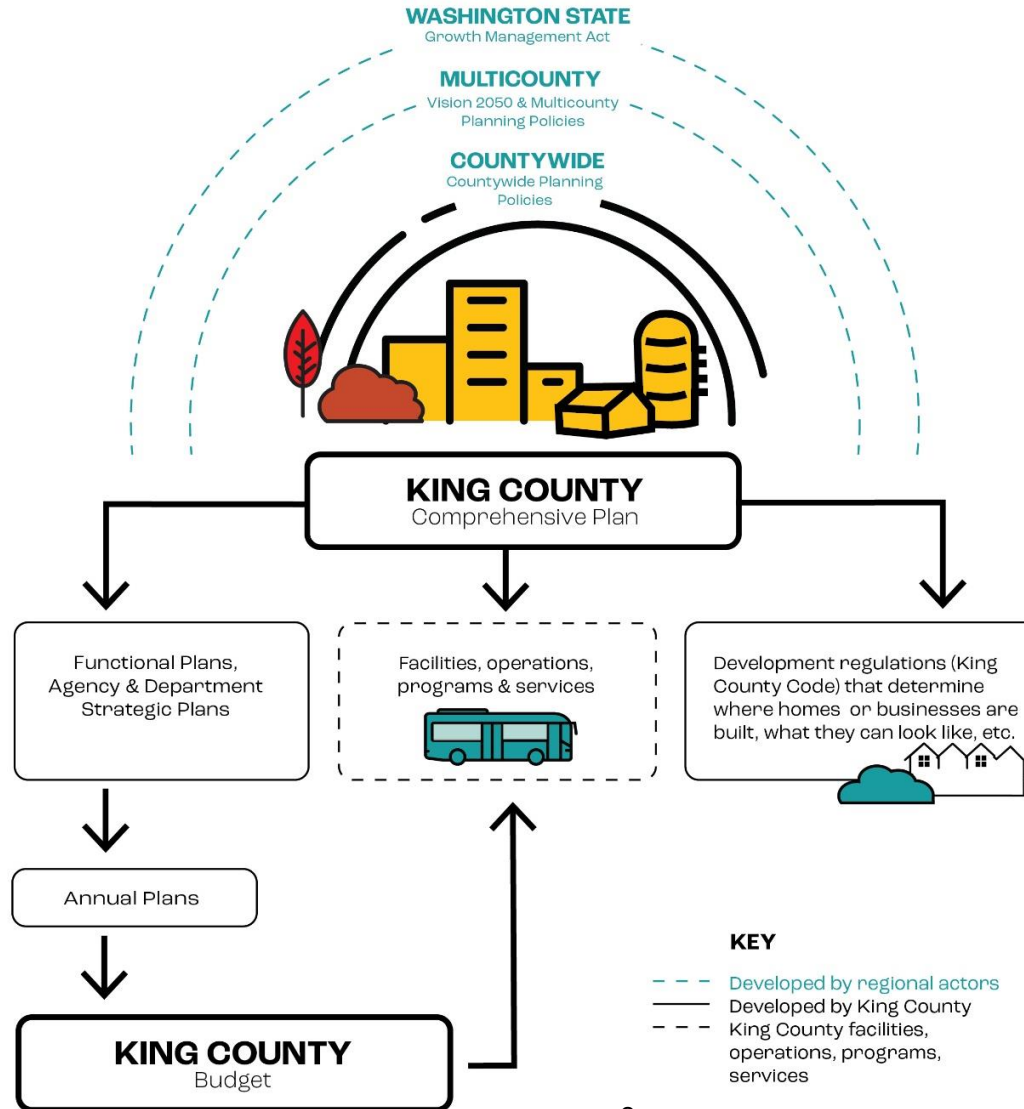


2024 King County Comprehensive Plan

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Hierarchy of Planning

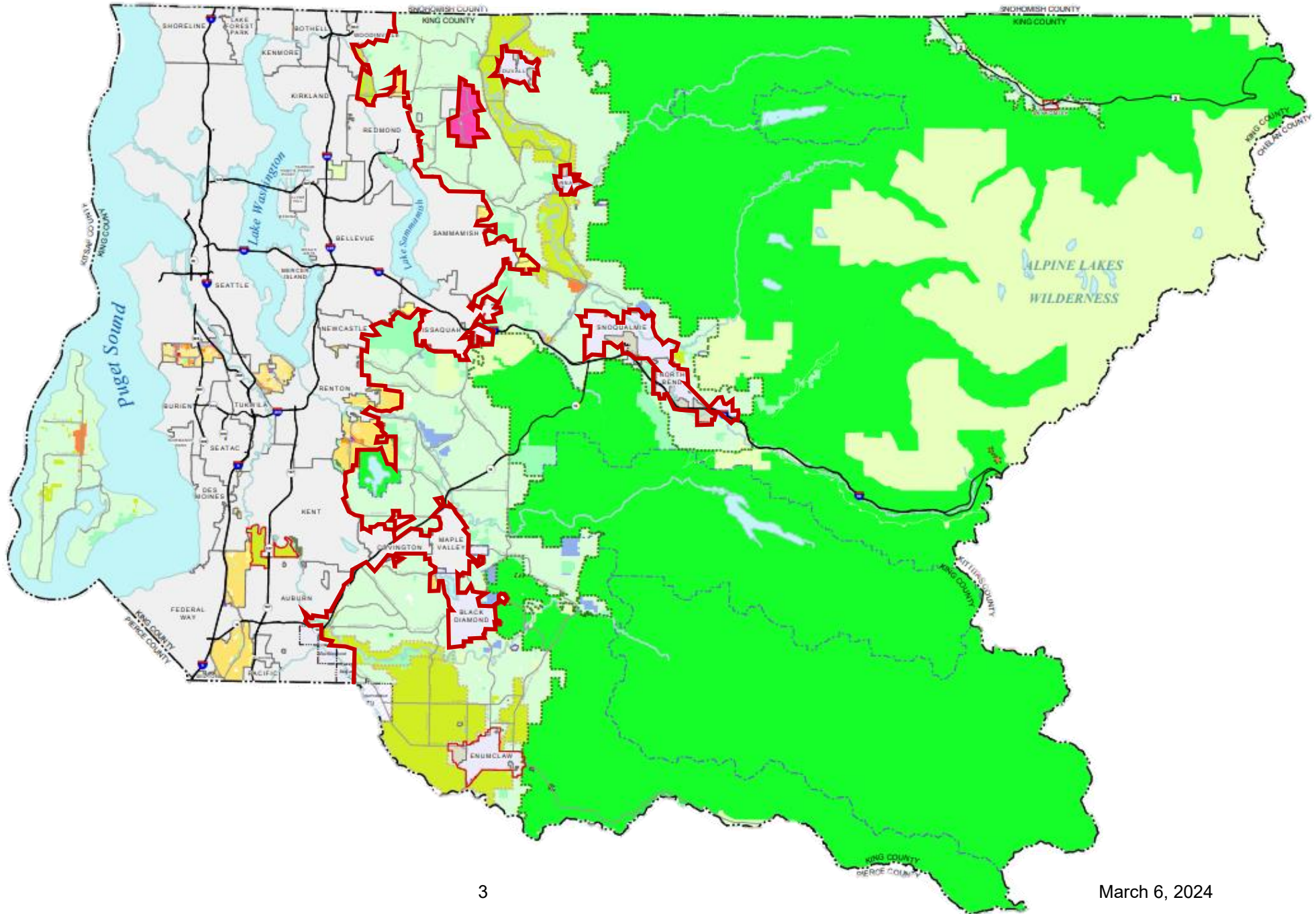
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King County's Urban Growth Boundary

ESU Additional Materials



2024 Comprehensive Plan

- 2024 Comprehensive Plan is a 10-year update
 - Substantive changes to policies and implementing regulations
 - Consistency with state law changes since last periodic update
 - Underlying data updates
- Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County Subarea Plan
- Four-to-One Program updates

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2024 Plan - Council Schedule



2024 Plan - Council Schedule (cont)

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LSLU date	Topics	Date	Amendment Dates
Jan 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview, Schedule, Process - SVNE Subarea Plan - VMI Subarea Plan - Chapter 11: Subarea Planning - Map Amendments - Equity Analysis Summary 	March 29	- Amendment concepts for striker due from all Councilmembers (except critical area regulations)
		April 5	- Final Striker Direction due (except critical area regulations)
Feb 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 1: Regional Planning - Chapter 2: Urban Communities - Growth Target Appendix 	April 12	- Amendment concepts for striker due from all Councilmembers - critical area regulations
Feb 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 5: Environment - Chapter 6: Shorelines 	April 19	- Final Striker Direction due - critical area regulations
		May 15	Brief Striking Amendment
Mar 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 4: Housing and Human Services - Housing Appendix 	June 5	Committee Action
Mar 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 3: Rural and Resource Lands 		
Apr 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 7: Parks & RTNR - Chapter 8: Transportation & TNR 		
Apr 17 9am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 9: Facilities - Capital Facilities Plan Appendix - Chapter 10: Economic Development - Chapter 12: Implementation - Development Regulations - Four-to-One Program 		

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- Chapter 4, Housing and Human Services
- Housing Needs Assessment Appendix

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Types of changes

Policy	Type of Change	Executive's Rationale	Executive's Anticipated outcome	Consistent with other plans	Executive's Planned Implementation	Policy Staff Comments
RP-102 <u>In its planning processes, including the development, update, and implementation of King County plans, ((King)) the County shall use equitable engagement strategies to actively solicit public participation from a wide variety of sources, particularly from populations historically underrepresented or excluded from planning processes ((in its planning processes, including the development, update, and implementation of its plans)).</u>	Substantive change	To improve equitable planning framework and address Countywide Planning Policies about prioritizing needs of underrepresented communities in access to services/process. To move beyond public participation, to not only engagement, but equitable engagement.	Improved engagement with priority populations, which can result in more equitable outcomes for those populations in County plans	Countywide Planning Policies, FW-6 and FW-8 Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: Yes Anticipated timeline: Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified. There is a work plan action (#2) in Chapter 12 related to the changes in this policy. As noted in the Executive's information here and in the Equity Analysis, additional resources would be needed to implement this policy.
RP103 King County shall ((seek comment from)) <u>coordinate with Indian tribes during its planning processes in a manner that respects their sovereign status, promotes tribal self-determination and self-governance, and honors past and present agreements.</u>	Substantive change	Policy amendment for consistency with 2022 House Bill 1717 , and to clarify the manner in which the County will coordinate with Indian tribes consistent with existing practices.	Improved coordination with Indian tribes	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: No Anticipated timeline: Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues identified. Exec staff note that the new language was in the Public Review Draft and the Tulalip, Squamish, and Snoqualmie Tribes were individually emailed about the release of the PRD.
((R-102)) RP-103a King County ((will)) shall continue to support the diversity and richness of its rural communities and their distinct character by working with its rural constituencies through its Community Service Areas program to sustain and enhance the rural character of Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands.	Clarification of existing policy intent	"Will" is predictive but "shall" is directive; policies should be directive, not statements of what is anticipated to happen	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned implementation of proposal: n/a Description of proposed regulations: n/a Anticipated resource need: n/a Anticipated timeline: n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The language could be streamlined to reduce the number of times the word "rural" is used. "King County shall work with its rural constituencies to sustain and enhance the diversity and richness of the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands."

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H-100 King County shall work through the Growth Management Planning Council, or its designee, to:

- a. Conduct a housing-focused review of and provide comments on all King County jurisdictions' draft periodic comprehensive plan updates for alignment with the King County Countywide Planning Policies Housing Chapter goals and policies prior to plan adoption;**
- b. Monitor progress towards meeting countywide and jurisdictional housing growth targets, housing needs, and eliminating disparities in access to housing and neighborhood choice;**
- c. Provide necessary, ongoing information to jurisdictions on their progress toward planning for and accommodating their housing needs using public-facing tools; and**
- d. Review monitoring and reporting data collected through annual reporting and other local data and analysis five years after adoption of a periodic update to a comprehensive plan, identify significant shortfalls in planning for and accommodating housing needs, provide findings that describe the nature of the shortfalls, and make recommendations that jurisdictions take action to address shortfalls consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-101 King County shall equitably engage ~~((J))~~ jurisdictions, community members, community-based organizations, private sector, and housing representatives ~~((should be invited))~~ to identify and implement solutions to further housing stability, accessibility, and affordability goals established in the Countywide Planning Policies, such as adopting tenant protections, creating mandatory and incentive housing programs, and middle housing regulations.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-102 King County shall work with jurisdictions, the private sector, state and federal governments, other public funders of housing, other public agencies such as the Housing Authorities, regional agencies such as the Puget Sound Regional Council, intermediary housing organizations, and the non((-)profit sector, to ~~((encourage))~~ support a wide range of housing and to reduce barriers to the preservation, improvement, and development ~~((and preservation))~~ of a wide range of housing, at an appropriate size and scale, that:

- a. Provides housing choices ~~((for))~~ affordable to people of all income levels, particularly in areas with existing or planned high-capacity and frequent public transportation access where it is safe and convenient to walk, bicycle, and take public transportation to work and other key destinations such as educational facilities, shopping, and health care;
- b. Meets the needs of and advances equitable outcomes for a diverse population, especially families and individuals who have extremely low-, very((-)low-, low-, ~~((to))~~ and moderate((-)incomes, and intersectional populations, including ~~((older adults))~~ Black, Indigenous, and other ~~((P))~~ People of ~~((C))~~ Color~~((, children and vulnerable adults (including victims and survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and commercial sexual exploitation), people with developmental disabilities, people with behavioral, physical, cognitive and/or functional disabilities, and people who are experiencing homelessness))~~; seniors; veterans; people experiencing homelessness; people with behavioral, physical, cognitive, and developmental disabilities; immigrants; refugees; LGBTQIA+ people; families with children; survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and commercial sexual exploitation; and women;
- c. Supports economic growth; and
- d. Supports the goals of ~~((King County's Equity and Social Justice Initiative and Health))~~ housing and ~~((H))~~ human ~~((S))~~ services ~~((Transformation Plan goals))~~-related plans, including the Crisis Care Centers Levy, Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan, Initial Health through Housing Implementation Plan 2022-2028 or successor plans, Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan, and Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund Plan, for an equitable ~~((and rational))~~ distribution of ~~((low-income and high-quality))~~ affordable housing, including mixed-income housing, and supportive services throughout the county~~((; and~~
- e. ~~Allows for the opportunity to encourage permanent safe firearm storage locations in private and public residential buildings to make safe storage an easy choice, and, fosters safety from injury and violence, through exploring housing and community design standards that are shown to increase connectivity and reduce violence))~~.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-104 King County shall work with the multiple partners outlined in this section to promote the preservation and expansion of:**
- a. ((a)) Affordable rental housing opportunities for households earning up to 80((%)) percent of the King County area median income((-)); and**
 - b. Affordable ownership housing opportunities for households earning up to 120 percent of the King County area median income.**

Preservation ~~((is a particularly acute need))~~ should be prioritized in areas that may experience redevelopment due to proximity to high((-))-capacity transit and/or an area experiencing changing market conditions.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-105a King County shall work with the Puget Sound Regional Council and subregional collaborations, and shall engage ((marginalized)) historically and currently underrepresented populations ((in the)) to advance community-driven development, implementation, and ((evaluation)) monitoring of county((-))wide affordable housing goals, policies, and programs.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-107 King County (~~should~~) shall encourage regional land use and investment strategies to stimulate (~~mixed-use and~~) mixed-income developments as a way to racially and economically integrate neighborhoods, (~~and~~) increase housing and transportation choices throughout King County, and improve housing stability for people of all incomes.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-108 King County shall (~~work with other jurisdictions to~~) encourage the use of universal design in the development of affordable housing, family-sized housing, and market rate housing to create housing units that are accessible to seniors and people with disabilities.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-110 King County shall work with regional bodies, including the Puget Sound Regional Council and the Growth Management Planning Council, or their successors, and the private and non((-))_profit sectors to support development of an adequate supply of housing commensurate with job growth within the county ((and its cities)). To attain this goal, King County shall work with such regional partners to:**
- a. Support job and household growth targets, housing needs for people of all incomes, and policies established in the Countywide Planning Policies; and**
 - b. ~~((Establish performance measures to gauge how jurisdictions are accommodating growth and housing needs;~~**
 - c. ~~Participate in buildable lands inventories, market analyses and other studies to evaluate if sufficient land capacity is available for residential development; and~~**
 - d.) Work with cities to ensure additional actions are taken throughout the county to accommodate and promote residential development when job growth causes great demand for housing and severe shortages in the availability of housing for new workers in the county.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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~~((H-111 King County should work with local employers to develop affordable employer-assisted housing opportunities located within commuting distance of the employment site.))~~

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-112 King County should encourage development of permanent supportive and other affordable housing through redevelopment of nonresidential buildings(~~(, such as schools and commercial buildings,)~~) in locations suitable for housing to create housing stability for low-income residents and in ways that preserve significant historic features where appropriate.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

H-113 King County should support the development, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable and sustainable housing that: protects residents from exposure to harmful substances and environments, including lead poisoning((,)); reduces the risk of injury((,)); is well-maintained((, and)); is adaptable to all ages and abilities; and advances climate equity. King County should work on a regional level with jurisdictions to explore tools to ensure healthy housing is provided throughout the region to improve housing stability of residents.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-114 King County should encourage development of ~~((residential communities that achieve lower prices and rents through))~~ affordable housing and sustainable housing. These developments should utilize smaller-scale units and clustered and higher density housing that shares common spaces, open spaces, and community facilities.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-115 King County should work with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority and other housing partners and jurisdictions to oppose and repeal policies, regulations, and actions that result in the criminalization of homelessness and homeless encampments.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-117 King County shall support ((~~partnership efforts and the application of innovations in manufactured home production that may allow mobile home parks to adapt and improve the quality of housing stock and to increase the density of housing stock in order to preserve housing affordability while accommodating the region's growth needs~~)) the preservation of mobile home communities to prevent displacement in unincorporated King County and improve the quality of these units.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-118 King County shall actively promote and affirmatively further fair housing in unincorporated King County through its housing programs, and shall ~~((work with all of))~~ participate in efforts with its partners to further fair housing in its regional role promoting housing affordability((,)) and choice and access to opportunity for ((all)) communities((, especially those)) that experience disproportionate rates of housing discrimination and communities that bear the burdens from lack of investment and access to opportunity((; and shall work with residents and stakeholders to help them understand the rights protected by federal, state, and local fair housing laws and shall help to promote equitable housing practices for protected classes through fair housing education and enforcement)).

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-120a King County shall take intentional actions that repair harms to Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color households from past and current racially exclusive and discriminatory land use and housing practices that result in racially disparate outcomes, such as development patterns, disparate homeownership rates, affordable housing divestment in lower-income communities, and infrastructure availability, such as through:**
- a. Creating more opportunities for development of middle housing;**
 - b. Investing in rental assistance and eviction prevention programs to keep tenants housed;**
 - c. Launching a community preference program to prevent displacement;**
 - d. Investing in equitable development to support community-driven priorities;**
 - e. Preserving mobile home communities and affordable housing to prevent displacement; and**
 - f. Expanding affordable housing homeownership programs to increase wealth building opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-120b King County shall promote equitable outcomes in communities most impacted by racially exclusive and discriminatory land use and housing practices by supporting, in partnership with impacted communities, equitable access to resources, such as through surplus properties, affordable housing financing, and capacity building for community-based organizations.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-120c King County shall support actions for historically underrepresented populations who experience systemic racism or discrimination that:

- a. Increase and preserve access to affordable rental and ownership housing in communities at risk of displacement; and**
- b. Advance housing stability.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-120d King County shall support development of new affordable housing units that promote culturally relevant and multi-generational housing options, such as developments with two-, three-, and four-bedroom units.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

28

H-120e King County shall support equitable development projects and investments in areas most directly impacted by structural racism and discrimination, at a higher risk of displacement, that have low access to economic and health opportunities, or that are home to significant populations of communities experiencing disparities in life outcomes.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-122 King County shall support ~~((transit-oriented))~~ development ~~((at))~~ near high-capacity or frequent transit ~~((supportive))~~ that supports density and scale that preserves and expands affordable, sustainable, and mixed-income housing opportunities ~~((at locations near frequent and high-capacity transit service))~~. King County shall engage in this work through a variety of strategies, including enabling development of affordable housing on suitable Metro-owned property; using Metro's authority and influence as a transit provider; and ~~((the engagement of))~~ engaging with funding partners, transit partners, jurisdictions, private for-profit and non~~((-))~~profit development entities, communities at risk of displacement, and other transit-oriented development partners.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-123 King County ((will)) shall evaluate and seek opportunities for equitable and sustainable transit-oriented development at major transit centers and hubs when investments are likely to produce increased ridership, community benefits, and affordable housing opportunities.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-125 King County shall ~~((assure))~~ ensure that there is sufficient ~~((land))~~ zoned capacity in the unincorporated urban areas ~~((zoned))~~ to accommodate King County's ~~((share of affordable))~~ housing need allocations and provide a range of affordable, sustainable housing types, including higher~~((-))~~ density single~~((-family))~~ detached homes, ~~((multifamily properties))~~ duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, apartments, ~~((manufactured housing))~~ mobile homes, cottage housing, accessory dwelling units, and mixed-use developments.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-125a King County should work with cities and urban unincorporated communities to increase opportunities for affordable housing development by ~~((assuring))~~ ensuring there is sufficient ~~((land capable of being developed for this))~~ zoned capacity to accommodate housing need allocations and provide a range of housing types that are more likely to be affordable to extremely low-, very low-low-, moderate-, and middle-income households and multigenerational households.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-126 King County shall provide opportunities for attached and detached accessory dwelling units and middle housing in urban residential areas (~~and shall encourage all jurisdictions within King County to adopt provisions to allow accessory dwelling units in their communities~~) to increase housing supply affordable to all incomes.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-127 King County shall adopt appropriate land use regulations to require and encourage development, rehabilitation, and preservation of sustainable housing affordable to extremely low-, very((-))_low-, ((to)) low-, and moderate-income_((housing)) households.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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~~((H-128 King County should pursue land use policies and regulations that result in lower development costs without loss of adequate public review, environmental quality or public safety and do not reduce design quality, inhibit infrastructure financing strategies, or increase maintenance costs for public facilities.))~~

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-129** King County shall continue to improve development standards to allow higher densities and flexibility of housing types in all urban residential zones(~~(, in order)~~) to:
- a. Increase housing choice, access, and stability, as well as best accommodate the environmental conditions on the site and the surrounding neighborhood when planning housing developments(~~(.))~~; and**
 - b. ~~((H-130 — King County shall explore zoning policies and provisions that increase housing density and))~~ Increase affordable housing opportunities within unincorporated urban (~~(growth)~~) areas near transit and near commercial areas.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-133 King County shall encourage the development of new housing models that are healthy and affordable by providing opportunities (~~for new models~~) within unincorporated urban (~~growth~~) areas and near commercial areas. King County shall work to allow innovative housing projects to move forward, including affordable housing demonstration projects, community-driven development projects, affordable owner-built housing, land trusts and cooperative ownership structures for rental and ownership housing, co-housing, and other innovative developments.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

H-136 King County should provide opportunities within unincorporated urban ((growth)) areas and in Rural Towns with sewer service for the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of rental residential buildings that have shared facilities, such as single-room occupancy buildings, boarding homes, micro-units buildings, and clustered micro homes to provide opportunities for lower rent housing options and higher density ownership options including condominiums, co-operative mutual housing, cottage housing, and other forms of clustered higher density ownership housing.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-145 King County shall:

- a. ~~((c))~~ Continue to require the use of Evergreen Sustainable Development Standards, or an equivalent successor standard, in King County-funded housing projects; and**
- b. ~~((will w))~~ Work with partners and ((stakeholders)) other interested parties to encourage the improvement of sustainable housing and in healthy housing elements in affordable housing statewide-green building standards ((of)), including Evergreen Sustainable Development Standards((, with emphasis on healthy housing elements that reduce asthma)).**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-152 ~~((King County shall give priority in its affordable housing subsidy programs to projects that serve individuals and households at or below 80% of area median income, and/or that provide older adults, people with behavioral health, cognitive, physical or developmental disabilities, people who are experiencing homelessness and people who are at risk of homelessness and/or displacement.))~~ King County shall prioritize funding in its affordable housing programs projects that:

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- a. Provide low-barrier housing designed to meet the needs of people experiencing homeless or at risk of homelessness;**
- b. Provide accessible housing to people with behavioral health, cognitive, physical, or developmental disabilities;**
- c. Create homeownership opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80 percent of area median income to build generational wealth and promote housing stability;**
- d. Create rental housing for households with incomes at or below 80 percent of area median income to meet a range of housing needs;**
- e. Are located near high-capacity or frequent transit to give residents access to job opportunities and services;**
- f. Are in areas with communities at risk of displacement and have a shortage of affordable housing;**
- g. Reflect an equitable regional distribution of funding; and/or**
- h. Are inclusive community-driven projects developed and stewarded by and in collaboration with historically underserved communities facing displacement pressures and disparate health and economic outcomes.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-152a King County shall prioritize funding for community and economic development projects that:**
- a. Benefit households at or below 80 percent area median income;**
 - b. Create equitable opportunities for economic prosperity, good health, safety, and connection to community;**
 - c. Reflect an equitable regional distribution of funding; and**
 - d. Meet the needs of historically underserved communities facing economic pressures and disparate health and economic outcomes.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-158 King County should support the efforts of non((-))profit developers ((and)), housing agencies, and community-based organizations to increase the supply of housing for extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income households((,)) through affordable housing planning, policy, and advocacy activities ((and the provision of technical assistance)) as well as funding for capacity-building and pre-development work.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-160 ~~((When awarding subsidies for affordable housing developments to non-profit developers and housing agencies,))~~ King County ~~((may give additional weight to))~~ should encourage funding for affordable housing and community development projects that incorporate and implement healthy housing, sustainable housing, and ~~((sustainable development elements and))~~ universal design features.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-165a ~~((Through its funding programs,))~~ King County ~~((shall))~~ should encourage developers and owners of publicly ~~((subsidized))~~ funded housing units to ~~((undertake activities to establish and maintain positive relationships with neighbors))~~ be active community members and to market vacant units to the local area in addition to conducting general marketing outreach.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-168 King County ~~((should))~~ shall support ~~((flexible))~~ and implement programs and ~~((emerging strategies))~~ policies that increase housing stability and ~~((that))~~ help to prevent and reduce homelessness, such as permanent supportive housing, emergency rental assistance, short-term rental assistance, diversion assistance, eviction prevention, and mortgage default and foreclosure counseling ~~((, and improvements to emergency services referral networks))~~.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-170 King County shall work with jurisdictions and housing providers locally and across the state to urge state and federal governments to expand funding for direct assistance services, such as ~~((flexible))~~ rental assistance and eviction prevention resources, diversion assistance, and emergency housing services. In addition ~~((to rental assistance))~~, King County should ~~((support))~~ encourage programs that help prevent homelessness and ~~((that))~~ improve prevention and emergency services referral networks~~((, including an efficient coordinated intake system for families and individuals experiencing homelessness))~~.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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~~((H-171 King County should support innovative and flexible tools and programs that assist low-income renters to maintain housing stability or to gain access to permanent affordable housing and private market housing, such as revolving loan funds that cover utility and damage deposits, and rental assistance programs.))~~

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-172 King County shall support:**
- a. Rental assistance, eviction prevention, and other programs that provide ((landlord-tenant counseling, sessions and workshops, mediation in landlord-tenant disputes,)) tenants with the resources and information to successfully navigate landlord-tenant disputes; and**
 - b. ((!)) Legislation that ((protects the rights of tenants and landlords, such as uniform protections for tenants and landlords and fair rental contracts)) increases tenants' access to safe, affordable, healthy, and stable housing.**

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-173 King County shall provide financial assistance for ownership housing rehabilitation to qualifying extremely low-, very low-, and low-income home((
)owners, including owners of mobile(~~/manufactured~~) homes residing in parks or on their own land through individual or cooperative ownership. ~~((King County should also consider support for community-based repair programs, such as tool banks or painting programs.))~~

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-175 King County shall take actions to prevent and mitigate residential and cultural displacement for unincorporated communities at risk of displacement to address racial disparities in housing and help protect cultural communities for Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color by supporting cultural institutions and community hubs and using community preference programs for affordable housing that helps people with a connection to the local community remain in or return to their community of choice.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-176 King County shall prioritize community-driven development of permanently affordable homeownership and rental projects led by community-based organizations and community land trusts.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-202 King County ~~((’s priorities for))~~ shall prioritize human service ~~((investments will be))~~ programs and services that help people in need become more stable and ~~((resilient))~~ healthy, and that prevent or reduce the need for costly emergency medical services, crisis services, and involvement with the criminal ~~((justice))~~ legal system. King County ~~((will))~~ shall focus resources and efforts on effective intervention and prevention that improve individual and community quality of life and enhance equity and racial and social justice. King County ~~((will))~~ shall preserve the resources necessary to collaborate as a true partner in regional human service systems. These focus areas include the following priority investment areas, which are consistent with other regional plans and initiatives:
- a. Job readiness, support for job development in business innovation districts;
 - b. Affordable housing;
 - c. Community and economic development activities;
 - d. Strategies to ~~((make homelessness rare, brief and one-time))~~ create a homelessness response system that centers people with lived experience to focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, to end homelessness for all; ((and))
 - e. Behavioral health services (including crisis services, mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, co-occurring disorder treatment, and housing support services); and
 - f. Strategies and programs to build the life, academic, and employment skills for young people to reach their full potential as they transition from childhood to adulthood.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-202a King County shall support and incentivize culturally relevant child care programming for new and existing licensed early learning and child care facilities to increase affordability for families across all income levels, especially those located in child care access deserts and/or which serve families who experience additional barriers to accessing child care.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-203** ~~((King County will apply principles that promote effectiveness, accountability and equity and social justice.))~~ King County ~~((embraces))~~ shall apply the following principles to promote effectiveness, accountability, equity, and racial and social justice in its health and human service actions and investments:
- a.** King County ~~((will))~~ shall provide information to the community on its health, human services, and behavioral health system planning and evaluation activities, funding processes and criteria, and on the results of its investments in a transparent, accountable, and culturally- and audience-appropriate manner;
 - b.** King County ~~((will))~~ shall uphold federal, state, and local laws against discrimination; promote culturally ~~((competent,))~~ relevant and equitable ~~((and relevant))~~ service delivery;
 - c.** ~~((and will))~~ King County shall work to end disparities in social, health, and economic status among communities and people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds;

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~~((e.))~~ d. King County ~~((will))~~ shall work with local service providers to provide behavioral health services to ~~((low-income))~~ individuals in need, including high quality equitable prevention, crisis diversion, mental health, substance abuse disorder, and co-occurring disorder treatment services to youth, young adults, and older adults. The ~~((e.))~~ County ~~((will))~~ shall assume primary responsibility for coordinating the provision of countywide behavioral health services, working in partnership with the state, cities, and local service providers;

~~((d.))~~ e. King County ~~((will))~~ shall ~~((encourage))~~ support service approaches that promote recovery and ~~((resiliency))~~ resilience and support individuals and families to achieve their full potential to live meaningful and productive lives in the community;

~~((e.))~~ f. King County ~~((will))~~ shall foster integration of systems of care through increased information sharing and collaborative efforts across agencies and programs for the purpose of improved service delivery, coordination, and shared outcomes; and

~~((f.))~~ g. ~~((Together with its partners,))~~ King County ~~((will))~~ shall, together with its partners, assess and respond to changing human service and behavioral health needs and use data, research, innovation, analysis, and evidence-based practices to drive its investments.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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- H-204** King County shall strive to apply principles that lead to thriving healthy communities in all neighborhoods of the ~~((region))~~ county. King County ~~((will))~~ shall support public health investments that help all residents to live in thriving communities where they have the opportunity to make healthy choices. King County shall support:
- a.** Access to safe and convenient opportunities to be physically active, including access to walking, bicycling, recreation, and transit infrastructure;
 - b.** Access to healthy, affordable foods and the elimination of food deserts;
 - c.** Protection from exposure to harmful environmental agents, such as lead, and infectious disease;
 - d.** Access to transportation infrastructure designed to prevent pedestrian, bicyclist and motor vehicle-related injuries;
 - e.** ~~((Residential))~~ Neighborhoods free from violence and fear of violence;
 - f.** Protection from involuntary exposure to second~~((--))~~hand tobacco smoke and under-age access to tobacco products;
 - g.** Protection from disproportionate retail and promotion of products known to cause poor health outcomes, such as tobacco and cannabis, in areas where residents have higher social vulnerability and risk factors;
 - h.** Community amenities and design that maximizes opportunities for social connectivity and stress reduction; and
 - ~~((h--))~~ **i.** A range of health services, including timely emergency response and culturally-~~((specific))~~relevant preventive medical, behavioral, and dental care within their community.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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H-303 Public Health-Seattle & King County should reduce the prevalence and harm of asthma by conducting population studies, providing technical support to policy advocates, and training and deploying a Community Health Worker program.

Chapter 4 Policy Changes

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~~((H-210))~~ **H-306** King County ~~((should))~~ shall seek to develop strategies to ~~((decrease))~~ eliminate exposure to lead where children, youth, and families live, learn and play, including:

- a. Advocating for countywide efforts to screen all children (at 12 months and 24 months) for exposure to lead poisoning and monitoring of this data;
- b. Working to ensure all renovation, repair, and painting work that disturbs painted surfaces in pre-1978 dwellings be performed in compliance with the requirements of the Washington Department of Commerce to reduce exposure to lead contaminated dusts; and
- c. Working to ensure strategies are used that minimize or eliminate the spread of lead dust during the demolition of pre-1978 residential and commercial buildings, including community education and notification.

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H-307 **People-centered design elements that includes principles of patient-centered, recovery-oriented, and trauma-informed care should be considered and incorporated in County-owned or funded regional health and human services facilities, behavioral health facilities, emergency housing, transitional and permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing.**

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