

Background

From more intense wildfires and harmful smoke to increased drought and less snowpack in our mountains, we are already experiencing climate change in King County. We have an urgent need to act boldly as a collective to create a healthier, more just, and resilient region. That’s why the **King County-Cities Climate Collaboration**, or the **K4C**, exists. We’re a partnership of local governments of all sizes working together to accelerate climate action. We combine our knowledge, resources, and advocacy power to shape policy and programs that cut harmful greenhouse gas emissions so our region can thrive in a changing climate.



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Current Members

Since it began in 2012, the K4C has grown to 23 partners – King County, Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Duvall, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, Tukwila and the Port of Seattle – who together represent more than 86% of the King County population.



K4C partners work together to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions by sustainably increasing mobility, investing in renewable energy, promoting clean energy use in buildings and vehicles, and expanding farm and forest protection.

Joint Campaigns and Initiatives

In recent years, K4C partners have joined together to launch a number of campaigns or programs, such as the following:

- Rooftop solar installation campaigns
- Heat pump installations and other energy efficiency retrofits in low-income homes
- Model policy language for Comp Plan updates
- Joint funding applications (e.g. Dept of Commerce EV charging grants; federal grants)
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) related educational events
- And more...

Shared Legislative Interests

Each fall, partners also develop a set of legislative interests targeted at the current Washington State Legislative Session, which guide members' actions and advocacy. These are updated annually and available online.

How to join

All cities in King County are welcome to join the K4C. Membership requires signing an Interlocal Agreement, modest annual dues (\$500-2,500/yr) based on the member's population size that are invested in projects, and a commitment to provide staff to attend regular meetings. Members are also encouraged to sign the *Joint Climate Action Commitments* that outline actions and policies to meet our ambitious regional climate targets.

Meetings

- Member staff typically meet 1x/month to share resources and discuss programs.
- A parallel, opt-in meeting series for Electeds who wish to be more involved gathers on a separate cadence, particularly during the Legislative Session.
- Twice a year on average, a review of accomplishments and general direction setting occurs at an Elected Official Work Session.

For more information

- Visit www.kingcounty.gov/K4C to learn more, or contact us at k4c@kingcounty.gov
- To read more about King County's general climate-related work, visit: www.kingcounty.gov/climate

