



King County

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Lead agency: King County Executive Department, King County, Washington

Date of issuance: August 10, 2022.

Agency Contact: Chris Jensen, Comprehensive Planning Manager, compplan@kingcounty.gov.

Purpose of Notice: The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on the scope of an Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared for the **2024 Update to the King County Comprehensive Plan**.

Description of Proposal: King County is proposing to review and update its Comprehensive Plan (Plan), consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 36.70A.

The Plan is the long-range guiding policy document for all land use and development regulations in unincorporated King County, and for regional services throughout the County including transit, sewers, parks, trails, and open space. King County uses the long-range comprehensive planning process to guide growth and protect natural resources. The current Plan consists of goals and policies related to regional growth management planning; urban communities; rural areas and natural resource lands; housing and human services; environment; shorelines; parks, open space, and cultural resources; transportation; services, facilities and utilities; economic development; community service area subarea planning, and Plan implementation.

The 2024 update will address a suite of policy and topical issues, as defined in the approved Scope of Work in King County [Motion 16142](#). The update will have three focus areas: climate change and the environment, housing, and pro-equity actions.

Affected Geographic Area: The policies in the Comprehensive Plan, along with the associated development regulations in the King County Code, affect all of unincorporated King County. This includes unincorporated urban areas, rural areas, and natural resource lands.

EIS Required: King County has determined that this proposal has the potential to result in significant adverse impacts on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS:

- Air Quality and Climate
- Water Resources
- Wildlife and Vegetation
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Land and Shoreline Use
- Housing
- Environmental Justice, Equity, and Displacement
- Aesthetics
- Parks, Open Space, and Recreation

- Historic and Archaeological Resources
- Transportation
- Public Services and Utilities

Alternatives: Alternatives for the Plan update will be determined through the scoping process according to WAC 197-11-440(5)(b). Reasonable alternatives shall include actions that could feasibly attain or approximate the proposal's objectives at a lower environmental cost or decreased level of environmental degradation. A No Action Alternative will also be evaluated. Materials related to the environmental review for the 2024 update will be posted at: www.kingcounty.gov/compplan/ as they are available.

Scoping: Agencies, tribes, members of the public, and others are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

Comments: These may be submitted as follows:

1. Email comments to: ivan.miller@kingcounty.gov.
2. US Mail comments to:

King County
Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget
Attn: Ivan Miller
Chinook Office Building
401 Fifth Ave, Suite 810
Seattle, WA 98104

Comment Deadline: The deadline for providing comments is **August 31, 2022**.

Responsible Official: Ivan Miller, ivan.miller@kingcounty.gov, 206-263-8297.

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Date August 10, 2022