

Imagine the Future of Clean Water in King County



King County
Wastewater
Treatment

Vision for
Clean Water

Your voice matters

King County's wastewater system is at a critical juncture. Our population is growing, and our climate is changing. We must make sure our system can continue to protect water quality for years to come—today and for future generations.

To address these challenges, we are developing the Vision for Clean Water, which will help determine what our regional wastewater system should look like by the year 2100.

These are core commitments that will support the final vision statement:



Water Quality & Public Health

Treat wastewater to protect public health and local waterways.



Reliability & Resiliency

Ensure consistent service and swift response to any disruptions. Make our system able to withstand climate impacts, natural disasters, and security threats.



Thriving Workforce

Create excellence in our workforce with desirable, well-paying wastewater careers, professional development opportunities, and expert management.



Equity & Social Justice

Address the inequitable impacts of pollution and climate change by investing in underserved communities.



Customer Affordability

Implement strategies that consider wastewater bill affordability and support sustainable long-term service delivery.

Your input is essential

Share your thoughts and stay informed at
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Share What Matters to You Most

The following vision options each present different paths King County could take to achieve our core commitments. You do not need to choose a favorite—let us know what resonates with you across all options.

Vision Option A: Turning Wastewater into Opportunity

Wastewater services can create a more sustainable future by finding innovative ways to turn wastewater into an opportunity.

In 2100 we are:

- Turning waste into valuable resources (like fertilizer or power sources)
- Building resilience to climate change
- Stopping pollution from entering our waterways
- Improving performance of recycling resources through partnerships with industry, farmers, and more



Vision Option B: Recognized Clean Water Leader

King County Wastewater provides reliable service to our region and communities.

In 2100 we are:

- Advancing and protecting water quality
- Minimizing service disruptions
- Maintaining wastewater system to ensure high-performance
- Going beyond the minimum required regulations when possible
- Accountable to the public
- Building cohesive partnerships across the region



Vision Option C: Clean Water, Thriving Community

King County wastewater investments can support thriving neighborhoods.

In 2100 we are:

- Acting as an “anchor institution” in our communities to grow partnerships to better meet community needs
- Helping our communities be healthy with clean water
- Building investments to provide community benefits beyond wastewater treatment
- Increasing our transparency and responsiveness
- Offering good jobs and support local business



Vision Option D: Innovation and Imagination

King County innovates and experiments to discover the next leap forward in wastewater treatment.

In 2100 we are:

- Experimenting to find new breakthroughs
- Finding new ways to approach problems
- Adopting new technology
- Striving for integrated water resource management with peer agencies

