



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

Waste Prevention Resource Recovery Waste Disposal

Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station

Siting Advisory Group Meeting 2, Nov. 18, 2020

Welcome!

- Zoom orientation
- Staff introductions



Land Acknowledgment

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge that the land we live, learn, work and gather on is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people including the Duwamish People both past and present.

These stewards of this land, their enduring relationship that exists between the indigenous peoples and their traditional lands, who called and still call this land home before we were here and after we have gone, deserve much more than our acknowledgement. However, acknowledgement of the land and people are a great place to start.

We have much gratitude and appreciation for those who have come before us, and who will be here after us and realize the importance of the longstanding history that has brought us here to this point, today. We should constantly reflect as we occupy this space on these indigenous lands and its people, our history our ancestors. Thank you.

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Functional criteria overview
- Develop community criteria
- Scoring measures
- Public comment

SAG Member Introductions

- Name and pronouns (she/her, he/him, they/them)
- What are you hearing about the siting process? Any insights to share?

Housekeeping Items

- Summary from 10/28 Meeting
- Disclosure forms
- Liability question
- Schedule adjustment

Ground Rules Reminder

- Foster safe and inclusive conversations by acknowledging and centering historically underrepresented and underserved communities
- Apply creative thinking grounded in equity
- Make space for differing concerns, perspectives and opinions
- When making comments, consider time needed for others to share their thoughts and perspectives (step up / step back)
- Make effort to come to meetings prepared to participate actively

Functional Criteria Overview

Functional Criteria Development and Use

- Functional criteria developed in consultation with core cities and consultant team
- Will be used by project team to evaluate the top 5 sites
- Each site will be scored against each criterion
- Each criterion will be weighted according to the relative importance for site ranking
- Site scores will be multiplied by weights to develop an overall score used to rank each site

Functional Criteria 1: Site Shape, Size, and Characteristics

- a. Approximately 10 – 20 acres
- b. Conducive to the typical layout of a transfer station
- c. Limited impact to critical areas
- d. No known geotechnical or remediation risks
- e. Potential for multiple access points
- f. Opportunity for an added community amenity
- g. Clean power generation potential

Functional Criteria 2: City Economic Impact / Zoning

- a. Compatible with zoning, land use plans, and surrounding land uses
- b. Tenant relocation not extensive/ expensive
- c. Not high economic significance to the community

Functional Criteria 3: Location Does Not Impact Sensitive Off-Site Receptors

- a. Active area approx. 100 feet or more from nearest residence and relatively few residents within 1,000 feet
- b. Approx. 1,000 feet or more from parks and schools
- c. Not near an airport

Functional Criteria 4: Equitable Distribution of Facilities

- a. Near study area population centroid
- b. Equitable distribution of social impacts so that no racial, cultural, or socio-economic group is unduly impacted

Functional Criteria 5: Transportation

- a. Off-site traffic impacts can be minimized and/or mitigated
- b. Within approximately 1/2 mile of a freeway, state highway, or a major arterial through appropriately zoned neighborhoods

Functional Criteria 6: Cost and Utilities

- a. Utilities readily accessible
- b. Site cost is within project budget
- c. Site can be confidently acquired or purchased

Develop Community Criteria

Community Criteria Process

Step	Description	When
Community values	Gather input on community values from SAG and community	Oct 5 – Nov 20 (SAG kickoff & survey)
Community criteria	Turn values into community criteria	SAG 2
Weight criteria	Validate, prioritize & weight community criteria	SAG 3 and 4
Scoring sites	Apply community criteria to top 5 sites using measurement scales	Between SAG 4 and 5
Scoring sites	Review results and adjust weighting as needed	SAG 5
Site ranking	Confirm ranking of 5 sites based on community criteria	SAG 5
Environmental review	Up to 3 top-ranked sites go into environmental review	Spring 2021

Defining Community Criteria

- Community and SAG identify what is important about a station location (values and priorities)
- SAG considers input and identifies key values to use to assess locations
- SAG develops community criteria to be used for scoring sites

What Makes Good Criteria?

- Accurate and unambiguous
- Measurable, and if not, the options should be able to be compared against each other
- Comprehensive but concise
- Accurately reflect differences between alternatives
- All participants interpret the evaluation criteria the same way

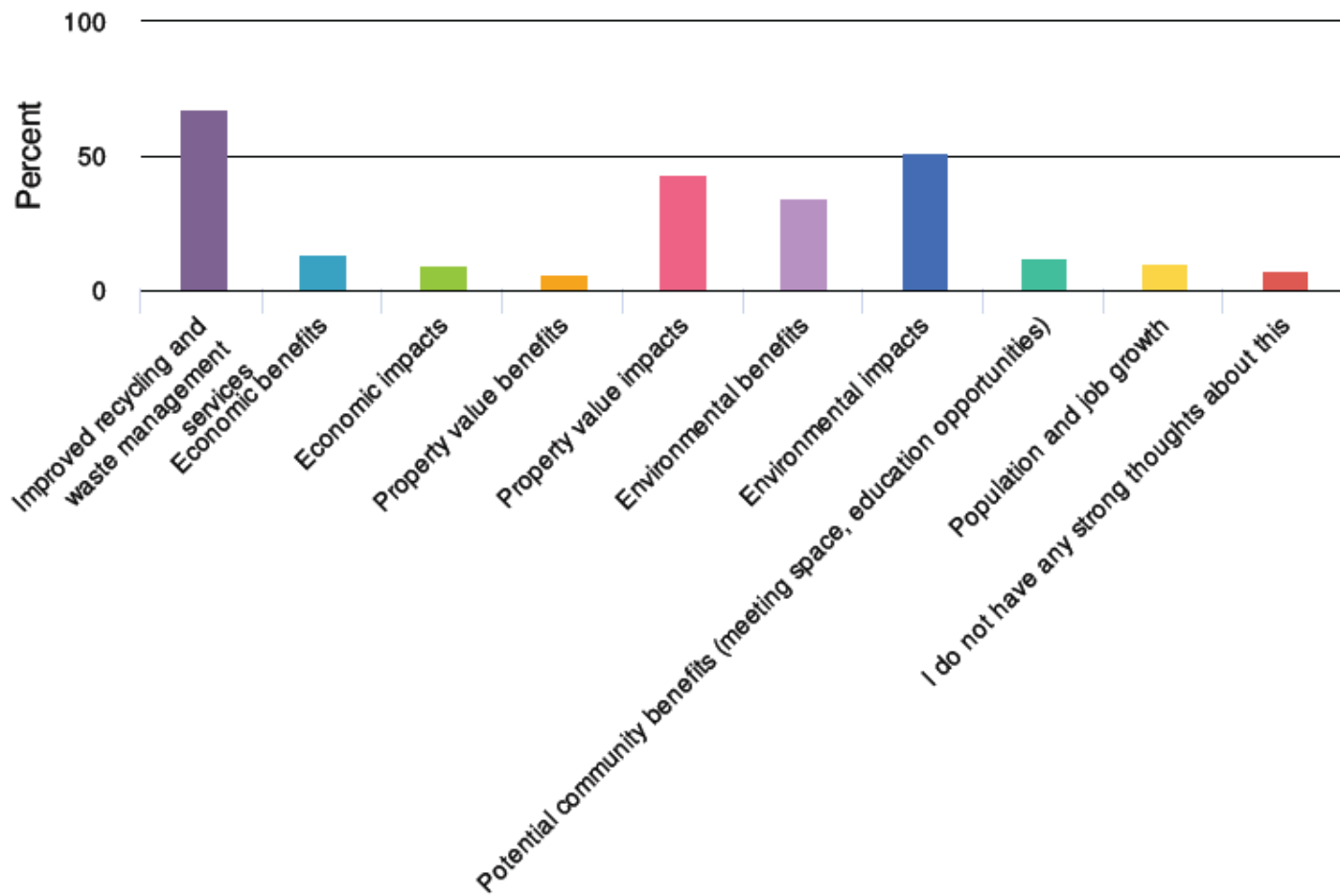
SAG Thoughts on Community Values

- Central location and ease of accessibility
- Making decisions equitably
- Acknowledge use of indigenous land
- Sustainability and environmental stewardship
- Minimize impacts to surrounding community
- Avoid overloading cities/neighborhoods
- Represent and listen to community values and input

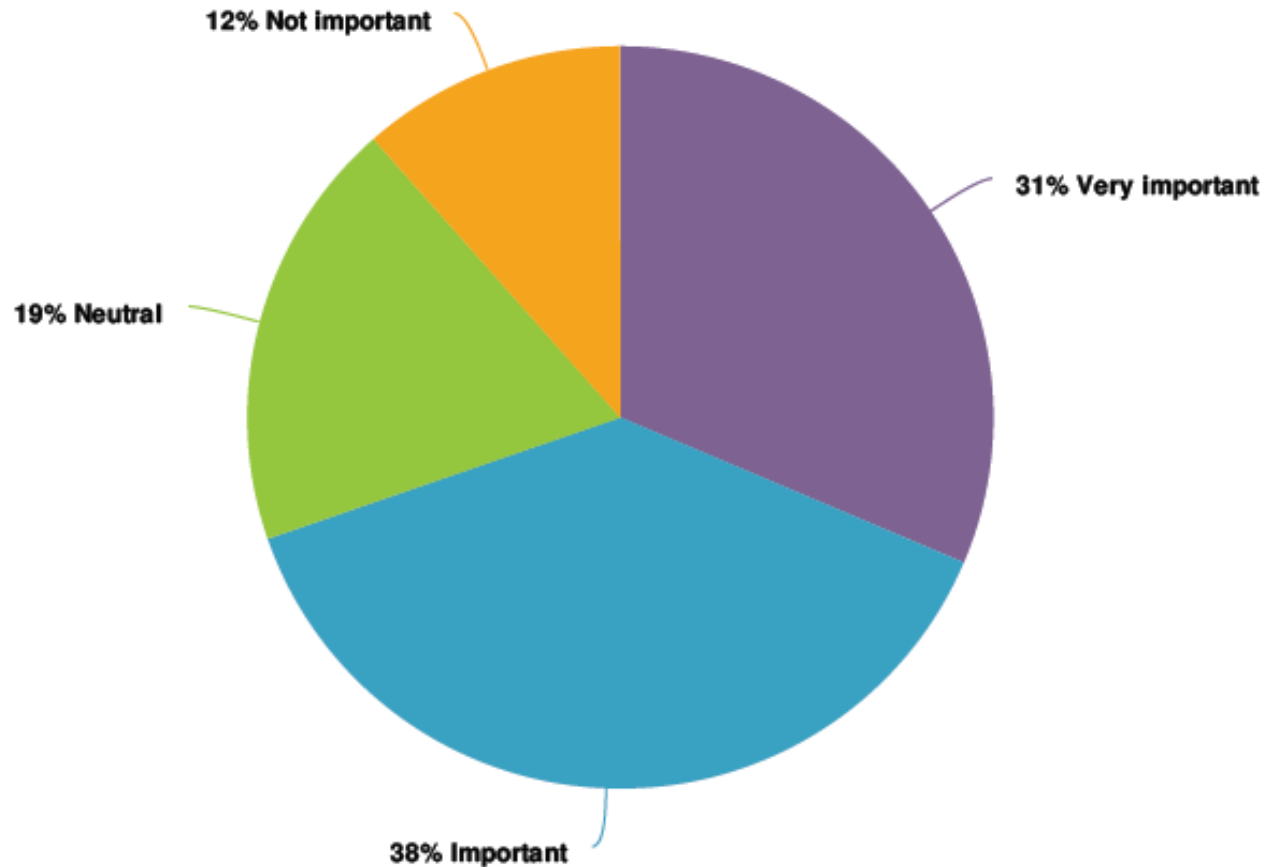
Community Input on Values

- Convenient location
- Make sure minority communities are not impacted
- Concerns about traffic, safety, noise
- Water quality
- Minimize impacts to surrounding community
- Recycling and reuse services and education
- Cost effective
- Open, well publicized public process

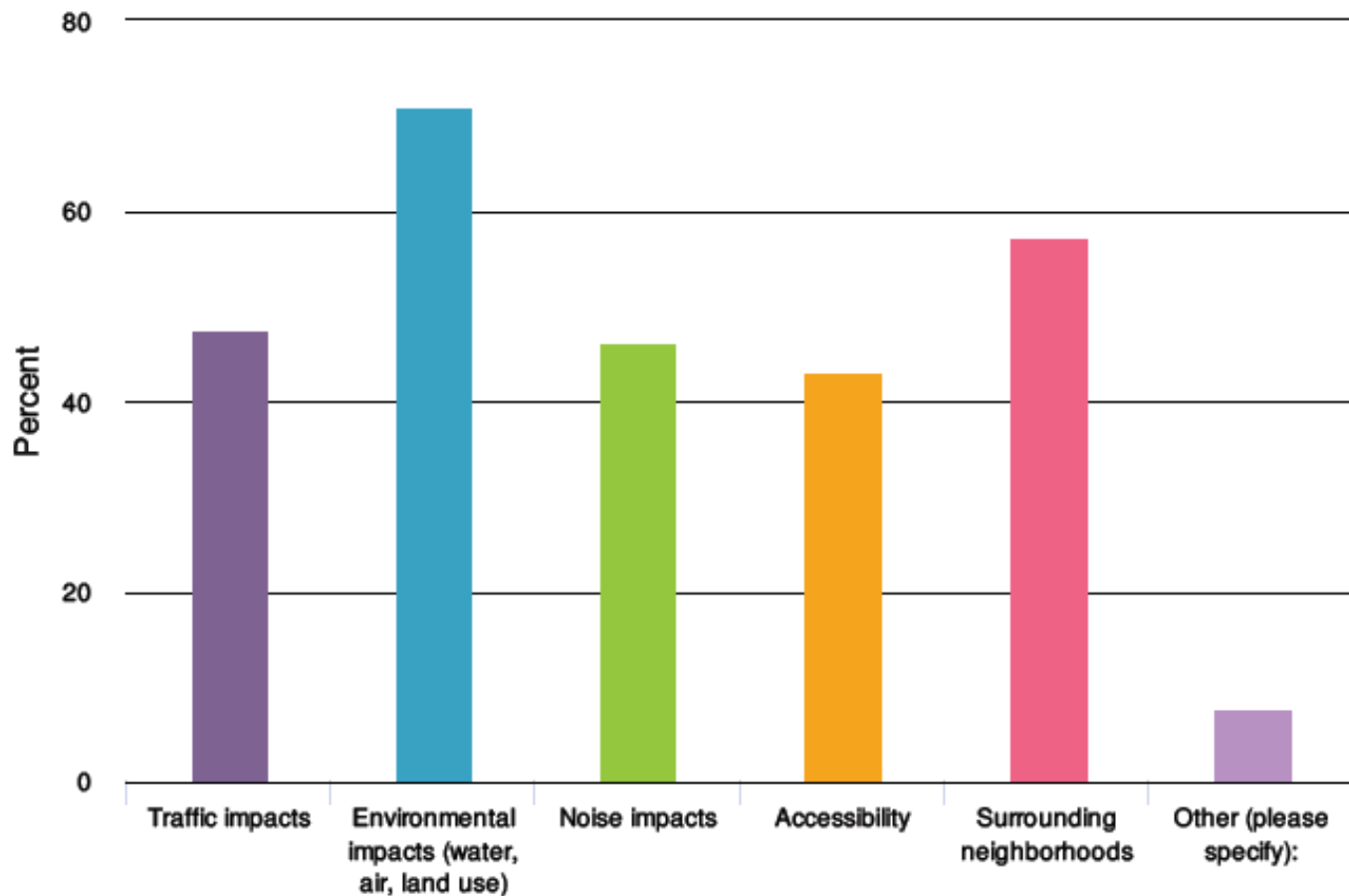
6. When I think about a new Recycling and Transfer Station, I think of (select all that apply):



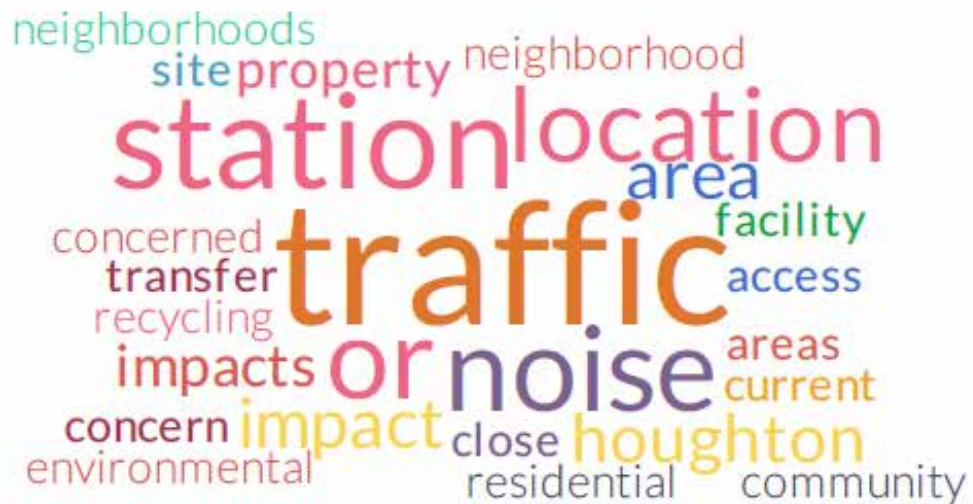
3. Having a recycling and transfer station near me where I can dispose of oversized garbage and recycling that can't go in my cart at home, is:



5. The most important things to consider when selecting a location for a new recycling and transfer station are: (select all that apply)



8. Do you have any concerns about the future Recycling and Transfer Station?



Turning Community Values into Criteria

Community input influenced preliminary site screening process to identify 32 potential sites	We heard:	We added:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenience for users• Avoid residential areas• Consider routes and traffic• Consider water availability and water quality• Economic efficiency	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. At least 25 acres of connected usable space2. Located within 2 miles of population center3. Not located within a Residential Zone4. Connections to utilities exist within 1/2 mile5. Not located west or south of the Yakima River or I-90 (unless easy access with existing services)6. Not located within Airport take off or approach or other FAA location restriction7. At least 25 acres outside the 100 year floodplain



Kittitas County Transfer Station
Relocation Project

[KittitasCountyTransferStation.participate.online](https://kittitascountytransferstation.participate.online)



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Community Values Themes

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Turning Community Values into Criteria

Values (We heard)	What is the criterion?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finding a site that is centrally located and easily accessible to the public• Ease of accessibility for pedestrians and vehicles• Conveniently located	

Turning Community Values into Criteria

Values (We heard)	What is the criterion?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making decisions equitably, recognition of indigenous lands, consider how underserved and underrepresented communities are affected by the decision• Consider equity throughout process, acknowledging use of indigenous land and the environmental impacts communities of color face due to transfer station location• Make sure that minority communities are not impacted	

Turning Community Values into Criteria

Values (We heard)	What is the criterion?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainability and environmental stewardship and innovative design• Incorporate more sustainable and innovative practices in the design• Maintain safe, reliable drinking water• Minimize impacts to surrounding community• Consider traffic impacts to nearby neighbors• Consider impacts to property values	

Turning Community Values into Criteria

Values (We heard)	What is the criterion?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved environmental and waste management services• Household hazardous waste drop-off• Recycling and reuse education• Community meeting room• Increased recycling and reuse opportunities	

Turning Community Values into Criteria

Other Criteria?

Values (We heard)	What is the criteria?

Turning Community Values into Criteria

Draft Community Criteria

Criteria	Sub Criteria
Used for evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting items• Supporting items• Supporting items
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Measurement Scales

Measurement scales are what is used to compare sites to see how well they “measure up” to the criteria.

Functional Criteria F1.2: Site topography is conducive to the typical layout of a transfer station, such as gently to moderately sloping with opportunities for a loadout level, without the need for high retaining walls or unusual ramp requirements.

	Poor Outcome	Medium Outcome	Excellent Outcome
Measurement Scale	Topography is such that high retaining walls or unusual ramps will be required	Mostly flat site with reasonable topography but no inherent advantages	Site has excellent topography , as good or better than that of any other King County RTS

Public Comment



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Public Comment

- Opportunities for observers to make comments to the SAG
- Please raise your virtual hand to indicate a desire to comment
- The committee will listen; not respond
- Time limit will be determined based on number of observers desiring to make comments
- Comments can also be submitted via email, phone or the website
 - www.kingcounty.gov/northeast
 - 206-477-4466
 - [Email us](#)

Next Steps

- Final community values survey results
- Review draft community criteria
- Top 5 Sites Interactive Tour
- Community outreach in January
- Next meeting: December 16, 2020



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