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2020-2025

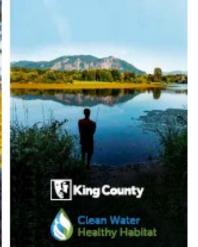


# Initiative Overview

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#### Clean Water, Healthy Habitat Vision:

Protect and restore the water and land that sustains all of us within a generation.

#### **Briefing Objectives:**

- Why are we doing this?
- Goals and measures
- Key principles and strategies
- Connection to wastewater system and services

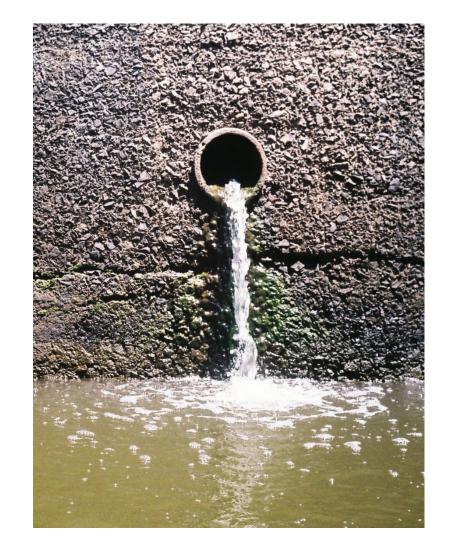


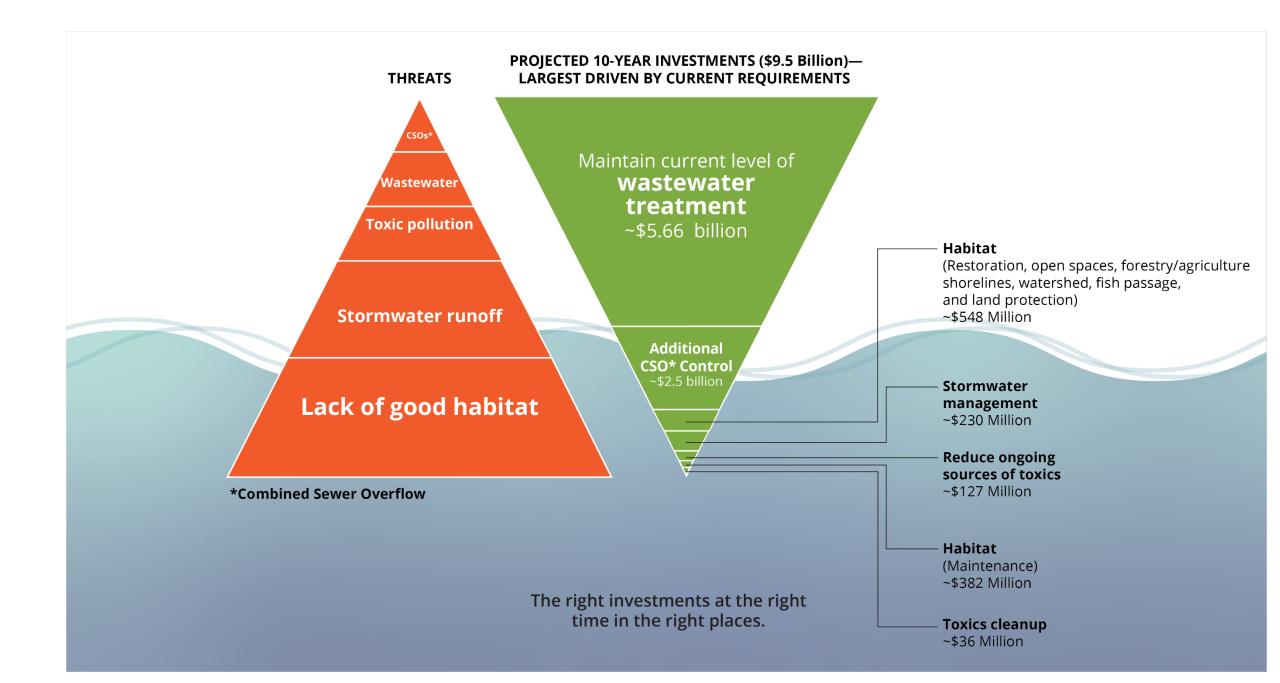
#### Focus on Outcomes

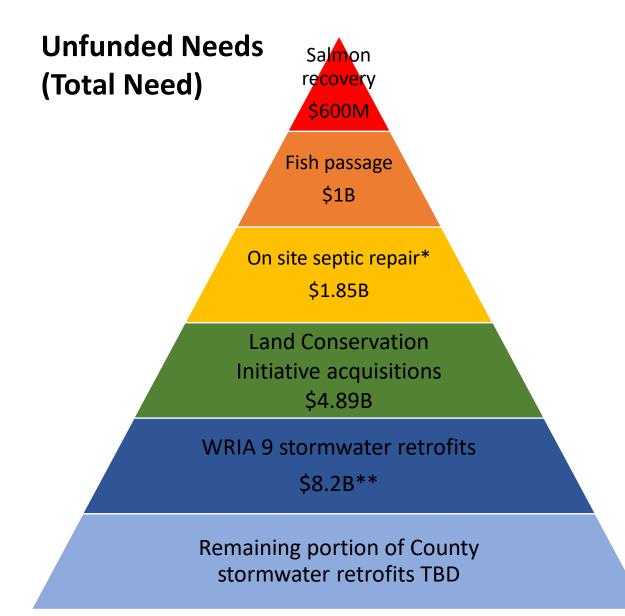
Questions During 2019-20 Budget Development:

- What are we currently investing in?
- What will that get us for outcomes? Are those investments on track to get us to our long-term goals?
- Are our investments equitable?
- What are we \*not\* investing in that is a priority?









#### Outcomes

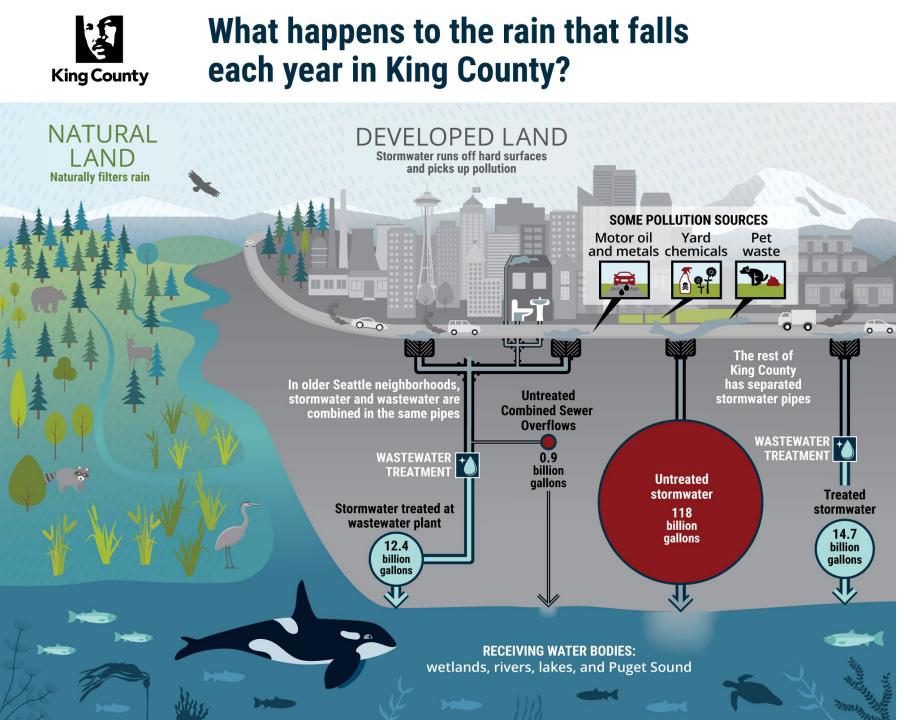
100 large capital restoration projects

Access to 2/3 of historical habitat

Repair the 62% of all OSS (estimated to reach failure age in the next 10 years)

65,000 acres protected

Restoration of natural flows restored for KC developed areas and some water quality improvements



Stormwater is the largest threat to WQ in the Puget Sound

All jurisdictions could be compliant with their NPDES permits, and we still have 118 billion gallons of polluted runoff running into KC waterbodies each year

Asking the question:

What is the most efficient and effective way to accelerate and improve water quality outcomes?

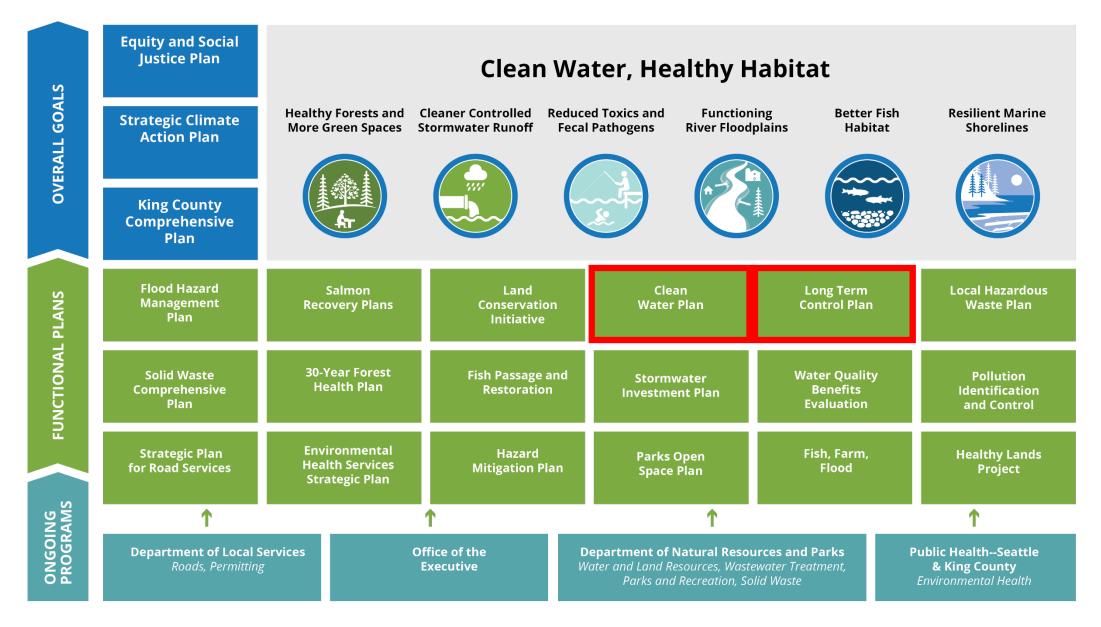
### Goal Elements

Achieve the best environmental outcomes Deliver benefits to people Eliminate racial inequities in outcomes



- 2 measures for each goal
- Worked closely with Puget Sound Partnership and other existing frameworks
- Over the next 5 years, programs will be asked to articulate their contribution to these goals and deliver on multiple goals where possible
- Changes in status will be reported in 2025

### Environmental Work Across the Enterprise



## Strategies Overview

Organized by Principles from the Executive Order (LUD-12-2-EO):



- Equitable Investments and Community Engagement
- Integration
- Systems Approach
- Innovation
- Outcome-driven Decision Making



#### **Strategies**

Principle: Equitable Investments and Community Engagement

 Community engagement and disparity data collection

#### **Principle:** Integration

 Integrated capital planning (CPMWG) +monitoring

Principle: Standardization and Systems Approach

• Add criteria to grants/incentives that reflect CWHH goals

#### **Principle:** Innovation

- Innovative funding approaches
  - Adjustments to existing governmental fund sources (CFT lift, bonding changes, etc.)
  - Expansion of ecosystem credit markets (wetlands, stormwater, carbon, etc.)
  - Goal driven private capital models

Principle: Outcome-driven decision making - regulations and policy

- Explore regulatory alternatives for improved water quality and habitat outcomes
  - CSO and stormwater
  - Nutrients

### Principles in application: Nutrients

Regulatory programs do not holistically connect actions to outcomes

Current nutrients approach will result in the need a fourth treatment plant that will not be functional for at least 20 years and could be upwards of \$7B

We are concerned about shallow embayment ecosystem condition and resilience

Robust ecosystems depend on improving more than one parameter

Call to action: Engage in the regional conversation

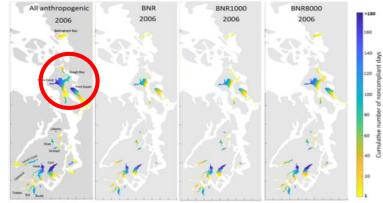


Figure 37. Four scenarios for cumulative number of days with depletions of dissolved oxygen for 2006. *Far left, due to all anthropogenics oscores. Certeri eff.*, with biological nitrogen renoval (BRR) for all WWTPs discharging into marine waters. *Center right,* with BNR for WWTPs discharging dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) >1000 kg/day (BNR1000). *Far right,* with BNR for WWTPs discharging DIN +8000 kg/day (BNR8000).



## Implementation 2021





- Supporting information (water quality modeling) developed
- Nutrient offset "proof of concept" at PSP Leadership Council on June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Draft nutrient permit expected mid-June
- Clean Water Plan development
- Other clean water efforts:
  - Pilot Pollution ID and Correction (PIC)
  - Stormwater Investment Plan underway

### Questions?



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