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NOTICE OF REVISED DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE REVISED SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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Purpose of Announcement: On November 3, 2022, King County issued a SEPA Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice (DS/SN) and request for comments pursuant to WAC 197-11-408. This is an optional revised scoping notice pursuant to WAC 197-11-408(4), provided because an alternative previously identified in the original DS/SN is being removed as a candidate for further consideration. Additional comments are invited on the revised scope of the 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 is unable to offer 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 who currently must drive 30 minutes or more to reach a transfer station or drop box.

Original DS/Scoping Notice: On November 3, 2022, a Determination of Significance (DS) and request for comments on the scope of the EIS was issued. A copy of that document may be obtained at <https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/facilities/documents/NERTS-SEPA-DS-request-comments.ashx?la=en>. The DS/SN identified three alternative sites for the proposed location of the transfer station that would be evaluated in an EIS, including: 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; and, the Houghton Park and Ride property at 7024 116th Ave NE in Kirkland. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public were given 75 days to provide comments on the original scope of the EIS, and the Division held three public scoping meetings on December 7, 2022 (virtual), December 8, 2022 (Woodinville), and January 11, 2023 (Kirkland). The comment period ended on January 17, 2023.

New Revised Scope of EIS: No change to the DS is proposed, however an alternative is being removed from consideration in the EIS for the Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station Project. The Houghton Park and Ride property at 7024 116th Ave NE in Kirkland is no longer being considered and is being removed as a candidate for further analysis, as it is not a reasonable alternative and cannot feasibly attain the Project's objectives.

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.

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

<https://kingcounty.gov/northeast>

King County Solid Waste Division plans to prepare the EIS covering aspects of the built and natural environment, including, but not limited to, the following subject areas, which remain unchanged from the original DS/SN:

- 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.

The two sites will be studied, along with a no-action alternative, in an environmental impact statement.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the revised scope of the EIS, including comments on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and required permits or other approvals. The King County Solid Waste Division will consider new comments on the revised scope as well as comments received during the previous scoping period.

1. Electronic written comments may be submitted by email at 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:

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Comment Deadline: The deadline for giving us your comments is Monday, April 10, 2023.