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This preliminary *Draft 2009 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan* (the plan) presents proposed strategies for managing King County's solid waste over the next 6 years, with consideration of the next 20 years. The plan was prepared by the Solid Waste Division (the division) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks in accordance with Washington state law Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.95.

The division is seeking comments on this preliminary draft. Copies of the plan have been provided to King County cities, Unincorporated Area Councils, and the King County Council and will be available for public review at all King County libraries. The plan is also available on the division's Web site at www.kingcounty.gov/SWDCompPlan for review by the public and other stakeholders. Beginning October 8, 2009, the division will be taking comments on the plan via e-mail, letter, or a comment form available at libraries and on the Web site. The comment period extends through February 4, 2010. Comments by e-mail can be sent to CSWMP.Comments@kingcounty.gov. Letters should be addressed to:

2009 Draft Solid Waste Plan Comments
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State law delegates authority to the county to prepare a comprehensive solid waste management plan in cooperation with the cities within its boundaries. An Interlocal Agreement (ILA) is required for any city participating in a joint city-county plan (RCW 70.95.080(2)). This plan was prepared in cooperation with 37 King County cities with which the county has ILAs (all cities in the county except for Seattle and Milton). Participants in development of the plan included the division's two advisory committees – the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee. The planning process is discussed in more detail in Chapter 2, *Solid Waste System Planning*.

The plan builds upon the 2006 *Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan* that was approved by the King County Council in December 2007. The plan presents draft policies, recommendations, and goals in the following areas: solid waste system planning, waste prevention and recycling, collection and processing, the transfer system, solid waste disposal and landfill management, and system financing. A cost assessment, as required by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC), is provided in Appendix A.

A final draft plan will be released after consideration of comments, preliminary review by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), review by the WUTC, and completion of an environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements. The final draft plan must be adopted by:

- Cities representing three-quarters of the total population of the cities that act on the plan during the 120-day adoption period
- The Regional Policy Committee acting as the Solid Waste Interlocal Forum
- The King County Council

After adoption and completion of SEPA review, the final draft plan will be submitted to Ecology. The draft plan becomes final upon approval by Ecology.

Draft schedule for plan completion

October 8, 2009	Release preliminary draft plan
October 8, 2009 – February 4, 2010	Preliminary draft review and comment period
Dates to be determined (tbd)	Revise preliminary draft to incorporate comments
Dates tbd – up to 120 days	Ecology review of preliminary draft
Dates tbd	Revise preliminary draft to incorporate Ecology’s comments
Date tbd	Release final draft
Dates tbd – 120-day period	City adoption process
Dates tbd	Regional Policy Committee adoption process
Dates tbd	King County Council adoption process
Date tbd	Submit final draft to Ecology
Dates tbd – up to 45 days after final draft submittal	Ecology approval period