

**King County**Department of
Natural Resources and Parks**Solid Waste Division**

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE AND AVAILABILITY
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE
CEDAR HILLS REGIONAL LANDFILL 2020 SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
AND FACILITIES RELOCATION**

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

Issuance date: March 22, 2022

Location of Proposal: Cedar Hills Regional Landfill is located on a 920-acre site in unincorporated King County at 16645 228th Avenue SE, Maple Valley 98038. It is located approximately four miles south of Issaquah and six miles east of Renton. The action alternatives also include relocation of landfill support facilities at either the landfill or at a County-owned property at 3005 NE 4th Street, Renton 98056, adjacent to the Division's Renton Recycling and Transfer Station.

Project Description: In 2010, King County adopted the *Cedar Hills Regional Landfill 2010 Site Development Plan – Project Program Plan*, which included a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that addressed the potential impacts of implementing the plan. The approved plan allows the Division to develop landfill capacity to last until approximately 2028. In 2019, the King County Council approved the *2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan*, authorizing the Division to further consider alternatives to maximize the capacity of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

The Division is now considering alternatives to increase the length of time the landfill would accept garbage beyond 2028, when the landfill is currently estimated to reach capacity. Three Action Alternatives for landfill development that would extend landfilling to approximately 2037, 2038, or 2046 are under consideration, as well as a No Action Alternative. One of the action alternatives would incorporate a King County-owned property at the northeast corner into the landfill site, revising the site boundary and maintaining a 1,000-foot buffer from the revised site boundary. None of the alternatives change the elevation of existing landfill Areas 5, 6, and 7 beyond 788 feet above mean sea level. No landfilling or soil stockpiling would take place within 1,000 feet of the property line at the landfill under any of the alternatives.

All the Action Alternatives would require relocating landfill support facilities from their current location to make room for development of the new disposal area. Landfill support facilities include, but are not limited to, truck maintenance facility, parking, office space, various outbuildings, and laboratory space. Three options are being evaluated for relocation of the support facilities: one option would place facilities in the southern buffer of the landfill, a second option would place facilities in the northern buffer of the landfill, and a third option would relocate the facilities at King County-owned property at 3005 NE 4th Street in Renton, next to the Renton Recycling and Transfer Station. A new or modified Special Use Permit would be needed to place facilities in the southern or northern buffer of the landfill.

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Contents: In accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) the FEIS identifies potential significant impacts; describes mitigation measures that can be used to avoid such 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 FEIS also addresses comments received on the draft EIS and responses to those comments.

Document Availability: The Final EIS and appendices are available for review electronically on the project website at: www.kingcounty.gov/cedar-hills-development. Due to COVID-19, paper copies are not available at King County libraries. To request a paper copy of the Final EIS, please contact the Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466.

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 South Jackson Street, Suite 5701
Seattle, WA 98104-3855

Pursuant to King County Public Rule PUT 7-4-1 (PR), King County Code section 20.22.040(U) 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 April 8, 2022, 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:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Programs/EnvPlanning/SEPAappeal.aspx>

SEPA Responsible Official: Pat D. McLaughlin


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