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

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

Date of Issuance: November 3, 2022

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Purpose of Announcement: The purpose of this announcement is to invite comments on the scope of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be prepared for the Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station Project.

Description of Proposal: The lead agency proposes to site, design, and build a modern transfer station in northeast King County to meet the region's growing demand for environmentally responsible waste management services. The new station will replace the aging Houghton Transfer Station in Kirkland, which has been in service since the mid-1960s and cannot accommodate the recycling services customers increasingly need and want. The new facility will also make recycling and waste disposal services more convenient for many customers in this area.

Location of Proposal: King County's Solid Waste Division has identified two sites in Kirkland and one in Woodinville as potential locations for its Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station. The three site alternatives, as well as a No-Action Alternative, will be studied in a formal environmental review in winter 2023. This process will include opportunities for public comment. The methods for commenting are described below.

The site alternatives that will be studied in the EIS include:

- A site composed of six properties in the 15000 block of Woodinville-Redmond Rd NE in Woodinville
- The current Houghton Transfer Station property at 11724 NE 60th St in Kirkland
- The Houghton Park and Ride property at 7024 116th Ave NE in Kirkland

Additional details on the site alternatives are available on the project website at:

<https://kingcounty.gov/northeast>

EIS Required: King County Solid Waste Division, the lead agency for this project proposal, has determined that the proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An EIS is therefore required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). King County Solid Waste Division plans to prepare an EIS covering aspects of the built and natural environment for three site alternatives, including, but not limited to, the following subject areas:

- Earth
- Air
- Water resources
- Hazardous materials
- Wetlands
- Vegetation, fish, and wildlife
- Energy and natural resources
- Environmental health
- Land and shoreline use
- Noise
- Aesthetics, light, and glare
- Historic and cultural resources
- Transportation
- Public services and utilities.

Alternatives: The lead agency has identified three Action Alternatives for the project and will also evaluate a No-Action alternative.

Materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed online here:

<https://kingcounty.gov/northeast>

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Comments on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and required permits or other approvals are welcome.

1. Electronic written comments may be submitted by email to northeast@kingcounty.gov

Or via the project online open house at

<https://kingcounty.gov/northeast>

2. Written comments may be delivered via US Mail or hand delivered to the following address:

King County Solid Waste Division
Attn: Mary K. O'Hara, P.E., PMP,
NERTS Project Manager
201 S. Jackson Street
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Seattle, Washington, 98104

3. Comments may be submitted at the following public scoping meetings:

Thursday, December 1, 2022
Lake Washington High School
12033 NE 80th St.
Kirkland, Washington 98033

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
Virtual via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83009441424>

Thursday, December 8, 2022
Brightwater Center Facility
22505 State Route 9 SE
Woodinville, WA 98072


Comment Deadline: The deadline for submitting comments is Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

SEPA Responsible Official: Pat D. McLaughlin

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