



Environmental & Sustainability Policy

Program Statement

“Building a more resilient, sustainable, equitable, and healthy environment for King County International Airport and its surroundings.”

Scope and Guidance

This guidance applies to all King County International Airport (KCIA) staff responsible for the management of key environmental and sustainability compliance obligations. For the purposes of this guidance, the scope includes corporate buildings, airport operations, airport support elements, landside access, and master planning. The intent is providing a clear intent, establish goals, and ensure continued environmental performance improvement for environmental compliance at KCIA.

Sustainability and Environmental Policy

The KCIA environmental and sustainability management program will be responsive to the evolving environment in which it, the County, and the industry operates – aligning with equity, sustainability, and environmental principles. This includes requirements established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington State Department of Ecology, and other appropriate federal, state, and local authorities. Environmental and sustainability management will support other established KCIA programs and County Initiatives including, but not limited to, the Green Building Ordinance (GBO), Clean Water Healthy Habitats (CWHH), Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP), and Airport capital improvement and master planning.

KCIA is committed to the following principles for sustainability and environmental stewardship:

1. Prevent and minimize pollution – Preventing pollution and meeting compliance obligations to lead stewardship for environmental protection. Reduce or eliminate wastes generated from Airport Operations.
2. Protection of the natural environment – Use energy, water, and other natural resources efficiently and responsibly. Enhancement of procedures and protocols to support conservation and biodiversity.
3. Promote sustainability and climate preparedness – Working in collaboration with industry and its partners in leading efforts to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change. Integrate sustainability requirements into business planning and strategies.
4. Continual environmental performance improvement – Improved performance of the Airport’s Environmental Management Systems to meet or exceed IEnvA standards.
5. Promote community resiliency – Raising awareness with stakeholders and promote training on the Airport’s Sustainability and Environmental Policy.

Environmental and Sustainability Management Governance

The environmental and sustainability principles expressed in this policy require leadership and coordination across KCIA. An IEnvA Focal and Internal Assessment Team will be established and appointed with the responsibility for the implementation of this policy. An Environmental & Sustainability Steering Team comprising a cross-functional group of senior leaders from throughout the organization will actively support the program by providing strategic direction, guidance, and periodic review meetings. To promote program improvements, KCIA will conduct annual management reviews and internal assessments and consider appropriate participation and/or involvement from external stakeholders. KCIA will conduct external assessments to achieve its IEnvA certification and to conduct them on a bi-annual basis to maintain its certification.