## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

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To: All interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that King County as Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant (B-24-UC-530001) funds is located in a wetland, and King County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 824 S 100th St, & 9750-9876 8th Ave. S WA 98108 in Unincorporated King County. The project will install 834 linear feet/6-foot wide sidewalks. The northern portion of the project will be in the buffer zone and may include a portion in the right-of-way in the delineated wetland area. The extent of the palustrine wetland was determined using Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0) methodology. Impacts considered include existing natural and beneficial functions (e.g. floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater discharge or recharge, erosion control. water quality maintenance, and habitat for flora and fauna) and intrinsic values (e.g. recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural) of the potentially adversely affected wetland by the activity. The total acres affected are .413.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetland, it, or the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR 58 Subpart B must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Preliminary Information on the Proposed Project may be found at: <u>https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dchs/human-social-services/housing-homeless-services/funding-opportunities/environmental-review</u>.

Mailed and Emailed comments must be received by King County at the following address on or before July 17, 2025 at 5:00 PM PDT at 401 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104. <u>Community.Development@kingcounty.gov</u> or 206-263-9101 Attention: David Mecklenburg, Project Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed at web address. Alternative formats available upon request.