



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE AND AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE NORTHEAST RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION

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

Issuance date: March 10, 2025

Project Description: King County Solid Waste Division 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 Recycling and 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.

The site alternatives include:

- No Action Alternative
- Action Alternative 1: The existing Houghton RTS property at 11724 NE 60th Street in Kirkland. Two options:
 - 1A – a facility constructed after the existing transfer station building is closed and deconstructed or demolished; and
 - 1B – a facility constructed while the existing transfer station building is open and operating, and then the existing transfer station building would be closed and repurposed, or deconstructed or demolished and replaced after the new station is open.
- Action Alternative 2: A site comprised of six tax parcels in the 15000 block of Woodinville-Redmond Road NE in Woodinville

Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Contents: In accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act, the final EIS identifies potential significant impacts; describes mitigation measures that can be used to avoid impacts or reduce them below significant levels; and summarizes any significant unavoidable adverse impacts of the proposed alternatives to earth; air (including odor); water (including surface and groundwater quality and quantity); plants and animals; greenhouse gas emissions; environmental/human health; noise and vibration; land and shoreline use (including recreation and historic and cultural preservation); aesthetics, light, and glare; transportation; and public services and utilities.

The final EIS also addresses comments received on the draft EIS and responds to those comments.

Document Availability: The final EIS and appendices are available for review electronically on the project website at: kingcounty.gov/northeast and hard copies are available for review at:

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Or at the following locations:

- Kirkland City Hall
123 5th Ave
Kirkland, WA 98033
- Redmond City Hall
15670 NE 85th St
Redmond, WA 98052
- Woodinville City Hall
17301 133rd Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072

Appeal: Anyone wishing to appeal the adequacy of this final EIS must file a Notice of Appeal and the appeal fee with the SEPA Responsible Official at the following address:

King County Solid Waste Division
Pat D. McLaughlin, SEPA Responsible Official
ATTN: Division Director's Office
201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 6400
Seattle, WA 98104-3855

Pursuant to King County Public Rule PUT 7-4-1 (PR), King County Code section 20.22.040(Z) and the other applicable provisions of King County Code 20.22. (re-codified from former K.C.C. section 20.24), a Notice of Appeal must be filed by March 27, 2025 and be accompanied by the appeal fee of \$250.00. Payment must be by check or money order made payable to "King County Treasurer." For more information about this process see: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/wastewater-treatment/capital-projects/environmental-review/sepa-appeal>

SEPA Responsible Official: Pat D. McLaughlin

Position/Title: Division Director, King County Solid Waste Division

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Date:

March 10, 2025

Signature:

