



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

Notice of Issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement Cedar Hills Regional Landfill 2010 Site Development Plan

Project Description: The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division (KCSWD) announces the issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, 2010 Site Development Plan that evaluates alternatives for future development of the landfill. The Final EIS responds to comments submitted on the Draft EIS and contains corrections and clarifications to various sections of the Draft EIS.

A brief synopsis of the five action alternatives and the No Action Alternative is provided below. KCSWD is recommending Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative.

- Under the **No Action Alternative** existing Refuse Areas 6 and 7 would be filled to capacity and the landfill would close. Under this alternative, the landfill is expected to reach capacity and close in 2018, based on 2009 tonnage forecasts.
- **Alternative 1 – Southwest Corner Development** would develop 31.2 acres for construction of a new refuse area in the southwest portion of the landfill and would extend the useful life of the landfill by 3 to 4 years.
- **Alternative 2 – Southwest Corner and Main Stockpile Development (*preferred alternative*)** would develop 56.5 acres for construction of one to two new refuse areas and would extend landfill life for 5 to 6 years.
- **Alternative 3 – South Area Development with Partial Wall** would develop 78.4 acres for construction of up to three new refuse areas and would extend landfill life for 8 to 9 years. This alternative would include the construction of a mechanically stabilized earthen wall along the southeast portion to support solid waste placed behind it and to provide a protective barrier for landfill facility uses. This alternative considers the relocation of some maintenance and administrative facilities to the buffer.
- **Alternative 4 – South Area Development Including Support Area and Partial Main Hill** would develop 96.5 acres for construction of up to three new refuse areas and would extend landfill life for 9 to 10 years. The new development would extend to the eastern boundary of the buffer. This alternative considers the relocation of some maintenance and administrative facilities to the buffer.

KCSWD has withdrawn Alternative 4 from further consideration as discussed in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS.

- **Alternative 5 – South Area Development Including Support Facility** would develop 95.1 acres with construction of up to three new refuse areas and would extend landfill life for 12 to 13 years. It would include the area developed under Alternative 2, extending across the maintenance and administrative facility area to overlay the west side of the south main hill. This alternative considers the relocation of some maintenance and administrative facilities to the buffer.

Proponent: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division

Project Location: Cedar Hills Regional Landfill is located on a 920-acre site in unincorporated King County at 16645 228th Avenue SE, Maple Valley 98038. It is located approximately 4 miles south of Issaquah and 6 miles east of Renton.

Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Solid Waste Division

Final EIS Availability: In accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), this Final EIS has been prepared for the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, 2010 Site Development Plan. The Final EIS may be viewed:

- On the project website at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/cedar-hills-development.asp>
- At the King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD) office: 201 S. Jackson St., Suite 701, Seattle WA 98104, Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies of the Final EIS are also available for purchase from KCSWD; hard copies are \$35.00, and CDs are \$5.00 per copy.
- At the public libraries listed below:

Renton Public Library
Main Branch
100 Mill Ave. S.
Renton, WA 98057

Issaquah Library
10 W. Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA 98027

Renton Public Library
Highland Branch
2902 NE 12th Street
Renton, WA 98056

Maple Valley Library
21844 SE 248th Street
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Fairwood Library
17009 140th Ave SE
Renton, WA 98058

Appeal Process: An administrative appeal procedure is available to appeal the adequacy of the Final EIS. A notice of appeal must be filed within 14 calendar days of issuance of the final EIS as described in detail in King County Public Rule PUT 7-4-1(PR). Please refer to King County Public Rule PUT 7-4-1 (PR) for the requirements and procedures for an appeal of the adequacy of the Final EIS.

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