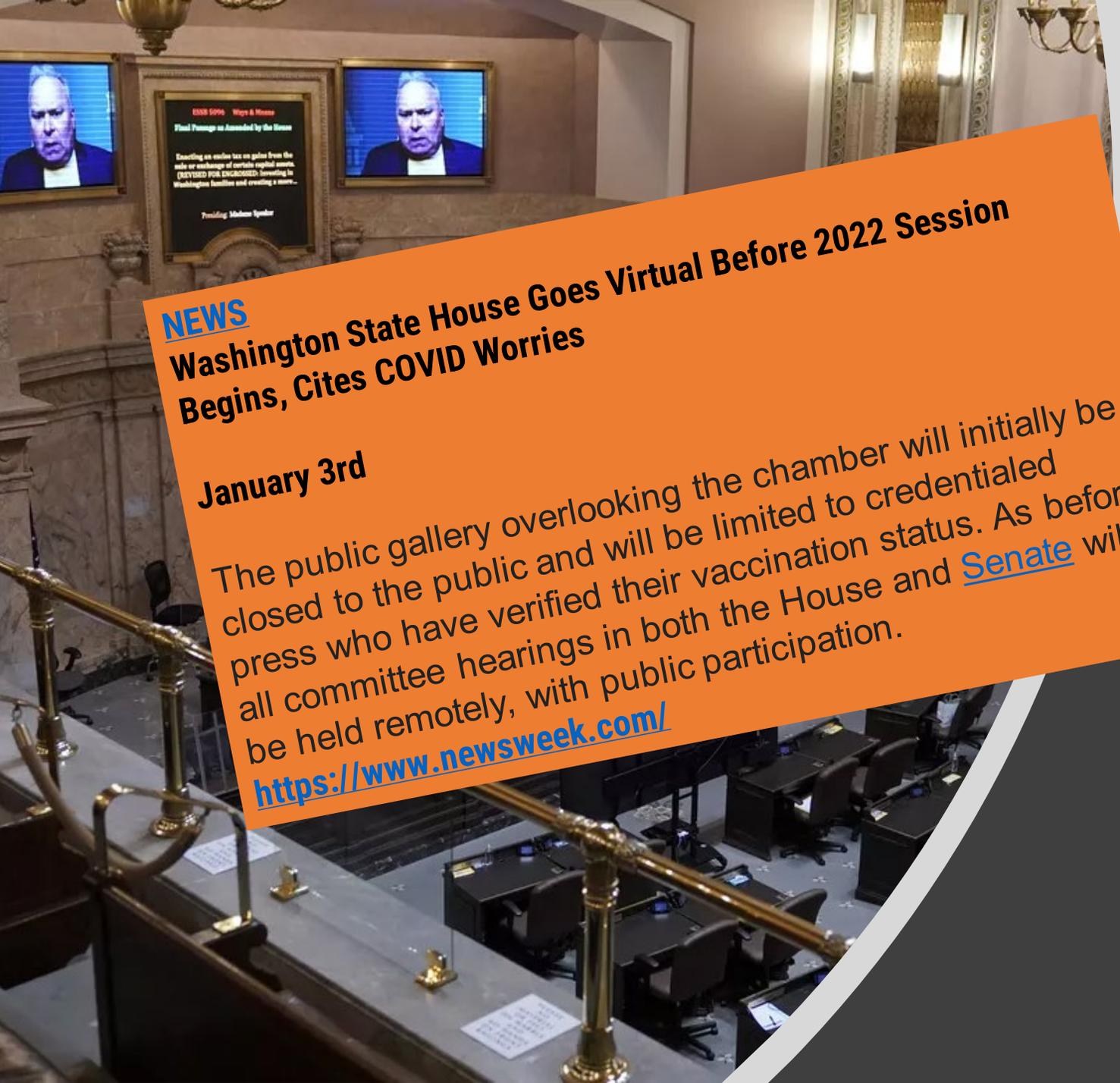
January 3,
2022

Growth Management Hearings Board issued final decision and order

Re: King County Adult Beverage Ordinance 19030

SYNOPSIS

FOSV, et al., (Petitioners) challenged Ordinance 19030 amending King County's development regulations concerning wineries, breweries, distilleries (WBDs) and remote tasting rooms outside the urban area and on designated agricultural land. The Growth Management Hearings Board (Board) concluded the County's action failed to comply with RCW 43.21C and GMA requirements to ensure protection of agricultural lands, rural character, sufficient public infrastructure, and consistency between the comprehensive plan and development regulations.



NEWS

Washington State House Goes Virtual Before 2022 Session Begins, Cites COVID Worries

January 3rd

The public gallery overlooking the chamber will initially be closed to the public and will be limited to credentialed press who have verified their vaccination status. As before, all committee hearings in both the House and [Senate](#) will be held remotely, with public participation.

<https://www.newsweek.com/>

Washington state Senate approves hybrid model for upcoming legislative session

The Legislature will convene for a Regular Session on January 10, 2022.



SB 5300 - 2021-22
Prohibiting the feeding of garbage to swine.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/bills/summary?BillNumber=5300&Year=2021&Initiative=false>

Washington state legislative session

May have relevance for our food waste to farms work; monitoring the bill



Update on State Meat Processing Support

While the legislation last session died in committee, program funding was included in the state budget for one FTE and a new grant program funded at \$1.8M/year for the next 2 years at WSDA.

The program is now staffed and the grant program will launch soon.

Launched
January
3rd

Update on Federal Meat Processing Support

President's Action Plan for a More Competitive Meat & Poultry Supply Chain

\$1 Billion investment in meat processing

The White House unveiled measures Monday January 3rd, designed to boost competition in the meatpacking sector.

The steps include:

- \$375 million in grants to help independent meat producers;
- \$275 million in capital;
- \$100 million in training for the meat and poultry workforce; and
- \$100 million to reduce inspection costs on “small and very small processing plants,” a statement said.

The White House said the funding comes from the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan passed by Democrats through Congress in March.

Weather Resources

King County 2022 Snow Routes

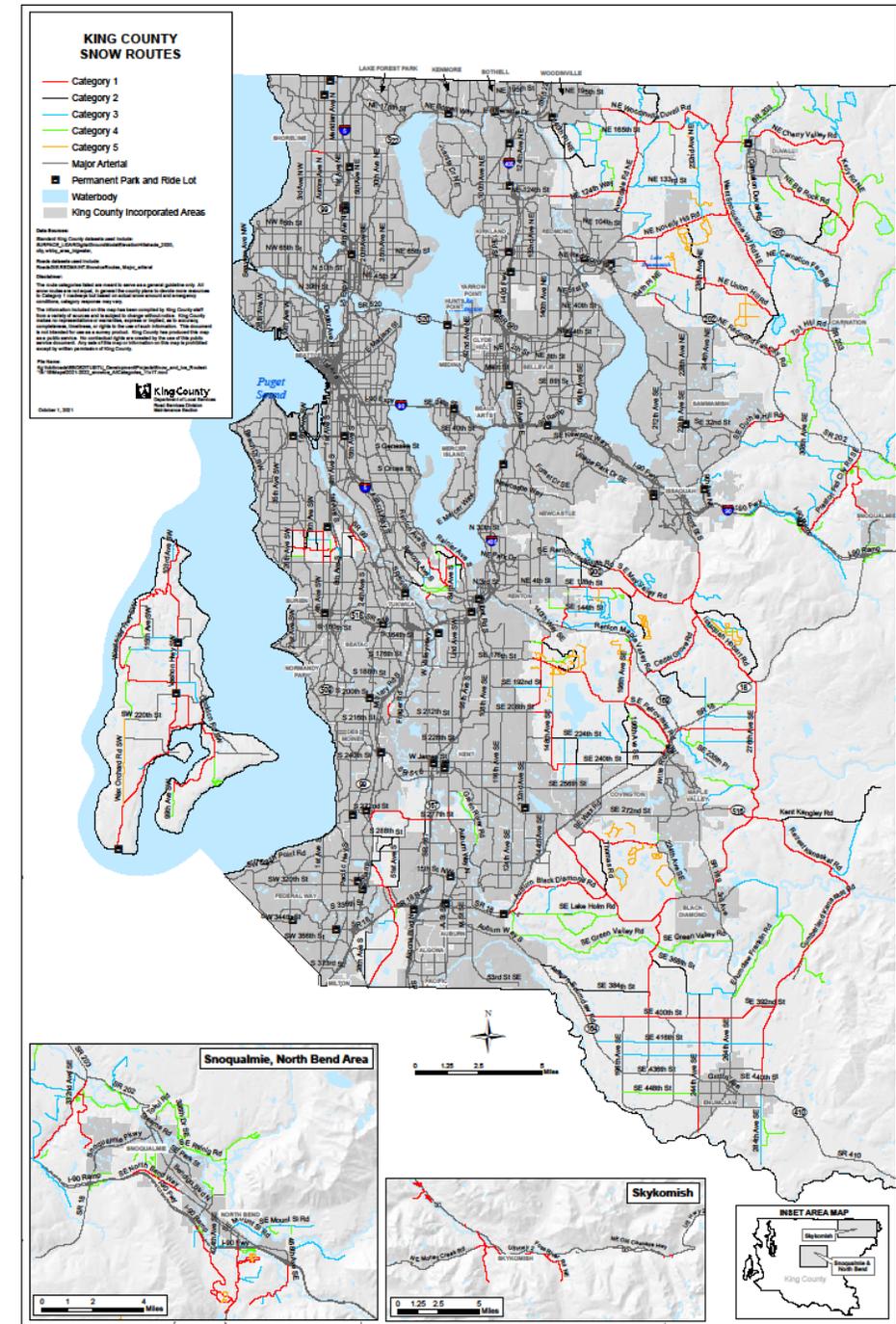
Primary routes for plowing and sanding in a countywide snow and ice event

Will your route be clear this winter?

King County plows and treats 583 miles of designated snow and ice routes. If you do not live on a designated route, [be prepared for the possibility you may need to stay home](#) and avoid driving for up to several days during a major winter storm.

Traffic cameras

In unincorporated King County



MLK DAY 2022

January 13th, 2022

12:00pm PST

Presented by KCTV

Comcast Channel 22 and 322(HD),

Wave Broadband Channel 22

Livestream link available at

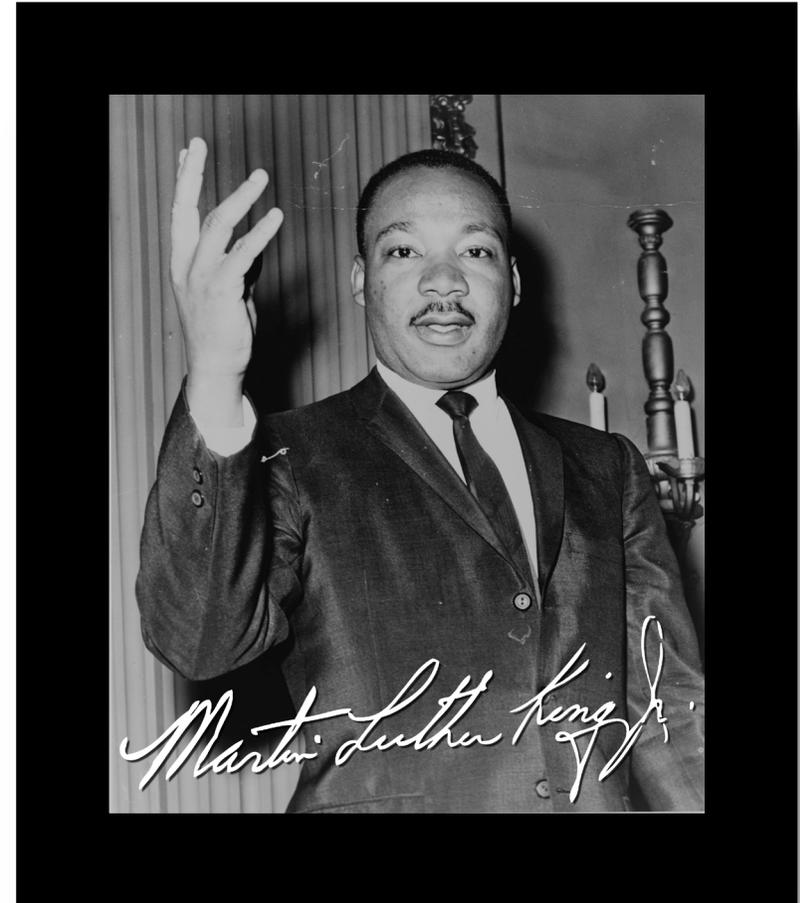
<https://kingcounty.gov>



King County

"Not everything
that is faced can
be changed,
but nothing can
be changed
until it is faced."

-James Baldwin



Events

COMCAST CHANNEL 22 AND

LIVESTREAM LINK

[HTTPS://KINGCOUNTY.GOV](https://kingcounty.gov)



FARMING ON THE URBAN EDGE

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
WINTER 21 - SPRING 22

**WSU Launches New “Farming
on the Urban Edge” a 5-
Part Virtual Conference
starting November 12th, 2021**

*Videos, Events, Resources and Networking
for Farmers, Policy-makers, Educators, and
Food Systems Stakeholders on the urban
edge*

Events

WSU FARMING ON THE EDGE
[HTTPS://WWW.PERIURBANAGRICULT
URE.ORG/CONFERENCESESSIONS](https://www.periurbanagriculture.org/conferencesessions)



WSU's Cultivating Success: Agricultural Entrepreneurship to help new and current farmers gain skills in business planning, risk management, and direct marketing. The entire course will be offered online using the Zoom platform.

The course runs Tuesday evenings January 11, 2022 through March 29, 2022, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, a total of twelve weeks.

Events

WSU CULTIVATING SUCCESS

[HTTPS://EXTENSION.WSU.EDU/SNOHOMISH/AGRICULTURE/CULTIVATING SUCCESS/AGENT/](https://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/agriculture/cultivating-success/agent/)

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

held virtually with Zoom*

Registration is limited!

Visit our website for more info: bit.ly/WSU_PSA

Fee is \$25 per attendee, includes manual and certificate



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION



Washington
State Department of
Agriculture

Produce
Safety
Program

Produce Safety
ALLIANCE

Jan 26 & 27, 2022
9 am - 1 pm,
both days, PST

Feb 9 & 10, 2022
1 pm - 5 pm,
both days, PST

*We will be hosting these workshops remotely, live through Zoom. All participants will need to have access to a computer/laptop (not mobile device) with the following:

- An Internet connection - broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
 - Speakers and a microphone - built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth
 - A webcam or HD webcam - built-in or USB plug-in
- Required: Keep your video on during instruction time and be able to see the attendees. Engagement makes the training more enriching.

January 26 and 27

9 am - 1 pm PST

Remote training via Zoom

Hosted by Washington State
University

[Register Here](#)

February 9 and 10

1 pm - 5 pm PST

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Events

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Trainings



PCC Community Markets Organic Producer Grant Overview- 2021

The 2021 program will award grants up to \$5,000 (total of \$25,000) to support producers across our state so that organics can grow and thrive

Application Open through Jan. 28, 2022

Application Review: Jan. 31, 2021 through February 4, 2022

Grants Awarded: The week of Feb. 7, 2022

Examples of projects that the grant is available to fund:
Transitioning a conventional, non-organic farm/producer to organic certification
Supporting organic producer's worker health and wellbeing
Assisting an organic farm/producer to scale its offerings
Improving soil health, soil carbon sequestration and ecosystem support with the goal that this will support organic production in Washington state

[Application -English](#)

[Solicitud- Español](#)

Grants

PCC Grant application

<https://www.givingtrax.com/giving/pcc-organic-producer-grant#.YdY2qWjMJPb>

LOCAL FOOD

Initiative News



KING COUNTY Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Coming Soon...

Sign up
for our
newsletter

King County DNRP WLRD Events



Coming up in January

January 2022

- 1/6 – [Public meetings: Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan, Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement @ 2:30 p.m. and @ 6 p.m.](#)
- 1/26 – [King County Noxious Weed List Public Hearing and Weed Control Board Meeting](#)

December ICYMI...

- 12/1 – [Conservation Futures for Washington | Vimeo](#)
- 12/1 – [Kokanee salmon make a comeback in Zackuse Creek | Snoqualmie Valley Record](#)
- 12/3 – [Fixing septic systems is key to protecting Puget Sound shellfish | Crosscut](#)
- 12/3 – [In the Duwamish Watershed, Communities Respond as Coho Salmon Face a New Threat | South Seattle Emerald](#)
- 12/4 – [Monitoring the tiny creatures at the base of the food web can have a big impact | Making Waves](#)
- 12/9 – [Looking ahead at North Highline Unincorporated Area Council's last 2021 Meeting | White Center Now](#)
- 12/12 – [What a new study revealed about how some Chinook salmon migrate | king5.com](#) [Featuring [Chris Gregersen](#), [Katie Beaver](#)]
- 12/14 – [Tracking Chinook Salmon in the Green River | Vimeo](#)
- 12/18 – [Restoration in the rain at Seola Pond | West Seattle Blog](#)
- *Retweet this!* 12/12 – [Salmon PIT Tag Study | KING5 Twitter](#)
- 12/21 – [With an active flood season underway, 'Be Flood Ready' information can help people in King County reduce risks and protect property | King County](#)
- 12/21 – [First-of-its-kind study in King County tracks migration patterns of threatened chinook salmon in the Green-Duwamish River](#)
- 12/23 – [Not so jolly holly | Noxious Weeds Blog](#) [Author: [Skye Pellicia](#)]
- 12/29 – [King County scientists work to save chinook salmon | Kent Reporter](#) [Featuring [Chris Gregersen](#)]

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Teufel Nursery and Lakeside Community during January 1996 flooding.



LOWER GREEN RIVER CORRIDOR FLOOD HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Fact Sheet

December 2021

FLOOD RISK IS REAL

The Lower Green River is at risk of severe flooding. Floods are dangerous and destructive. They threaten our safety, block the movement of people and goods, harm the environment, and cause severe damage.

The King County Flood Control District (the District) protects people, property, and communities from the harmful impacts of floods. The District wants to make sure the Lower Green River Corridor is a safe place to live, fish, work, farm, and play for generations to come.

The District is developing a Flood Hazard Management Plan to protect the Lower Green River Valley. The Valley includes:

-  22,000 people living in the Valley and floodplain
-  Over 100,000 jobs
-  2nd largest industrial park on the West Coast and 3rd largest warehouse and distribution center in the country
-  Over \$37 million in income from businesses of all sizes, including companies like Boeing, Starbucks, REI, IKEA, and Blue Origin
-  Major transportation routes and public facilities, including hospitals and schools
-  Threatened salmon and other aquatic animals
-  Farming
-  Parks, trails, and natural areas



Near the Holiday Kennel revetment during December 2015 flooding.

FLOOD FACTS



- Flooding is the state's most expensive natural disaster; the costs of flooding exceed all other natural dangers.
- Even though flooding usually happens in the winter, King County rivers can flood almost any time of year.
- As the climate changes, flooding will be more common.

Source: King County & Washington State Department of Ecology

PROTECTION TAKES PLANNING

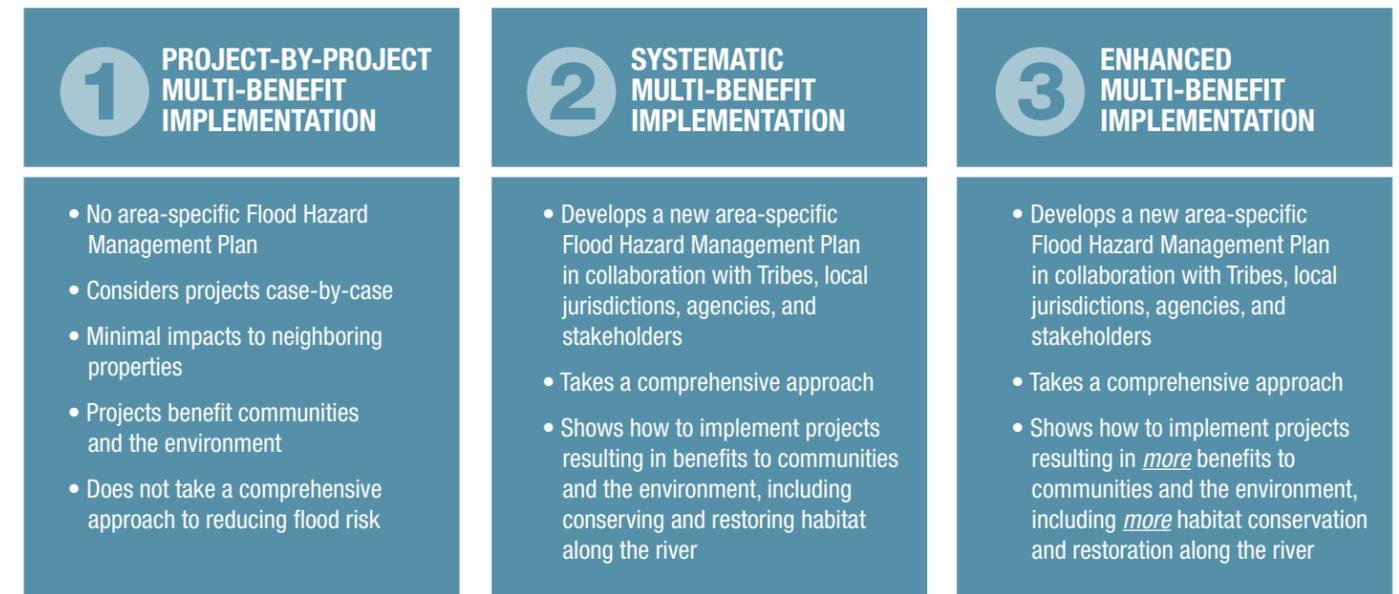
The District is developing a Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan. The plan will guide future investments to reduce flooding.

A study called a **Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)** is underway. This study will analyze ways to provide flood protection and meet other important objectives, including equity, habitat and salmon recovery, community, agriculture, development, water quality, and recreation.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU

You can help by providing feedback on three alternatives for the draft PEIS. Each alternative takes a different approach to managing flood risk. And each will describe environmental impacts and ways to mitigate them.

LOWER GREEN RIVER CORRIDOR FLOOD HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN PEIS ALTERNATIVES



2019

2020

2021

2022

INITIAL SCOPING

REVISED ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPED

NEW SCOPING PERIOD

PREPARE DRAFT PEIS

FALL 2022

- Comments on the Draft PEIS are addressed and the evaluation is refined as warranted
- Final PEIS issued

DRAFT PEIS REVIEW

FINAL PEIS

NOVEMBER 2018-APRIL 2019

- PEIS begins
- Initial scoping
- Stakeholders and public provide comments on initial alternatives

MAY 2019-OCTOBER 2021

- District sets direction on alternatives and prioritizes multi-benefit projects
- Prepare for additional scoping period

DECEMBER 2021-JANUARY 2022

- Public provides comments on the revised alternatives and the environmental issues that should be part of the evaluation

WINTER-SPRING 2022

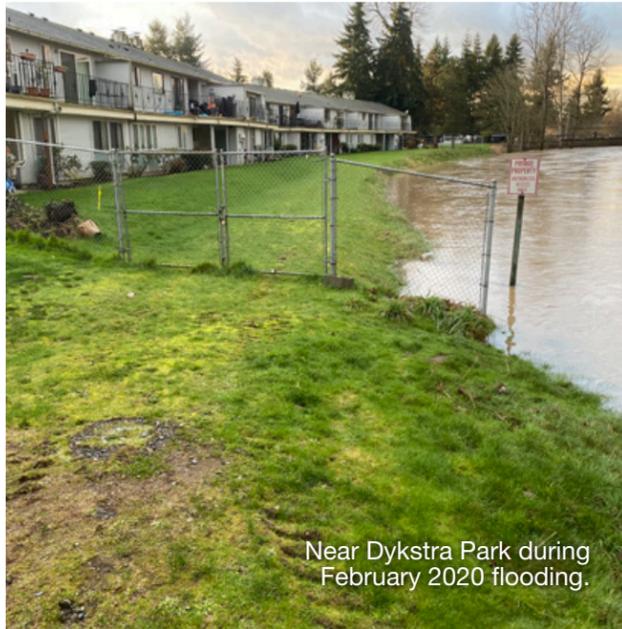
- Revised alternatives may be refined based on scoping comments
- Analysis to determine the potential impacts of each alternative

SUMMER 2022

- Draft PEIS released for public review
- Public provides comments on the analysis conducted on revised alternatives

PROJECT STUDY AREA

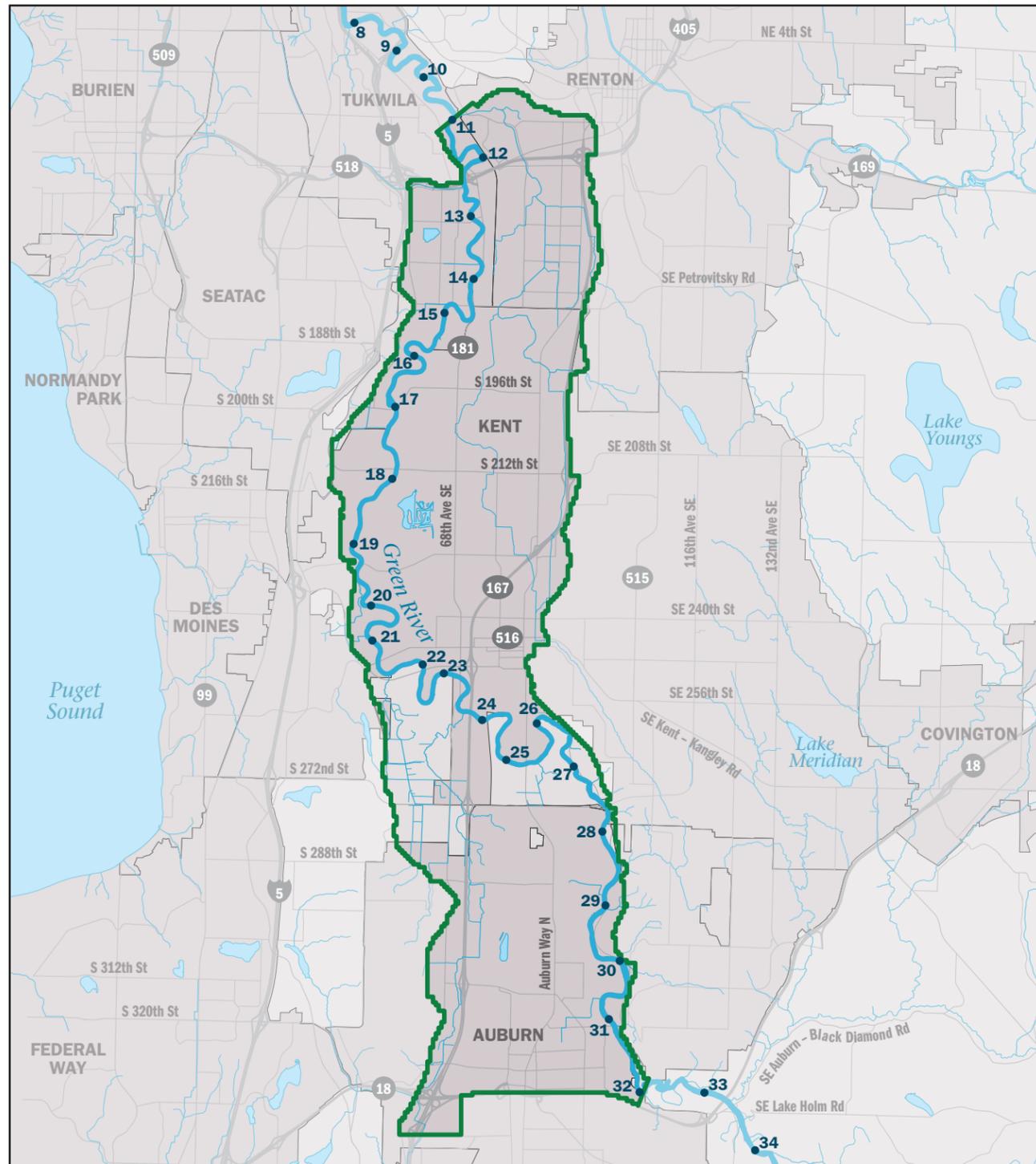
The study area addresses approximately 21 miles of the Green River through the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton, and Tukwila, and unincorporated King County.



Near Dykstra Park during February 2020 flooding.



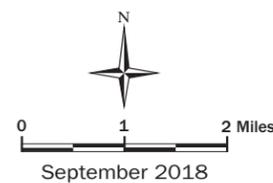
Downey Farm and Signature Pointe Development.



Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Study Area

- Study Area
- 30 River Mile
- City Area



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LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Your input will help shape flood protection planning. Please share your thoughts!

- **Email:** lowergreensepa@kingcounty.gov
- **Mail:** King County Flood Control District
Attn: Michelle Clark, SEPA Responsible Official
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104
- **Attend an upcoming meeting:**
Go to www.LowerGreenSEPA.org for more about future opportunities.

Informacion disponible en espanol; por favor llame al (206) 349-6361.

索取中國人版本的可用資訊; 請撥打 (206) 349-6361.

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AGENDA TOPICS FOR 2022

KING COUNTY AG COMMISSION



2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
January 13	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
February 10	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
March 10	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
April 14	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
May 12	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
June	none	
July 14	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
August	none	
September 8	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
October 13	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
November 10	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
December	none	

AG COMMISSION (DRAFT) PLANNING FOR 2022

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

Farming and Wildlife: Beavers

Agricultural Drainage (ADAP) and Comprehensive Drainage Program

Working Farmland Partnership

Ag Commission Communications Plan

Planning for 2022

Reconnecting in 2022; Farmer Outreach on Behalf of Commission

KC Comprehensive Plan: Policy Update

Commission Field Trip: Sammamish APD

- Update on Recycled Water Project (WA Water Trust; Research and Trial Results from UW and WSU);
- Viva Farms
- KC's Sammamish Farm
- Friends of Sammamish Valley

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Farming and Wildlife: Waterfowl

KC Farmland Leasing Program

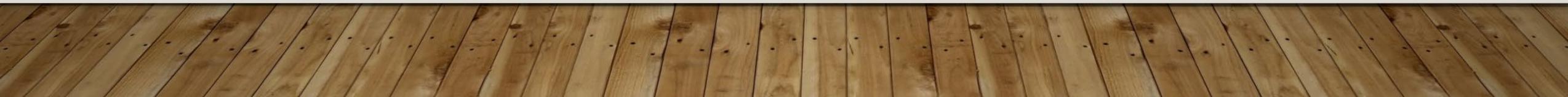
Farm Practices Illustrated

Farm Fish Flood Agriculture Land Resource Strategic Plan: Update and Feedback

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Policy Field Trip: Snoqualmie APD

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2022 COMMITTEES

- Field Trip
- Land Use
- Selection
- Policy/ Farm, Fish, Flood

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE

Plan for 2 field trips

Establish purpose, key goals, and itinerary

Commission field trip and

Policy field trip for Council members and staff

- *Work with Policy Committee to create purpose and key goals*

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Farmland Preservation Program

- Guidance on new acquisitions (Fee and easement)
- Recommendation on future program priorities (i.e., rural area farms)

Also some items from

- *Farm, Fish, Flood*
- *Code Changes*
- *Comprehensive Plan*
- *Land Conservation Initiative*

SELECTION COMMITTEE

- Conduct recruitment by end of May*
- Select Commission Priorities*
- Review applications/interviews*
- Make recommendations to DNRP for 2023 seats*

POLICY COMMITTEE

- King County Comprehensive Plan
- King County Flood Plan
- Farm, Fish, Flood
- Code Changes
- Make recommendations for presentations to full Commission on these topics*
- Review policy recommendations*
- Make recommendations to commission for action in the form of letters and/or testimony*
- Make recommendations for policy-related purpose and key goals to Field Trip Committee*

AG COMMISSION PLANNING FOR 2021

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

Recycled Water Project in Sammamish APD

KC DNRP and Commission re: Social Media and Ag in KC

ECY's Watershed Restoration Enhancement Committee (WREC) planning process results for WRIAs 8 and 9: Protecting Irrigation Water

County Assessor Current Use Program

Emergency Preparation for Farms; wildfire evac: fairgrounds; evacuation plans: Emergency Mgmt (Kimmy Devaney)

FFF Ag Strategic Plan Update

Compost Pilot and Food Waste to Feed Update and Strategies

Meeting new KCD Executive Director

Starting Selection Committee and preparing for Electing Officers

Selection Committee

Wildlife and Livestock: Predators

Revising KC Farmland Leasing Program

Surface Water Design and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual

SCAP: Food Waste to Feed; SWM fees

Farm Practices Illustrated: Farmworker Housing

X

Election of Officers

SCAP and Ag: Utilities, and Public input

Land: Farm Real Estate and Covid

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Welcoming new Commissioners

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Farmland Preservation Program Update

40th Anniversary of Farmland Preservation Program

Pulse of the KC Ag Sector