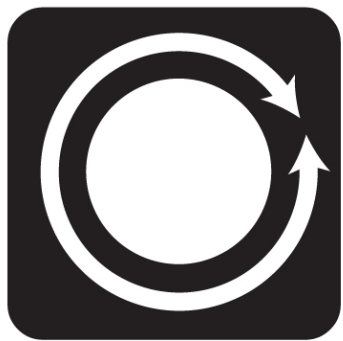


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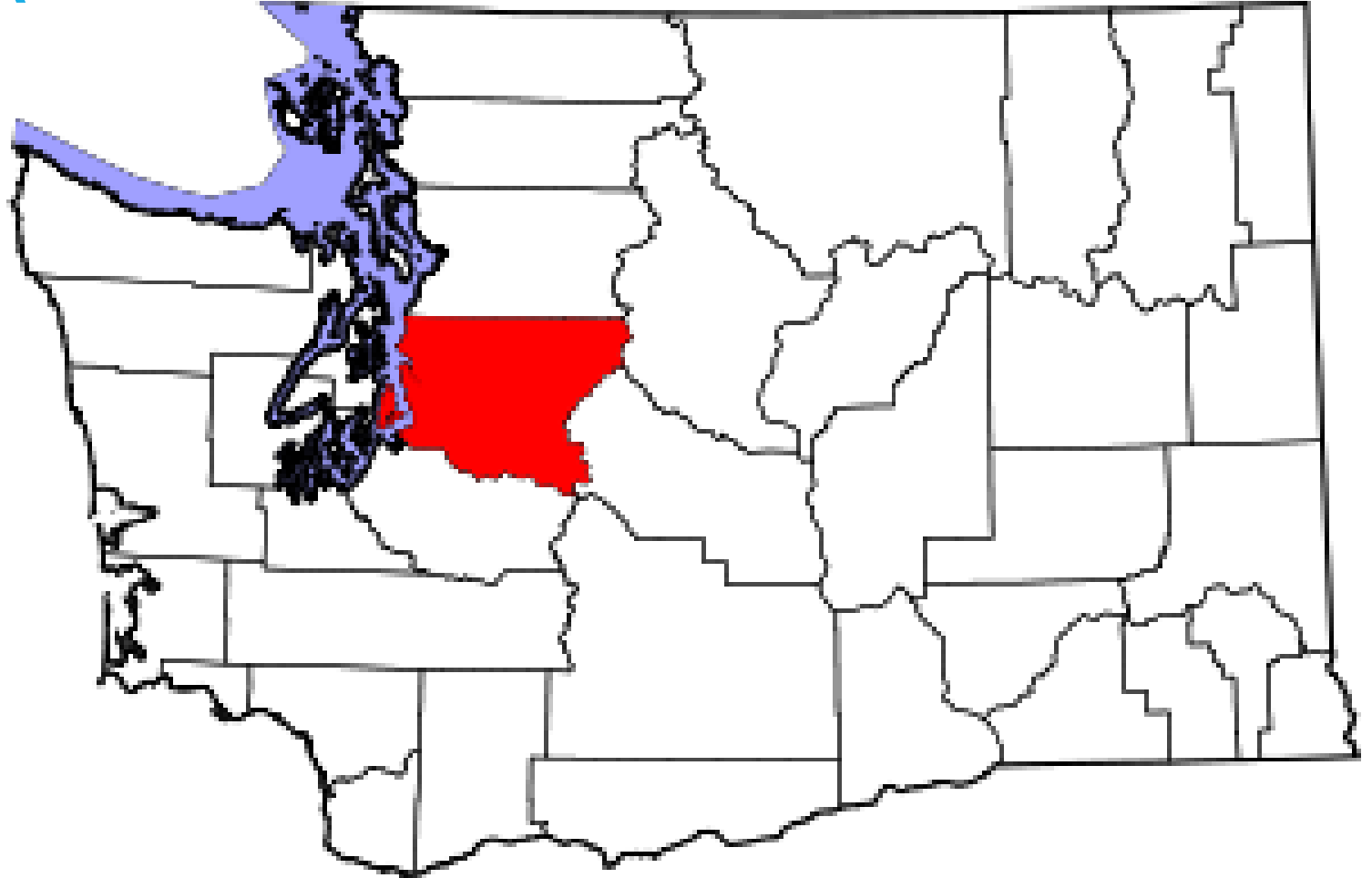
King County - Cities

CLIMATE COLLABORATION



King County, WA

- Pop: 2.3 Million
- 30% of WA population
- Most populous county in WA, and 13th in USA
- 2300 sq miles
- Renamed in 1986 to honor Dr. ML King Jr and logo changed
- 39 cities, incl Seattle
- 25% of pop born outside USA





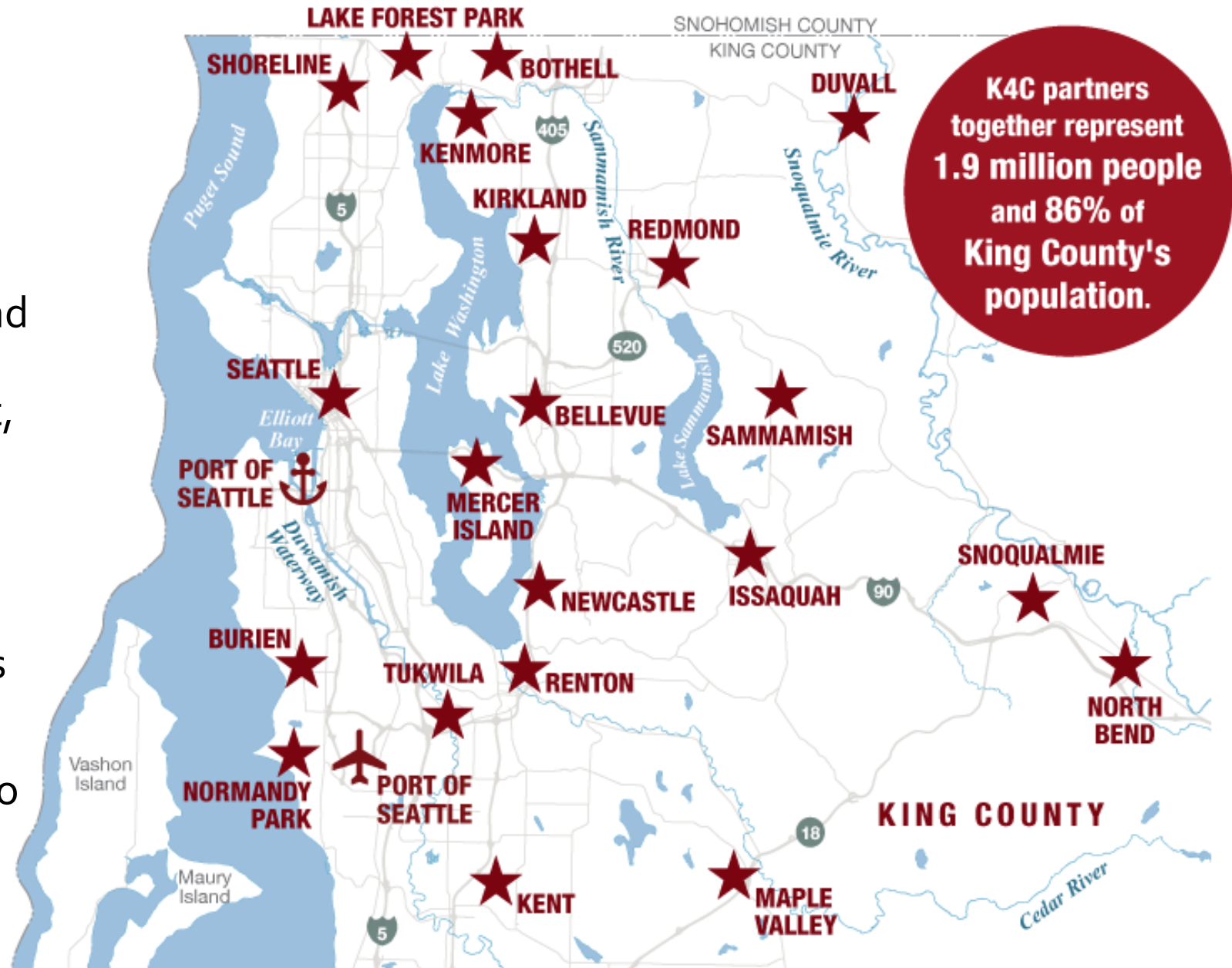
K4C Members

23 Partners:

- King County
- Port of Seattle
- 21 Cities of all sizes
- Urban/suburban/rural
- www.KingCounty.gov/K4C

K4C Overview

- Founded in 2012
- A partnership of local governments taking bold and equitable climate action to create a healthier, more just, and resilient region.
- Members represent 86% of County's population
- Partnership among Electeds around shared priorities
- Collaboration among staff to operationalize pilots, programs, and initiatives



K4C Basics



- **ILA Basis:** A voluntary but formal partnership between local governments in King County
- **Mission:** We work together to equitably reduce GHG emissions, prepare for climate impacts, and provide for the health of residents, economy, and the natural environment.
- **Example focus areas:** climate planning, green building, climate preparedness, energy, transportation, GHG tracking
- **Example benefits:** K4C provides technical resources, outreach materials, advocacy support, grant coordination, funding for small projects, peer networking, and more...

Founding Document – K4C ILA

K4C Interlocal Agreement includes:

- A **commitment to act on climate** and work on climate issues in collaboration with partners
- Establishes K4C **governance** structure
- Defines **annual dues**, which are stacked with grants to fund K4C shared work
- Some regional or federal agencies also participate: they do not pay dues and are non-voting

Population Size of Member	Annual Dues
<5,000 residents	\$500
5,000 – 20,000 residents	\$700
20,000 – 40,000 residents	\$1,200
40,000 – 65,000 residents	\$2,000
65,000 – 250,000 residents	\$2,500
>250,000 residents	\$5,000
King County	\$10,000

Every K4C member gets a vote on how dues are used; budget proposals are brought forth annually at the staff level and must pass with a minimum 75% approval.

How Does a Partner Join the K4C?

- All cities are welcome! (21 of 39 recruited over 12 years...)
- King County presents to City Council & Councilmembers often talk with peer cities that are already members
- Council approves resolution to execute the Interlocal Agreement (*required*)
- Council approves resolution to sign onto Joint Climate Action Commitments (*optional, but recommended*)
- Reach out to K4C staff contacts or other K4C elected officials for orientation or 1:1 peer discussion
- Staff begin attending monthly meetings series; electeds: 2x/year with option for more engagement

Benefits of K4C Membership...

Why work collaboratively?

- **Collective action is our most impactful path** to long-term resilience in the face of a changing climate, amplifying your voice and programs.
- The **K4C gives local governments resources and connections** they need to take urgent and bold action for the health of people, our economy, and the environment. **Together, we are able to have a greater impact.**
- As K4C partners **we learn from each other** – sharing best practices, processes, and experiences – which makes us more effective, efficiency and innovative in addressing climate change.
- The K4C provides members with **expanded capacity at minimal cost**, allowing local governments to tap into partnership rather than hiring additional staff in-house

What are the Joint Commitments?



- A foundational set of *optional* shared principles, interests and actions for the K4C, guiding the work of staff and elected officials
- Focused on actions, policies and issues that cut across jurisdictions
- Updated in 2019 to reflect new countywide GHG goals, and incorporate stronger principles around equity, climate justice, and transition for workers
- Partners actively pursue the strategies where action, investment, and policy will have the most impact and influence in their particular community

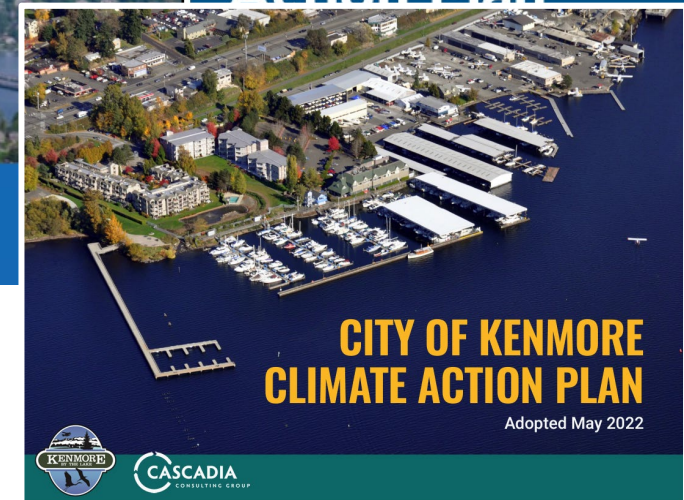
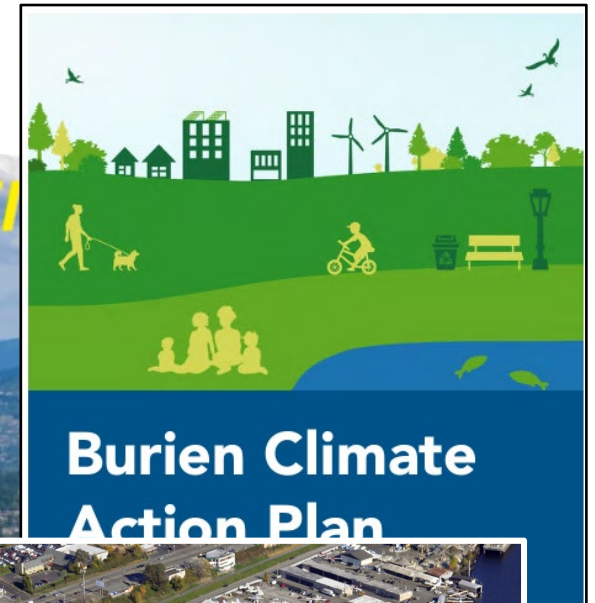
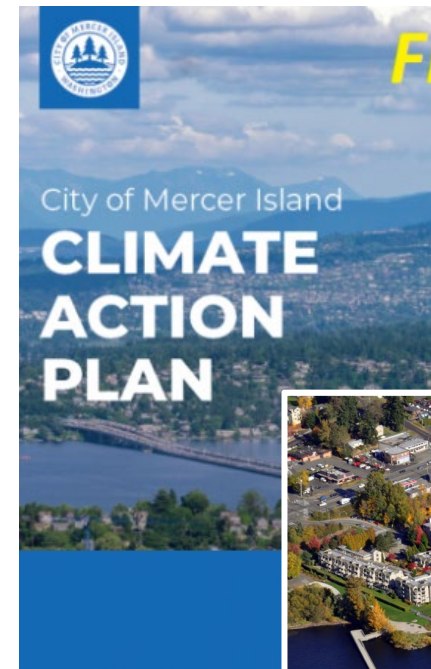
Overview of Recent Work Examples

- **Strengthened countywide GHG targets**
 - Co-developed new GHG targets
 - Measuring/reporting on progress via CAPs
- **Development of tools and resources**
 - Climate Action Toolkit
 - GHG Emissions inventories
 - Model Comp Plan and other code language
 - Share expertise and analysis on climate strategies such as fleet electrification, green electricity, green building (heat pumps/solar), etc.
- **Advocacy**
 - Engagement during Legislative Session
 - Participation in utility proceedings and state rulemakings
 - Increase green jobs and climate equity focus



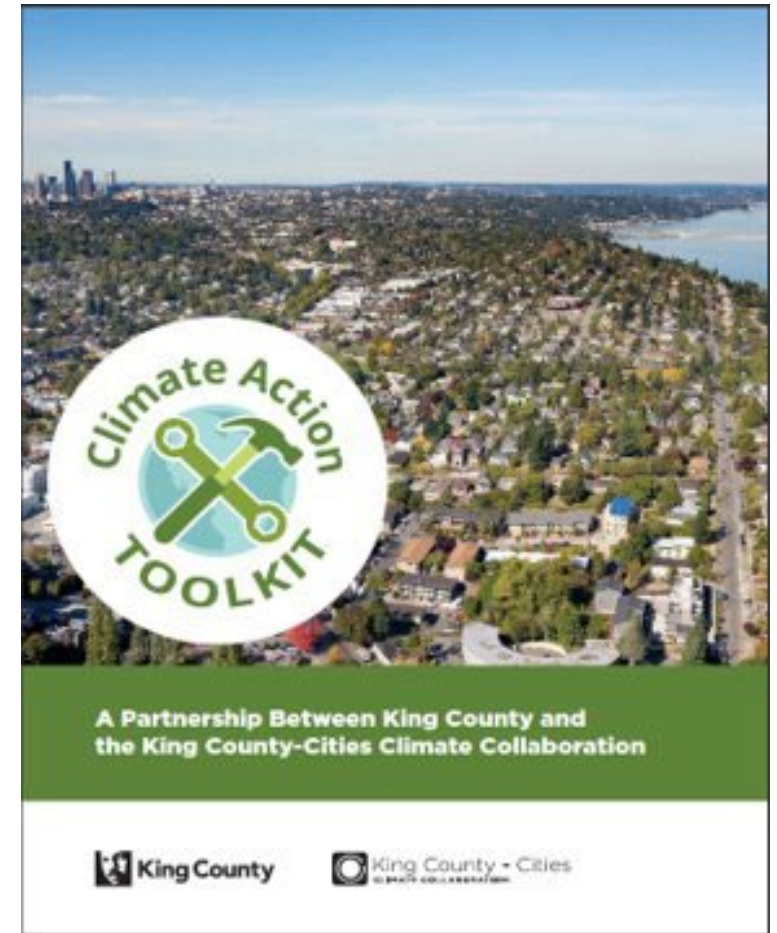
Recent Work: Countywide GHG Targets

- Co-develop strengthened GHG targets
- Coordinate with Partners on shared GHG inventory & progress tracking
- Assist with development of Partner's Climate Action Plans (CAP) and answer technical questions
- Coordinate with regional agencies (PSRC, PSCAA, MRSC) on best practices



Recent Work: Develop Tools & Resources

- Draft and publish **Climate Action Toolkit** (2021)
- Puget Sound **Regional Emissions Analysis** – PSREA (2022)
 - Cities received geographic and consumption GHG inventories and new analyses about reaching shared GHG reduction targets
- Model **Comp Plan** Language (2023)
- **Technical support** from Cascadia Consulting
- Supported the launch of *Switch is On Washington* **home electrification** campaign (2024)
- Resources for **extreme heat** events (2024)
- Funding for **heat pumps and EV chargers** (2024/5)



Recent Work: Advocacy & Outreach

Partners use their collective power to advocate for state climate legislation at the staff and Elected level



2021:

- HB 1091: Clean Fuel Standard
- HB 1287: Zero Emission Vehicle Planning
- SB 5141: Healthy Environment For All Act
- SB 5126: Climate Commitment Act

2022:

- SB 5974: Move Ahead WA (transit, active transpo)
- SB 5722: Expanded Clean Buildings Standards
- HB 1814: Community Solar

2023:

- HB 1181: Climate in Comprehensive Plans
- HB 1110: Increased Housing Density

2024:

- HB 1368: EV School Buses
- HB 1589: PSE Gas-to-Electric Transition

How Do K4C Partners Collaborate?



	Steering Committee Meetings	Small Working Groups	Ad Hoc Staff Events (e.g., planning retreat, special round tables)	Elected Official Outreach Committee	Elected Official Work Sessions
Membership	Partner Staff (1-3 members/ partner)	Partner Staff (Opt in)	Partner Staff	Elected Officials (Opt In)	Elected Officials and Staff
Typical Cadence	Every other month	Alternating month (more as needed)	Under review for 2024	Every other week during Leg Session, 1x/month otherwise	2x/year Spring & Fall



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