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# Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station

Siting Advisory Committee Kickoff Meeting, Oct. 14, 2020

# Welcome!

- Zoom orientation
- Staff introductions
- Overview of agenda



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# SAC Member Introductions

- Name and pronouns
- How far do you live / work from the Houghton Transfer Station?
- What's the most unusual thing you've thrown away?

# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Overview of solid waste system
- Siting process
- Committee charter
- Community values
- Public comment

# Expectations

- Why are you here?
- What would be the best outcome from this advisory group's work?

# DRAFT Ground Rules

- ❖ Foster safe and inclusive conversations by acknowledging and centering historically underrepresented and underserved communities
- ❖ Apply creative thinking grounded in equity
- ❖ Practice inclusivity and equity by considering access, language, meeting times and availability of technology, among other factors
- ❖ Consider ways to open SAC processes and community engagement practices to help establish trust
- ❖ Make space for differing concerns, perspectives and opinions
- ❖ When making comments, consider time needed for others to share their thoughts and perspectives
- ❖ Make effort to come to meetings prepared to participate actively

# King County Solid Waste System



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# King County's Regional Solid Waste System

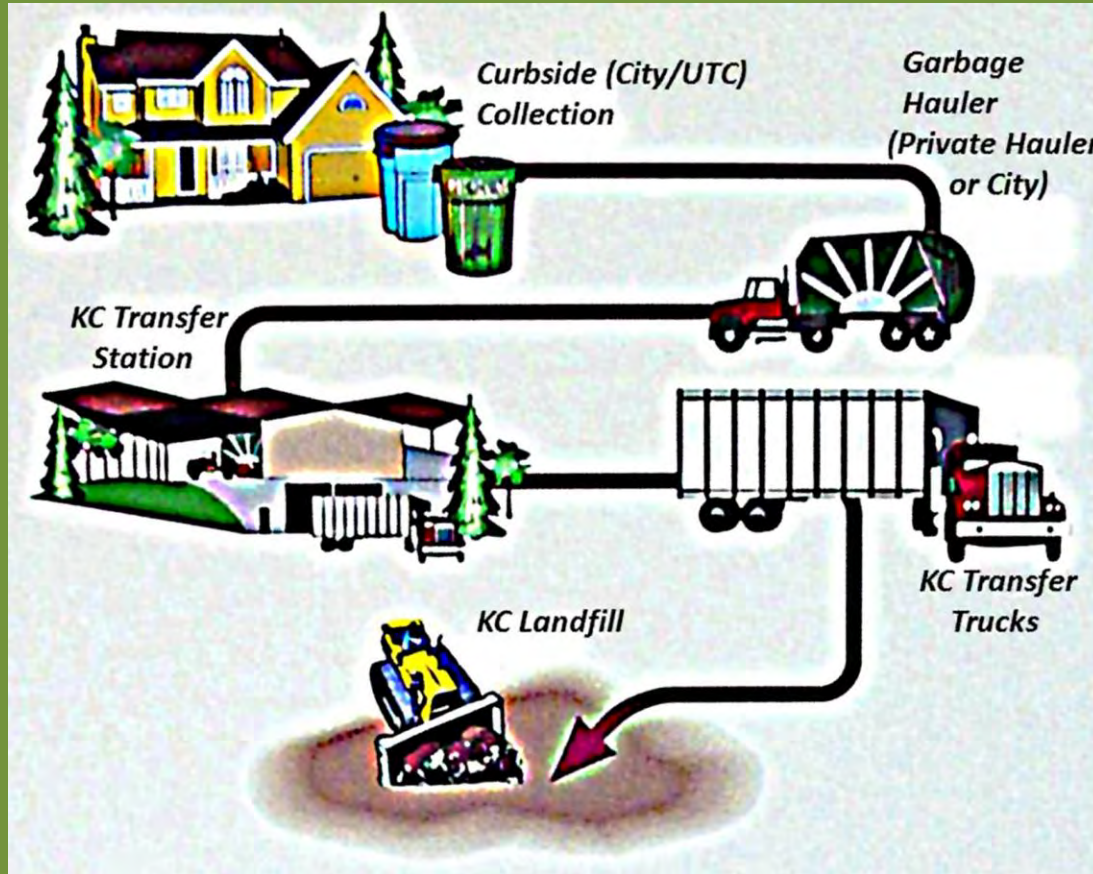
*Serving 1.4 million people*

- King County *regional service provider*
- 37 cities *all but Seattle & Milton*
- 6 urban transfer stations
- 2 rural transfer stations
- 2 rural drop boxes
- 9 closed landfills
- 1 open landfill





# System Overview



# Role of transfer stations

- ❖ Receive & prepare waste and recycling materials for transport
- ❖ Provide local drop-off locations for consolidation and transfer of materials to regional facilities
- ❖ Provide more efficient transport of waste and recycling materials

# Why is King County siting a new transfer station?

## Existing Houghton Station is outdated

- ❖ Lacks adequate queuing space
- ❖ Lacks space for recycling services
- ❖ Lacks ability to compact waste
- ❖ Lacks space for waste storage in the event of a major regional disaster

# Committee questions



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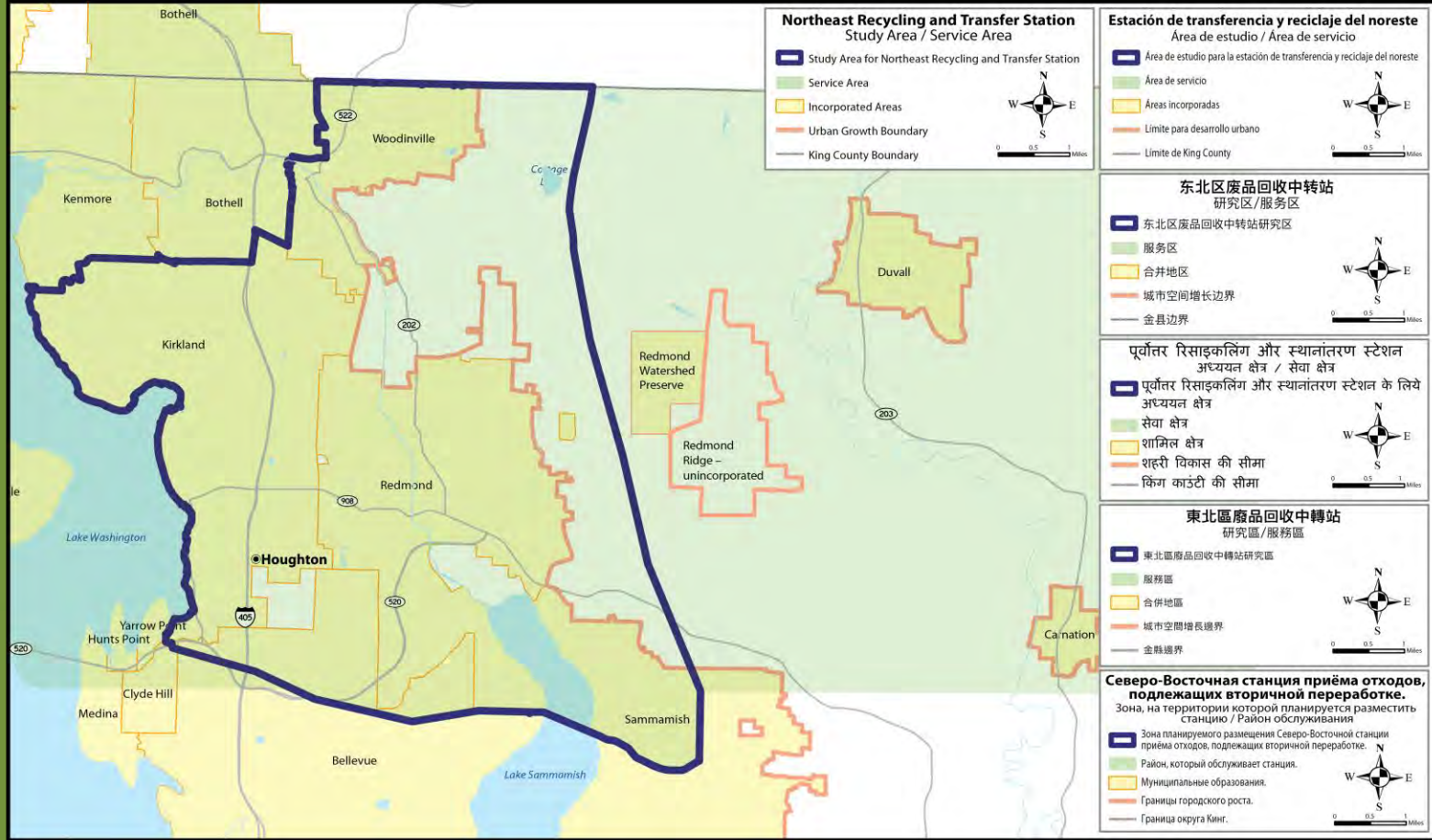
# Siting Process



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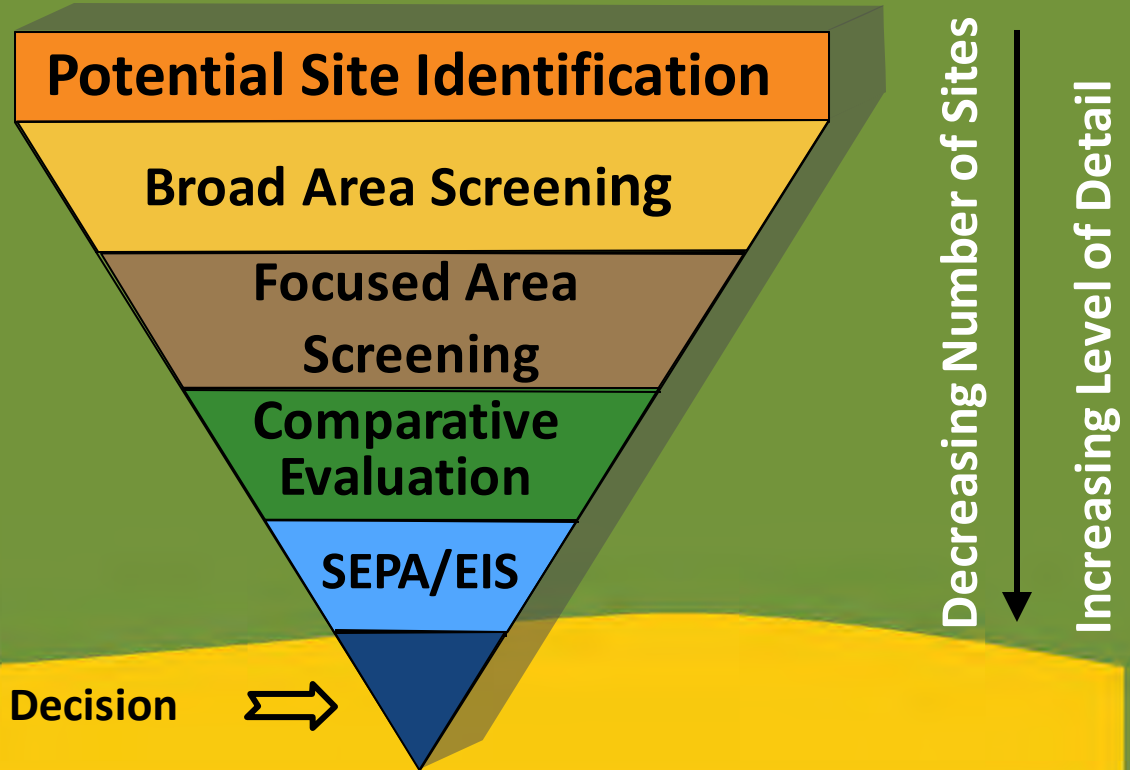
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# Overview of Study Area



# Overview of Site Selection Process

Utilizing a six-step process to identify a range of sites and narrow it down to a preferred site.



# Role of SAC in Siting Process

- ❖ Advise King County staff from a community perspective
- ❖ Identify community criteria for screening sites
- ❖ Review potential sites and provide feedback
- ❖ Share information with their community and share feedback about concerns, impacts and aspirations
- ❖ Provide input on criteria weighting
- ❖ Provide King County staff with outreach advice such as reviewing materials and identifying additional groups to contact



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# Role of SAC in Decision-Making Process



# Siting Advisory Committee Charter



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# Overview of Draft Charter

- **Background:** Need for a new NE transfer station, SAC convened with special emphasis on members who represent historically underserved and underrepresented communities
- **Roles and responsibilities**
  - **SAC members:** Advise King County staff from a community perspective
  - **Facilitator:** Ensure fair and open meetings
  - **King County SWD staff:** Provide information and listen carefully to SAC feedback

# Charter Discussion



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# Community Values



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# You and your constituencies values

- Take two minutes and write them down
- Share
- Discuss



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# Key Community Values

- Discussion of SAC's perspectives on key community values to inform community criteria



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# Integrating Community Values Into the Siting Process

- SAC discussion
- Community input to be gathered via online survey (available in paper as well), social media, core city methods, media, local community connections, website update, and e-newsletter



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# Public Comment



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# Public Comment

- Opportunities for observers to make comments to the SAC
- Please raise your virtual hand to indicate a desire to comment by clicking the icon at the bottom of your screen:
- 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 <http://kingcounty.gov/northeast>



# Next Steps



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# Next Steps

- Site tours: Factoria, October 23 at 9am, 11am, and 1pm
  - Sign up sheet will be sent soon
- Next meeting: October 28, 2020
  - Doodle poll to determine time of day will be sent soon



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