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# Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station

Siting Advisory Group Meeting 6, April 28, 2021

# Welcome!

- Zoom orientation
- Closed captioning
- Staff introductions



# Land Acknowledgment

*We would like to take a moment to acknowledge that the land we live, learn, work and gather on is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people including the Duwamish People both past and present.*

*These stewards of this land, their enduring relationship that exists between the indigenous peoples and their traditional lands, who called and still call this land home before we were here and after we have gone, deserve much more than our acknowledgement. However, acknowledgement of the land and people are a great place to start.*

*We have much gratitude and appreciation for those who have come before us, and who will be here after us and realize the importance of the longstanding history that has brought us here to this point, today. We should constantly reflect as we occupy this space on these indigenous lands and its people, our history our ancestors. Thank you.*

# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Public comment
- Present sites selected for environmental review
- Environmental review process overview and what's next for the project
- Community involvement in Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process

# Siting Advisory Group (SAG) Business

- Introducing new SAG members: Tanushree Chowdhury, Paula Goelzer, and Wendy Weiker

# SAG Member Introductions

- Name and pronouns (she/her, he/him, they/them)
- What are you hearing about the siting process? Any insights to share? (Sandy, Tehmina, Troy, Paula)

# Ground Rules Reminder

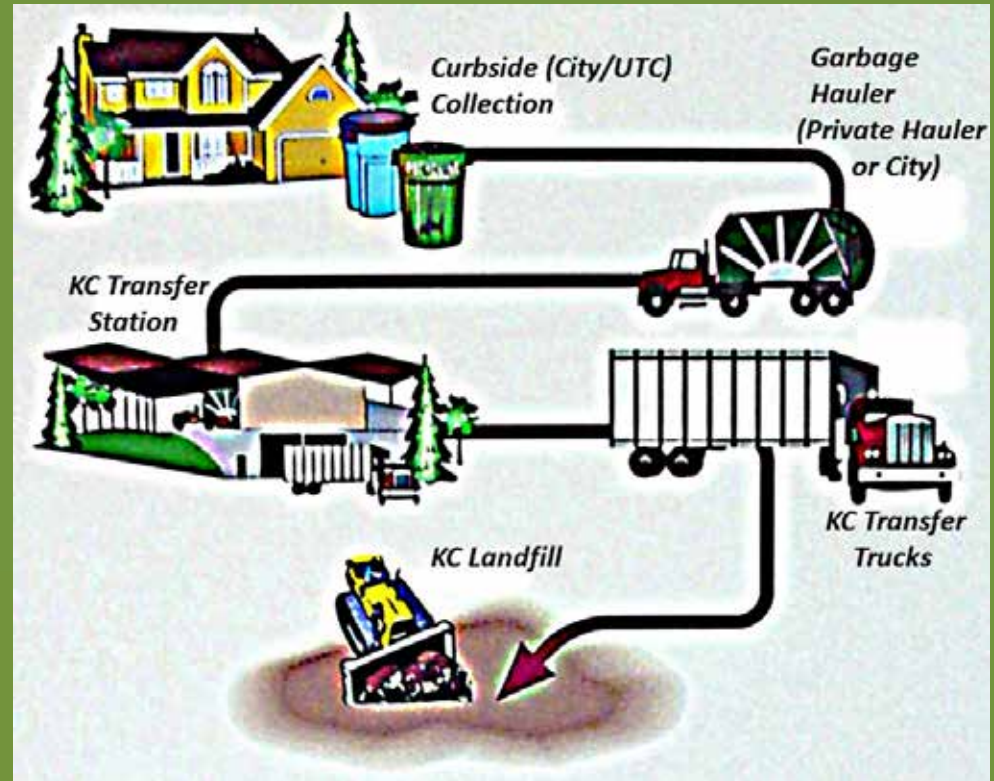
- Foster safe and inclusive conversations by acknowledging and centering historically underrepresented and underserved communities
- Apply creative thinking grounded in equity
- Make space for differing concerns, perspectives and opinions
- When making comments, consider time needed for others to share their thoughts and perspectives (step up / step back)
- Make effort to come to meetings prepared to participate actively

# NERTS Project Overview



# Role of transfer stations

- ✓ Receive & prepare waste and recycling materials for transport
- ✓ Provide local drop-off locations for consolidation and transfer of materials to regional facilities
- ✓ Provide more efficient transport of waste and recycling materials



# Why is King County siting a new transfer station?

Existing Houghton Station is outdated

- ✓ Lacks adequate queuing space
- ✓ Lacks space for recycling services
- ✓ Lacks ability to compact waste
- ✓ Lacks space for waste storage in the event of a major regional disaster

# Role of SAG in Siting Process

- ✓ Advise King County staff from a community perspective
- ✓ Identify community criteria for screening sites
- ✓ Review potential sites and provide feedback
- ✓ Share information with their community and share feedback about concerns, impacts and aspirations
- ✓ Provide input on criteria weighting
- ✓ Provide King County staff with outreach advice such as reviewing materials and identifying additional groups to contact

# Community Criteria Process

Step	Description	When
P Community values	Gather input on community values from SAG and community	Oct 5 – Nov 20 (SAG kickoff & survey)
P Community criteria	Turn values into community criteria	SAG 2 and 3
P Weight criteria	Validate, prioritize & weight community criteria	SAG 3 and 4
P Scoring sites	Apply community criteria to top 4 Sites using measurement scales	Between SAG 3 and 4
ü Evaluation discussion	Review results and adjust weighting as needed	SAG 5
ü Site ranking	Confirm ranking of 4 Sites based on community criteria	SAG 5
Environmental review	Up to 3 top-ranked sites go into environmental review	Spring 2021

# Public Comment



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# Public Comment

- Opportunities for observers to make comments to the SAG
- Please raise your virtual hand to indicate a desire to comment
- The committee will listen; not respond
- Time limit will be determined based on number of observers desiring to make comments
- Comments can also be submitted via email, phone or the website
  - [www.kingcounty.gov/northeast](http://www.kingcounty.gov/northeast)
  - 206-477-4466
  - Email us at [northeast@kingcounty.gov](mailto:northeast@kingcounty.gov)

# Sites selected for environmental review

# 16111 Woodinville Redmond Rd NE, Woodinville



Size:	13.6 Acres
Zoning:	Industrial
Current use:	Warehouse, Office space
Critical areas:	Seismic Hazard Identified; Potential stream TBD





# Rationale to advance site to environmental review: 16111 Woodinville-Redmond Rd NE, Woodinville

- Suitable size and shape
- Located in close proximity to transportation corridors and other transfer facilities
- Good sloping for ease of building



# 7024 116th Ave NE, Kirkland



Size:	5.1 Acres
Zoning:	Park
Current use:	Park and Ride
Critical areas:	None Identified



# Rationale to advance site to environmental review: 7024 116th Ave NE, Kirkland

- Park and Ride is underutilized
- Property is minimally developed
- In a good location
- Close to the transfer station corridor and major freeways



# 11724 NE 60th St, Kirkland



## Legend

- Existing Houghton TS Footprint
- Potential Expansion Area



Size:	25.4 Acres
Zoning:	Park
Current use:	Transfer station, ball fields, closed landfill
Critical areas:	None Identified



# Rationale to advance site to environmental review: 11724 NE 60th St, Kirkland

- In a good location
- Close to the transfer station corridor and major freeways



# Informational Updates

- Houghton Closed Landfill - site hazard assessment
- Houghton Transfer Station history & historical documents
- Refined site map for Houghton Transfer Station

# Site Map Update

Old proposed site boundary



Updated proposed site boundary



Break Time – see you in 5!



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# Overview of environmental review process & next steps for NERTS

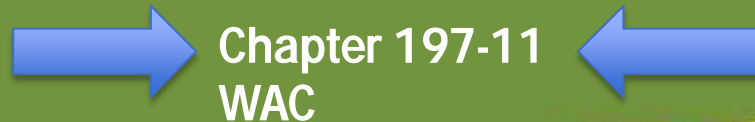


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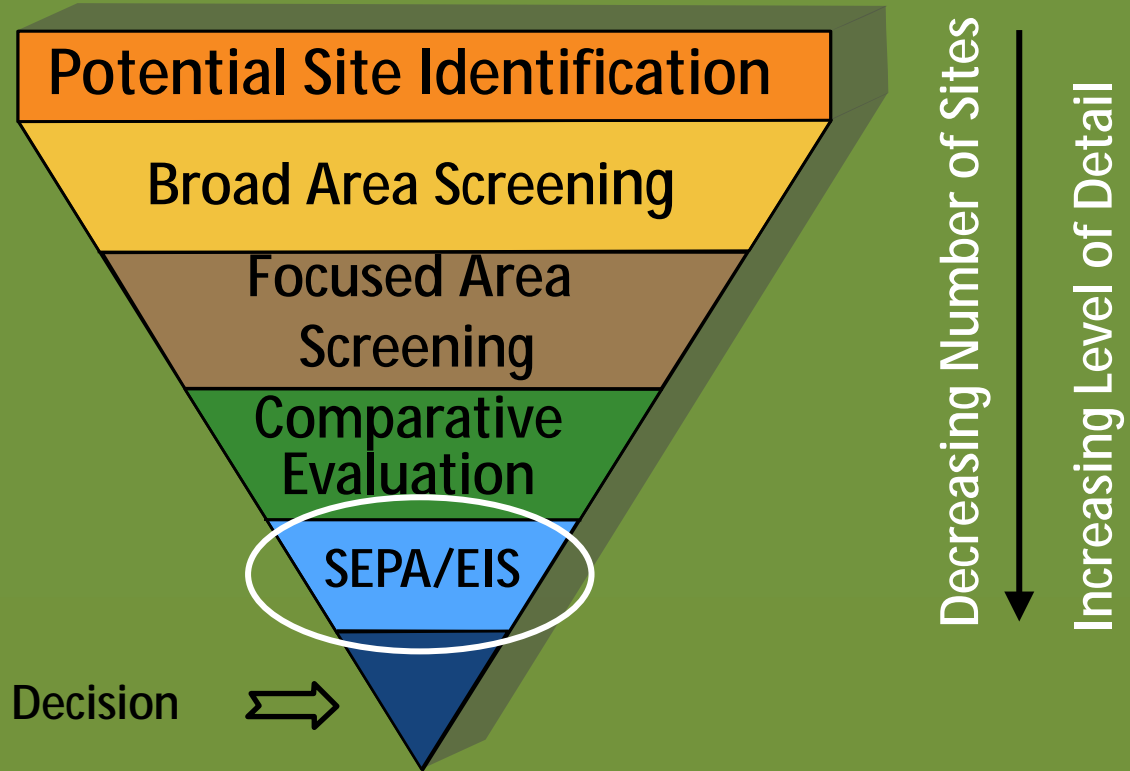
# State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

- SEPA provides information to agencies, applicants, and the public
- Identification and evaluation of probable environmental impacts, and the development of mitigation measures to reduce impact
- Environmental review is just one part of the decision-making process



# Overview of Site Selection Process

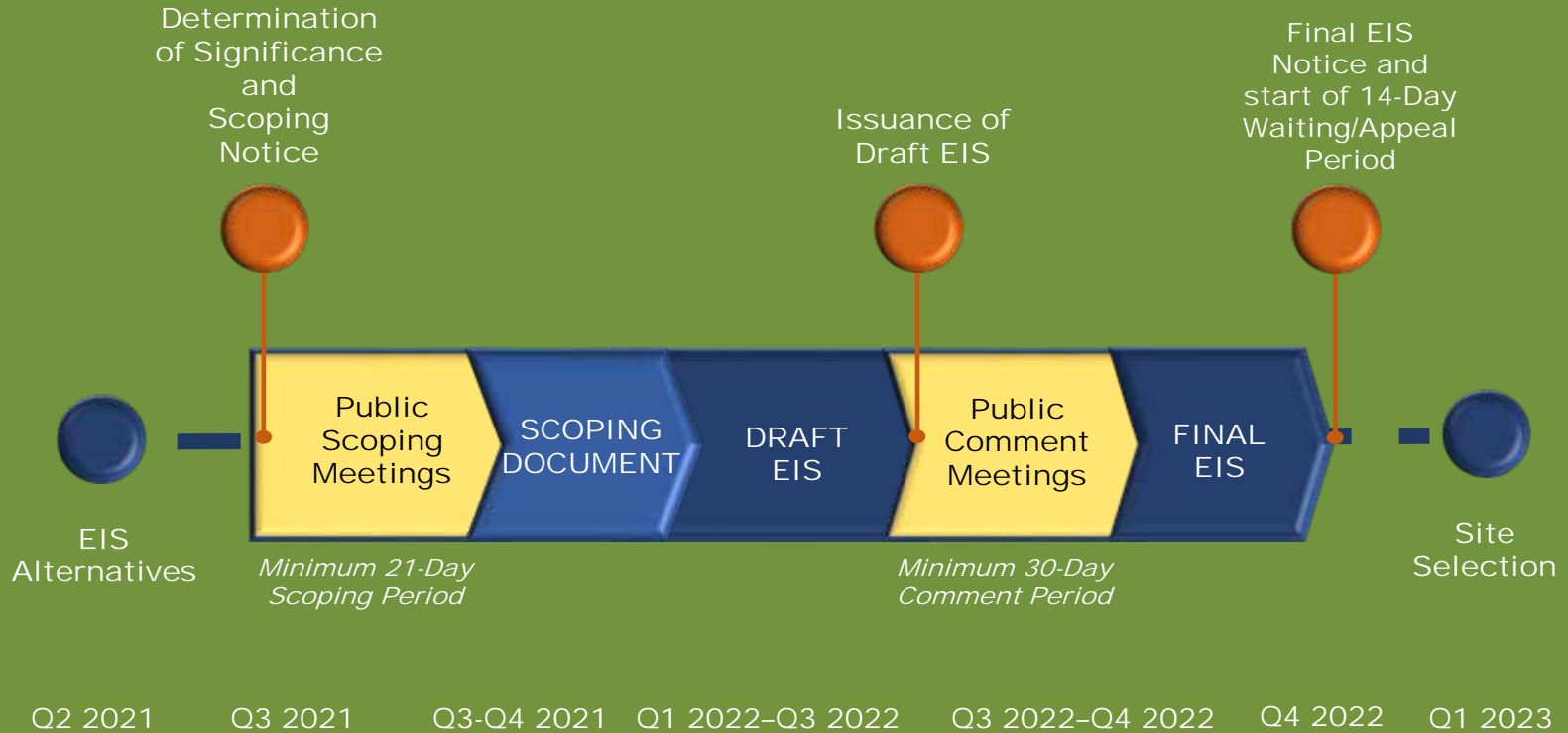
Utilizing a six-step process to identify a range of sites and narrow it down to a preferred site.



# Proposed project schedule



# SEPA Process



# SEPA Public Participation - Scoping



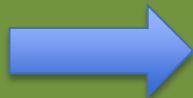
∅ Community and agencies will comment on:

- The range of alternatives
- Areas of impact or benefit
- Possible mitigation measures that should be evaluated within the EIS

∅ King County will:

- Formalize the alternatives
- Narrow elements of the built and natural environment evaluated in the EIS to just those that may be significantly impacted

# Preparation of draft environmental impact statement



Ø King County and consultant team will:

- Analyze selected alternatives for built and natural environmental impacts
- Identify significant adverse environmental impacts of each alternative
- Identify potential reasonable mitigation measures to address unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts of each alternative
- Document findings of analyses in a draft environmental impact statement

# Public Participation – Draft EIS



∅ Community and agencies will review document and comment on:

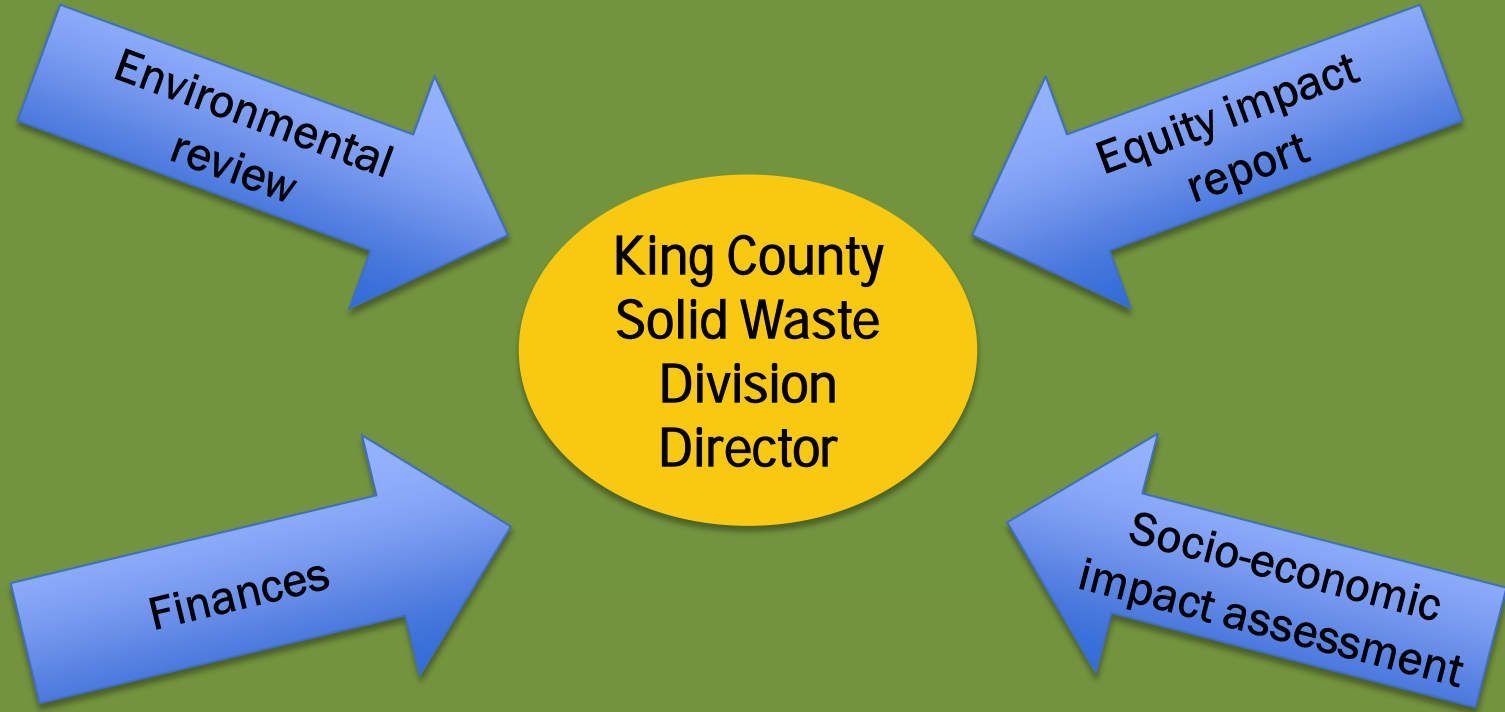
- Adequacy of the environmental analysis
- Proposed potential mitigation measures

∅ King County will:

- Review comments
- Consider additional analyses or modifications to project proposal
- Make factual corrections
- Explain why a comment does not warrant further response
- Prepare final EIS



# Input in Decision-Making Process



# Next Steps in Environmental Review

Ø Threshold Determination and Scoping

Ø Initiation of Technical Documentation to Support DEIS, such as:

- Air quality
- Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Critical Areas
- Water Resources
- Visual Quality
- Transportation

# Community involvement in EIS

# Goals of community involvement

1. Ensure potentially affected communities understand what a transfer station is and the need for a new station in Northeast King County.
2. Ensure community members understand, feel welcomed, and know how to engage in King County's public process to site a new transfer station.
3. Engage residents, businesses, and property owners in the core cities (Sammamish, Woodinville, Kirkland, Redmond) and unincorporated King County in the process to find a facility location that best suits community and County needs.

# Goals of community involvement

4. Proactively engage communities and affinity groups that are traditionally underrepresented and/or underserved and ensure their perspectives, interests, concerns, and aspirations are understood, considered, and responded to in the decision-making process in accordance with King County's Equity and Social Justice Action Plan.

5. Build and cultivate relationships with key community stakeholders to ensure communities maintain interest and participation throughout the site selection and facility design process.

# Review of community involvement to date

## Ø Kickoff (August – October 2020)

- Convene SAG
- 11 Stakeholder Interviews conducted
- Informational mailer to 115,000+ homes in service area
- Press Release
- Newsletters & Social Media (County & Core Cities)

## Ø Broad Area Site Screening activities (October – December 2020)

- Fall 2020 Community Survey (Oct 30 – Nov 20, 2020)
  - § 750 responses
  - § 27 in-language responses
- Email update from County to 1,100+ subscribers
- Press Release
- Newsletters & Social Media (County & Core Cities)
  - § Targeted social media ads

# Review of community involvement to date (continued)

## ∅ Focused Site Screening activities (January – March 2021)

- Winter 2021 Community Survey (January 20 – February 18, 2021)
  - § 2,431 responses
  - § 31 in-language responses
- 2 email updates to 1,100+ subscribers
- Postcard inviting residents to take the Winter survey sent to 115,000+ homes in service area
- Community briefings
  - § South Rose Hill Neighborhood Association
  - § Houghton Community Council
  - § Woodinville Wine Country Board of Directors
  - § Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown
- Website updated regularly with new information & links
- Newsletters & Social Media (County & Core Cities)
- 2 press releases
- Email template for SAG members

# SAG suggestions for community involvement & leading with equity

- What activities should County continue?
- What refinements might be made to previous activities?
- What new activities should be considered?
- Who did we miss? How do we reach them?
- What else do we need to do to lead with equity and reach historically underserved and underrepresented communities?



# Next Steps

- Continued communication with the public between now and scoping
- SAG Meeting #7 prior to scoping, date TBD
- Scoping begins late August / September



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