



*Eastlake High School students displaying their Green School banner.*

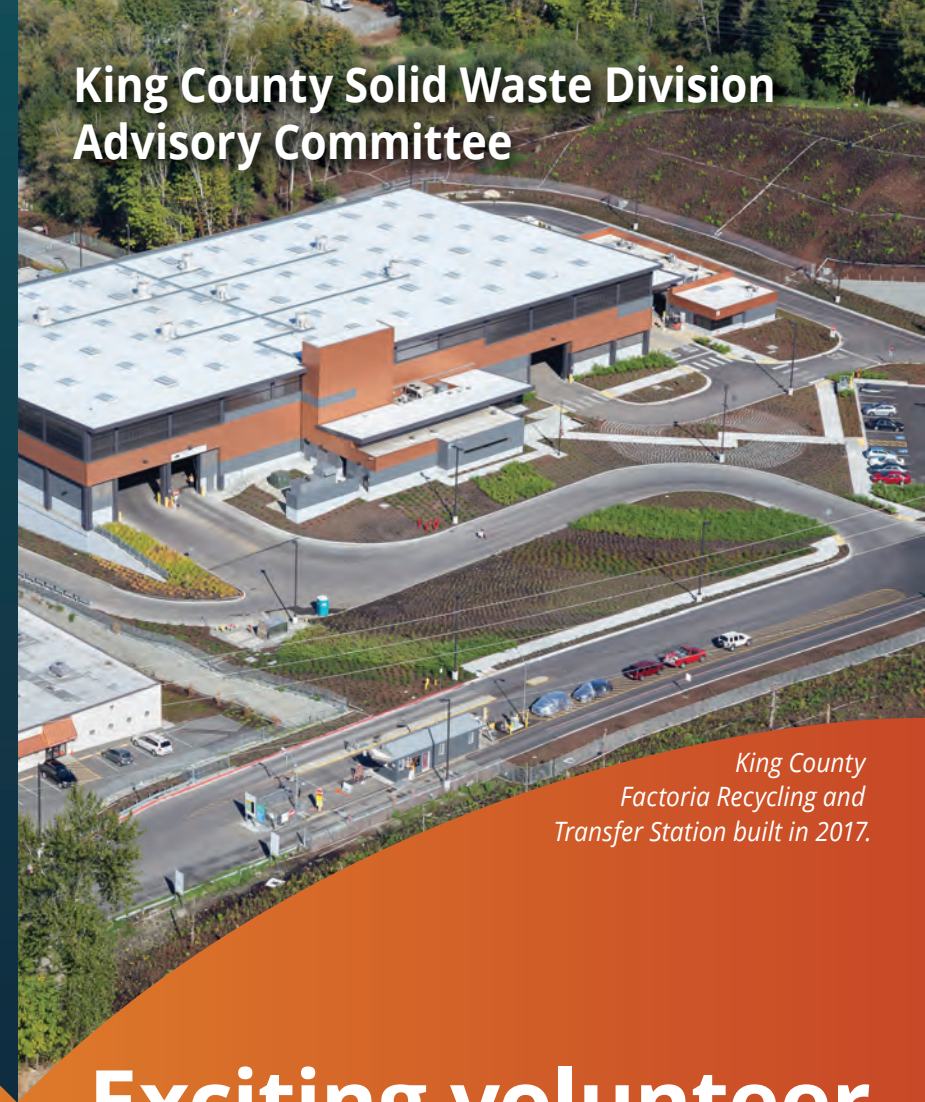
## SWD's Environmental Priorities

- Protect public health and the environment
- Conserve natural resources
- Reduce the overall amount of material thrown away

## King County Boards and Commissions

The King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is one of these 49 boards and commissions. SWAC members are appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the Metropolitan King County Council. SWAC selects its own chair, adopts rules of order, and conducts its own meetings.

## King County Solid Waste Division Advisory Committee



*King County Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station built in 2017.*

## King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) Provides:

- Ten conveniently located facilities where residents and businesses in King County can drop off their garbage and, at most facilities, recyclable materials
- Operation of the 920-acre Cedar Hills Regional Landfill in Maple Valley
- Household hazardous waste disposal options
- Recycling education programs for schoolchildren, residents, and businesses.
- Grant money to cities to help with waste prevention and recycling programs
- Litter cleanup on public property

## More information about SWAC is available at:

[Your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/swac.asp](http://Your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/about/swac.asp)

For an application or to ask questions you may also contact the Solid Waste Division's SWAC Staff Liaison at: [Dorian.Waller@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Dorian.Waller@kingcounty.gov) or 206-263-1368

***We welcome your involvement and look forward to hearing from you***

# Exciting volunteer opportunity awaits you!



## King County Garbage Facts

- King County does not pick up garbage from homes and businesses; that is done by garbage hauling companies.
- All cities in King County, except for Seattle and Milton, are part of the county's solid waste system.
- More than 830,000 tons of solid waste is disposed each year in King County and ends up in the County's Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. (2019)
- In 2017, 31,600 county residents and small businesses disposed of 788 tons of hazardous waste.
- In 2019, single family customers in King County recycled 56 percent of their wastes [note: the percent didn't change from 2012]
- In 2018, nearly 72 percent of the garbage received at King County's facilities was delivered by curbside collection trucks, while about 28 percent was brought by businesses and residents – people who "self-haul" their garbage. These self-haulers make up more than 87 percent of the traffic at the facilities.

*King County seeks to create an inclusive and accessible environment for individuals who wish to serve on King County board and committees and strives to ensure that King County board and commissions are reflective of the communities we serve.*

## Who is on SWAC?

- People who live outside the cities of Seattle and Milton and who use solid waste services – such as transfer station customers or people who have curbside collection of garbage and recyclables
- Recycling industry
- Labor unions' representatives
- Local elected officials
- A marketing expert
- Public interest groups
- A manufacturer located in King County
- Waste management industry

## What does SWAC do for King County?

- They give feedback to the County Executive and County Council on proposed council actions involving solid waste and recycling issues
- They assist the county in the development of solid waste and recycling programs and policies
- They read and provide comments on proposed policies, ordinances and plans before they are adopted

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## What does King County provide to SWAC?

- An orientation to solid waste and recycling issues
- Staff support at meetings

## What abilities do we look for in a SWAC volunteer?

- We look for qualities, not just credentials. We look for individuals who are:
- Interested in solid waste and recycling issues
- Able to regularly attend and participate in monthly meetings and read materials in preparation for meetings
- Willing to commit to a three-year term (limit of two consecutive terms)
- A landfill neighbor

## How often are meetings and where are they held?

- Meetings are held online the third Friday of every month from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



*Customers help "Sort it Out" at recycling and transfer stations.*