



# King County

Department of  
Natural Resources and Parks  
**Solid Waste Division**

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY, NOTICE OF ONLINE OPEN HOUSE, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE CEDAR HILLS REGIONAL LANDFILL 2020 SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FACILITIES RELOCATION

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

**Issuance date:** September 16, 2020

**Location of Proposal:** Cedar Hills Regional Landfill is located on a 920-acre site in unincorporated King County at 16645 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Maple Valley 98038. It is located approximately 4 miles south of Issaquah and 6 miles east of Renton. In addition, the action alternatives include relocation of landfill support facilities at either the landfill or at a county-owned property at 3005 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Renton 98056, adjacent to the Division's Renton Transfer Station.

**Project Description:** In 2010, King County adopted the *Cedar Hills Regional Landfill 2010 Site Development Plan – Project Program Plan*, which included a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) EIS that addressed the potential impacts of implementing the plan. The approved plan allows the Division to develop landfill capacity to last until approximately 2028. In 2019, the King County Council approved the *2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan*, authorizing the Division to further consider alternatives to maximize the capacity of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

The Division is now considering alternatives to increase the length of time the landfill would accept garbage beyond 2028, which is when the landfill is currently estimated to reach capacity. Three Action Alternatives, that would extend landfilling to approximately 2037, 2038, or 2046, as well as a No Action Alternative for landfill development are under consideration. One of the alternatives would incorporate a King County-owned property at the northeast corner into the landfill site, revising the site boundary, and maintaining a 1,000-foot buffer from the revised site boundary. None of the alternatives change the elevation of existing landfill Areas 5, 6, and 7 beyond 788 feet above mean sea level. No landfilling or soil stockpiling would take place within 1,000 feet of the property line at the landfill under any of the alternatives.

All the Action Alternatives would require relocating landfill support facilities from their current location to make room for development of the new disposal area. Landfill support facilities include, but are not limited to, truck maintenance facility, parking, office space, various outbuildings, and laboratory space. Three options are being evaluated for relocation of the support facilities: one option would place facilities in the southern buffer of the landfill, a second option would place facilities in the northern buffer of the landfill, and a third option would relocate the facilities at King County-owned property at 3005 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Renton, next to the Renton Transfer Station. A new or modified Special Use Permit would be needed to place facilities in the southern or northern buffer of the landfill.

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Contents:** The draft EIS identifies potential significant impacts; describes mitigation measures that can be used to avoid such impacts or reduce them below significant levels; and summarizes any significant unavoidable adverse impacts of the proposed alternatives to earth; air (including odor); water (including surface and groundwater quality and quantity); plants and animals; greenhouse gas emissions; environmental/human health; noise and vibration; land and shoreline use (including recreation and historic and cultural preservation); aesthetics, light and glare; transportation; and public services and utilities.

**Public Comment Period:** Agencies, Tribes, and members of the public are invited to review and comment on the draft EIS. The Division will consider all comments received during the comment period for consideration in the Final EIS. Comments may be submitted via email to [CedarHillsPlanEIS@kingcounty.gov](mailto:CedarHillsPlanEIS@kingcounty.gov). Comments sent by mail should be addressed to King County Solid Waste Division, 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701, Seattle, WA 98104-3855, Attn: Kinyan Lui, Project Manager. The Solid Waste Division has arranged for a court reporter to take oral comments on October 6, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To sign up for a 5-minute slot within those hours to give your comments, please call the Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466. Please let us know if you will need an interpreter.

**Comment Deadline:** The deadline for submittal of comments is October 30, 2020.

**Online Open House:** An online open house will be held from September 16 through October 30, 2020 to provide an opportunity for community members to learn more about the draft EIS. To access the online open house, visit the project website at [www.kingcounty.gov/cedar-hills-development](http://www.kingcounty.gov/cedar-hills-development). Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities will be provided when requested. Please call 206-477-4466, TTY Relay: 711.

**Document Availability:** The draft EIS and appendices are available for review electronically on the project website at: [www.kingcounty.gov/cedar-hills-development](http://www.kingcounty.gov/cedar-hills-development). Due to Covid-19, paper copies are not available at King County libraries. To request a paper copy of the draft EIS, please contact the Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466.

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