

NOTICE OF REVISED SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND EXTENSION OF SCOPING COMMENT PERIOD

Proponent/Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division (the Division).

Description of Proposal: The Algona Transfer Station was built in the mid-1960s. It is over-capacity, has no space for recycling, and uses outdated technology. The *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan* (the Plan), which was the result of a regional, multi-year planning effort, recommended replacing the Algona Transfer Station. The King County Council approved the Plan and the Division is now implementing it. The Division is looking at properties on which to build a new recycling and transfer station that will serve the communities of and areas surrounding Algona, Auburn, Federal Way and Pacific for the next 50 years.

Original DS/Scoping Notice: On October 30, 2012, the Division issued a SEPA Determination of Significance and Request for Comments on Scope of Environmental Impact Statement (DS/Scoping Notice). A copy of that document may be obtained at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/algona/index.asp>. The DS/Scoping Notice identified two alternative sites for the proposed location of the new transfer station that would be evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): 901 C Street SW, Auburn, WA 98001, and 35101 West Valley Highway S., Algona, WA 98001. These were identified as the two "Action Alternatives". The DS/Scoping Notice also identified a "No Action Alternative", which would retain the current Algona Transfer Station. Agencies, Tribes, and members of the public were given 30 days to provide comments on the original scope of the EIS, and the Division held a public scoping meeting on November 15, 2012. The comment period ended on November 30, 2012.

New Revised Scope of EIS: The Division has now determined that it will evaluate a third site for the proposed location of the new transfer station in the EIS. The new site is located at:

- 28721 West Valley Highway S., Auburn, WA 98001 (includes the two parcels immediately adjacent to the west)

This site will be added as a third Action Alternative in the EIS. Based on information available at this time, this third Alternative has been identified as the preferred alternative. This site is located in the northern portion of the City of Auburn's Innovative Partnership Zone, which was established to bring economic development to the area. It is the Division's understanding in working with the City of Auburn that Alternative 3 has more opportunity than the other two alternatives to attract "green" economic development and that a recycling/transfer facility could be a key component of that development. In addition, it is the Division's understanding that the property owner is open to selling the property to the County.

The sites located at 35101 West Valley Highway South in Algona and at 901 C Street SW in Auburn, along with Alternative 3, will require environmental review.

Although Alternative 3 is the preferred alternative, it does not mean that it will ultimately be selected. The final decision will be based on several considerations, including the results of the EIS, the results of an economic impact analysis, considerations of equity and social justice, comments received from the public, agencies, elected officials and others, and factors such as regional policies. In addition, the selected site will be subject to the regulatory land use permitting process by the host city.

The evaluation of this third site will cover aspects of the built and natural environment including but not limited to the following areas: earth, air, water, plants, animals, energy, natural resources, environmental health, land use, transportation, public services, and utilities.

Extension of Scoping Comment Period: The Division is extending the scoping comment period to allow for comments with respect to the third site. Agencies, affected Tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS *with respect to this additional alternative only*. The Division is not reopening the comment period for the two Action Alternatives and the No Action Alternative identified in the original DS/Scoping Notice.

Comments will be accepted on mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts to the environment, and licenses, permits or other approvals that may be required. Comments may be submitted via the internet at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/algona/index.asp> or by mail. Written comments should be addressed to King County Solid Waste Division, 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701, Seattle, WA 98104-3855, Attn: Eric Richardt, Project Manager.

Comment Deadline: The deadline for submittal of comments is February 28, 2013.

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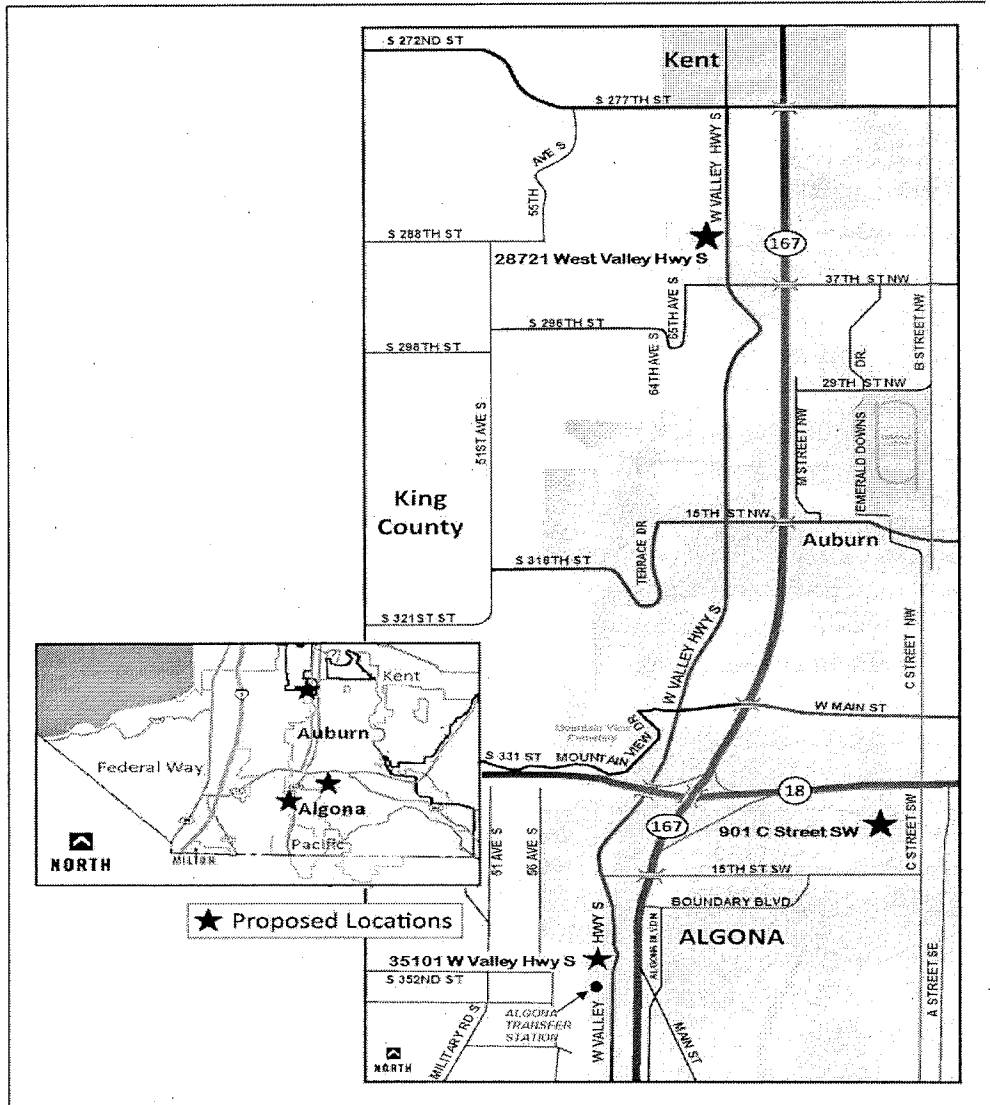
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