

Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council Presentation: East Renton Plateau and Annexation

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Governance Options for East Renton Plateau

- East Renton Plateau is “unincorporated” area
 - Portion inside the urban growth boundary established per the state Growth Management Act: urban
 - Portion outside the UGB: rural
 - Urban portion is currently not part of any city; it is part of Renton’s Potential Annexation Area
- Three governance options available:
 - May become part of a new city (“incorporate”)
 - May join an existing, adjacent city (“annex”)
 - May remain “unincorporated” and continue to receive most local services from King County

Who decides?

- Governance future is a decision for the residents of this area and the City of Renton.
- “Status quo” service delivery from King County is not an option: King County general fund imbalance means ongoing cuts in general government services.
 - Cost of service delivery growing faster than revenues each year.
 - No increase in service and gradual degradation.
 - County retains the service obligation and will continue to serve the area so long as it remains unincorporated.

Why is the County talking about annexation?

- Local policies adopted in response to state Growth Management Act call for all urban areas of King County to become part of a city by 2012.
- The County's budget problems mean that County service levels will continue to deteriorate over time: this community is more likely to see its local service levels maintained or improved if it chooses to annex to Renton.

County Services to E. Renton

	Regional	Local
Mandated	Superior court District Court (small claims) Jail (felony pre-trail detention) Public Health Prosecutor Public Defender Public Records Elections Licensing Juvenile Justice	Local roads Sheriff District Court Misdemeanor prosecution/public defense Jail for misdemeanants Building permits and inspections Fire inspections Surface water management
Discretionary	Regional parks and open space Human services Children and family services Animal control Economic Development Regional Transportation Regional Wastewater Trtmt.	Human Services Parks Economic Development

Current Local services: Provided by Other than King County

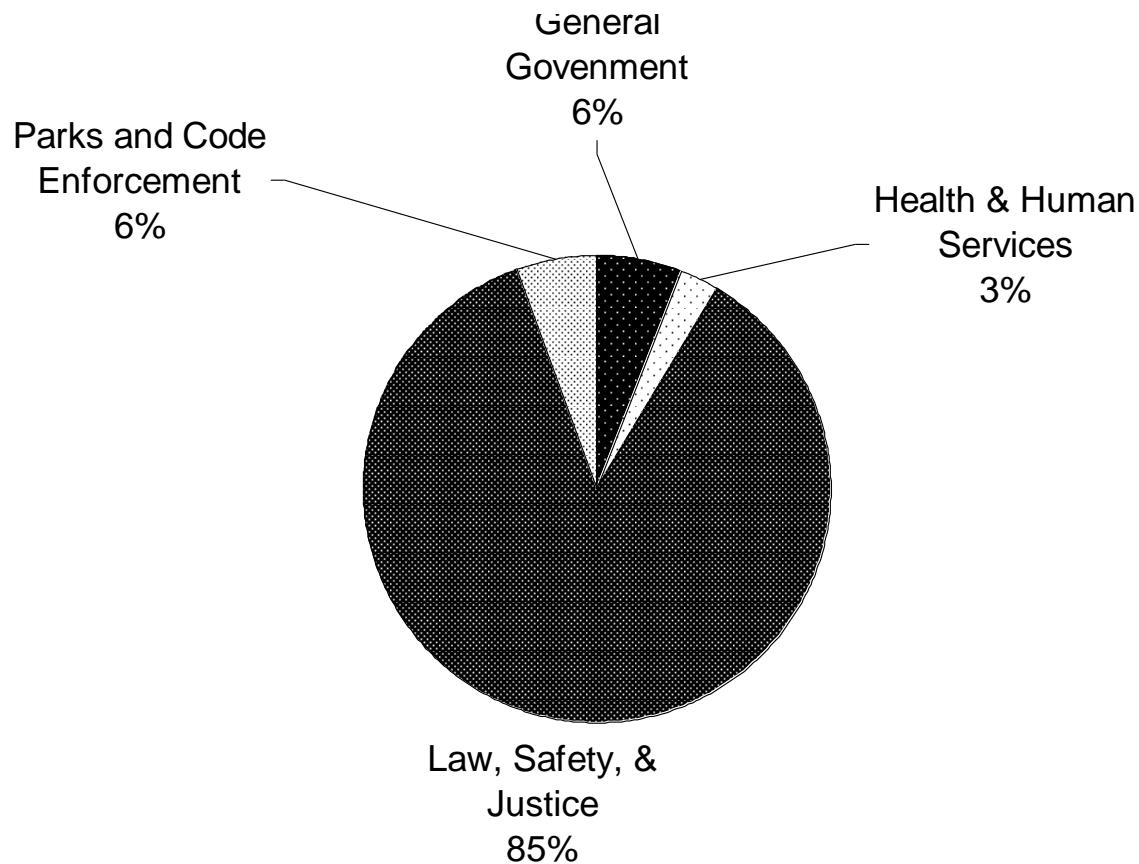
- Library*
- Schools
- Fire district**
- Sewer district
- Water district
- Garbage haulers***

*Service provider would change if annexed; however city library system has reciprocal use agreement with KCLD.

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***Service provider could change 7 years after annexation.

Current County Local Service Expenditures



General Fund Expenditures – 2005 Local Services

King County Annexation Initiative

- ***Provide financial incentives to cities to accelerate annexation/incorporation*** -- \$10 million Incentive Funds (countywide) targeted to 10 largest remaining urban unincorporated areas.
 - *Funds will not cover all ongoing costs to cities; are intended to help offset transition, start-up costs.*
 - *Funds only transfer where an annexation covers substantially all of an area, and other conditions are met (city assumes ownership of local county facilities)*
- ***Provide support and information to communities to examine governance options***
 - *Surveys, studies, community outreach and involvement*
- ***Current status:*** Discussions ongoing with cities regarding most large urban unincorporated areas. Agreement with Issaquah concluded for Klahanie; awaiting City and County Council, voter approvals.