



# King County

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

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE DRAFT KING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

**Proponent/ Lead Agency:** King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division (the Division)

**Issuance date:** January 8, 2018

**Project Description:** Washington State law requires that each county, in cooperation with the cities located in the county, prepare a coordinated Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) as outlined in RCW 70.95.080. Thirty seven cities in King County, all but the cities of Seattle and Milton, participate in the King County solid waste system.

A draft Plan that presents strategies for managing King County's solid waste over the next 6 years, with consideration of the next 20 years is available for public review and comment. The Plan includes policies, goals, and recommended actions for: the existing solid waste system, forecasting and data, sustainable materials management, the solid waste transfer and processing system, landfill management and solid waste disposal; and solid waste system finance. A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that addresses the potential impacts of implementing the Plan, is also available for public review and comment. The draft Plan updates King County Solid Waste Division's last Plan, which was adopted in 2001.

**Draft EIS:** The draft EIS identifies potential significant impacts; describes mitigation measures that can be used to avoid such impacts or reduce them below significant levels; and, where possible, draws conclusions about whether there may be any significant unavoidable adverse impacts of several project and program alternatives described in the draft Plan. Where choices among alternatives are presented, the beneficial impacts of the alternatives are described.

The level of detail of the analysis in this draft EIS is consistent with the broad programmatic issues described in the draft Plan. Based on the analyses in the draft EIS, as well as other relevant information and analyses in the draft Plan, King County and participating cities will select the facilities, programs, and services to be included in the regional solid waste management system. As actions are proposed to implement the final Plan, this draft EIS will be used to the maximum extent possible to satisfy State Environmental Policy Act review requirements. Additional project-specific environmental review may still be needed on some projects.

**Public Comment Period:** Agencies, Tribes, and members of the public are invited to review and comment on the draft EIS. The Division will consider all comments received during the comment period. Comments may be submitted via email to [SWD.CompPlan@kingcounty.gov](mailto:SWD.CompPlan@kingcounty.gov) (please put "Draft EIS Comments" in the subject line). Comments sent by mail should be addressed to King County Solid Waste Division, 201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701, Seattle, WA 98104-3855, Attn: Draft Solid Waste Plan draft EIS Comments.

**Comment Deadline:** The deadline for submittal of comments is **March 8, 2018**.

**Public Open Houses:** Three public open houses will be held from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. at:

**January 24, 2018**  
Kingsgate Library  
12315 NE 143rd St.  
Kirkland, WA 98034

**January 30, 2018**  
Kent Senior Center  
600 East Smith St.  
Kent, WA 98031

**February 7, 2018**  
King County Library Service Center  
960 Newport Way NW  
Issaquah, WA 98027

The open houses provide an opportunity for community members to learn more about the draft Plan and draft EIS. These are informal events, so come anytime to learn more, ask questions, and provide comments. Accommodations for people with disabilities will be provided when requested at least one week in advance of the meeting. Please call 206-477-4466, TTY Relay: 711.

**Document Availability:** The draft Plan and draft EIS are available for review electronically on the project website at: [www.kingcounty.gov/solid-waste-comp-plan](http://www.kingcounty.gov/solid-waste-comp-plan). Hard copies of these documents are available for review at all King County libraries, and can be obtained for the cost of production by calling 206-477-4466. Copies of the draft EIS are available for \$10, and the draft Plan for \$25.

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