



King County

**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
Determination of Significance
for 2020 Amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan,
Notice of Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents,
and 2020 Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents**

Proposal/Title of Document: Adoption of amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map, technical appendices and the development regulations that implement the Plan.

Proponent: King County
Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

Agency Preparing Document: King County
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Date of Issuance: June 8, 2020

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Location: Unincorporated King County

Zoning: All zones

Community Plan: All community plans

Drainage Subbasin: All drainage subbasins

Section/Township/Range: All STR's

Threshold Determination

The responsible official finds that the above-described proposal poses a probable significant adverse impact to the environment and is therefore issuing a Determination of Significance. This finding is made pursuant to RCW 43.21C, KCC 20.44 and WAC 197-11. After an independent review of the documents being adopted and other information in the file, the responsible official has identified and adopted them as being appropriate for this proposal. An addendum to the Supplemental and Final EISs of the King County Comprehensive Plan is being issued to add information and analysis about the amendments being proposed. The Addendum does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives in the adopted environmental documents. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal.

Documents Adopted

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, EIS Addendum: King County Comprehensive Plan Development Regulations, prepared by Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc., December 1994, 25 pages and Appendix A

King County Department of Development Services, King County Office of Budget and Strategic Planning, Addendum to the King County Comprehensive Plan 1994 Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements: Executive Recommended Amendments to the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan to comply with Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board Consolidated Case No. 95-3-0008, February 1996, 20 pages and Attachment A

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, 1994 Comprehensive Plan Technical Appendices, Volume 1 and Volume 2, (undated)

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, November 1994

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 1995 Amendment: Addendum to the King County Comprehensive Plan 1994 Supplement and Final Environmental Impact Statement, November 1995, 38+ pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 1997 Amendments: Addenda to the King County Comprehensive Plan 1994 Supplement and Final Environmental Impact Statements, October 1997, and June 2, 1997, 32 and 31 pages respectively

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 1998 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents

for the 1998 Amendments to the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, June 2, 1998, 45 pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 2000 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Executive Recommended, April 26, 2000, 133 pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 2000 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, November 9, 2000, 81 pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 2004 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2004 Amendments to the 2000 King County Comprehensive Plan, September 3, 2004, 38 pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 2008 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2008 Amendments to the 2004 King County Comprehensive Plan, September 16, 2008, 41 pages

King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review, King County Comprehensive Plan 2012 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2012 Amendments to the 2008 King County Comprehensive Plan, November 15, 2012, 49 pages

King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, King County Comprehensive Plan 2016 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2016 Amendments to the 2012 King County Comprehensive Plan, November 4, 2016, 47 pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, King County Comprehensive Plan 2008, The Executive Recommended Plan, Books One and Two, March 1, 2008, 759 pages

King County Department of Natural Resources, Water and Land Resources Division, Farm and Forest Report, March 22, 1996, 79 pages

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Department of Development and Environmental Services, and Department of Transportation, Best Available Science: Volume 1: A Review of Scientific Literature, Executive Report, February 2004

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Department of Development and Environmental Services, and Department of Transportation, Best Available Science: Volume 2: Assessment of Proposed Ordinance, February 2004

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Shorelines Technical Appendix: Shoreline Inventory and Characterization: Methodology and Results, May 2007

King County Department of Planning and Community Development, Executive Proposed General Development Guidelines, Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, April 1984, 110 pages

King County Office of Budget and Strategic Planning, 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan with 1997 Updates, December 1997

King County Office of Budget and Strategic Planning and Department of Development and Environmental Services, Addendum to Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, June 4, 1996, 26 pages

King County Parks, Planning and Resources Department, Addendum for Countywide Planning Policies, June 18, 1992, 309 pages

King County Parks, Planning and Resources Department, Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Countywide Planning Policies, prepared by Henigar & Ray, January 12, 1994, 208+ and Appendices A-K pages

King County Parks, Planning and Resources Department, King County Comprehensive Plan, April 1985

King County Parks, Planning and Resources Department, King County Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, prepared by Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc., November 1994, 143 pages and Written Comments from Agencies, Organizations and Individuals.

King County Parks, Planning and Resources Department, King County Comprehensive Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Executive Proposed Plan, prepared by Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc., June 1994, 309 pages and Appendices A-F

King County Planning Department, Comprehensive Plan for King County (1964)

Puget Sound Regional Council, Transportation 2040, Draft Environmental Impact Statement Executive Summary, May 2009

Puget Sound Regional Council, Vision 2040 – The Growth Management, Environmental, Economic, and Transportation Strategy for the Central Puget Sound Region, December 2009, 103 pages

Puget Sound Regional Council, Vision 2040 Update, Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, May 2006

Description of Adopted Documents

The Countywide Planning Policies Environmental Impact Statements and the VISION 2040 EISs analyze the environmental impacts of policies that serve as the framework for the comprehensive plans for King County and its local jurisdictions. The King County Comprehensive Plan Draft and Final Supplemental EISs analyze the environmental impacts of planning policies and land use designations adopted by the development regulations. The 1994, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 Addenda to the King County Comprehensive Plan EIS provide additional information and analysis about changes to policies, land use designations, and zoning. The Best Available Science for the King County Critical Areas Ordinance provides additional information and analysis of the policies and regulations relating to the protection of critical areas. The Shoreline Master Program Technical Appendix provides additional information and analysis of King County's shorelines subject to the Shoreline Management Act. The 1964, 1985, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2018 Comprehensive Plans and related documents implement policies, land use, and zoning to focus growth in urban areas, protect rural areas from sprawling, low density development, protect natural resource lands including farms, forest and mineral resource land, and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

Comments

Pursuant to KCC 20.44.120 there is no administrative appeal of this Threshold Determination. Written comments should be addressed to the listed SEPA contact.

Comment deadline: 4:00 PM on Monday, July 6, 2020

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Public Hearing: A public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2019-0413 is scheduled before the Metropolitan King County Council on the **7th day of July, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** The public hearing is planned to either be held at the King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Avenue, Room 1001, Seattle, Washington; or the hearing may be required to be held remotely to comply with the Washington State Governor's Declaration 20-28, as amended, regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.. Information on the public hearing and how to submit public comment can be found at this website:
https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/committees/full_council.aspx.

Responsible Official:



Ivan Miller

June 8, 2020

Date