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2009 Draft Solid Waste Plan Comments
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Regards:

This letter reflects Snohomish County Solid Waste Division's comments on King County's **Draft 2009 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan** dated October 2009.

Response:

The Snohomish County Solid Waste Division appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. We appreciate the role and resources King County Solid Waste provides to solid waste management in the region and look forward to continued cooperation in accomplishing similar goals in the future. Upon reviewing the plan there is one item that causes concern for Snohomish County.

"Figure 2-1. Current areas of potential annexation," as currently shown, depicts portions of Snohomish County being considered as areas of interest for King County Solid Waste planning purposes. Specifically, it assumes the expansion of the King County cities of Shoreline and Woodinville into Snohomish County.

The expansion areas depicted have been identified in the Snohomish County Comprehensive plan as the Woodway Municipal Urban Growth Area (MUGA) and Maltby Urban Growth Area (UGA). This figure, and the planning assumptions that underlie it, are inconsistent with Snohomish County's Comprehensive Plan and requirements of the Growth Management Act[1].

The figure also depicts an expansion of Bothell within Snohomish County and the waste associated with this expansion being planned for inclusion in the King County Solid Waste System. Snohomish County has planned for inclusion of waste generated in this area in the Snohomish County Solid Waste System. Snohomish County objects to the diversion of any additional wastes generated in Snohomish County into King County's system.

The solid waste authority for cities that cross county boundaries should reside with the county where a majority of the land area and population for that particular jurisdiction is located. This is the case with the other cross county jurisdictions depicted in the figure (Auburn and Pacific). To be consistent with the planning methodology illustrated, Snohomish County recommends that the King County Solid Waste

[1] RCW 36.70A.100 Comprehensive plans-Must be coordinated, "The comprehensive plan of each county or city that is adopted pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040 shall be coordinated with, and consistent with, the comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040 of other counties or cities with which the county or city has, in part, common borders or related regional issues."

Management Plan be modified to exclude the entirety of Bothell from the Plan. Solid waste planning for Bothell should continue to be addressed in the Snohomish County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan. Cross county jurisdictions have also proven problematic for the distribution of Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) funds with the potential to reduce the amount of funding received for these cities. Avoiding the creation or expansion of cross county jurisdictions will alleviate any future potential problems.

Before moving forward with adoption of the plan, Snohomish County requests that King County consult and come to agreement with Snohomish County regarding the depicted planning boundaries. Thank you again for this opportunity to comment, Snohomish County looks forward to working with King County on these issues.

Sincerely,

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