



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Parks and Recreation Division

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State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance

Date of Issue: February 2, 2022

Name of Proposal: 2022 King County Open Space Plan Update (nonproject action)

Location of Proposal: This is a nonproject action that is applicable to all King County-owned open spaces, totaling almost 30,300 acres in fee and almost 144,000 acres in conservation easement. The majority of King County-owned open spaces are located in unincorporated King County, but there are some located in urban areas, including Kirkland, Renton and Covington. Additionally, this plan applies to regional trails owned and managed by King County Parks.

Description of Proposal: King County's Open Space Plan: Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas 2022 Update establishes both a strategic and functional plan for King County Parks and Recreation Division (Parks), and also complies with the Washington State Growth Management Act and Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office requirements. Parks plays a unique role in the provision of parks, trails, and open space, providing regional facilities while also serving as a direct service provider in unincorporated areas. The Open Space Plan:

- Provides a framework guiding King County in expanding, planning, developing, stewarding, maintaining, and managing its complex system of 205 parks, 175 miles of regional trails, and 32,000 acres of open space.
- Updates Parks' 2016 plan, reflecting the many changes Parks has undergone in recent years.
- Reconfirms the agency's mission and goals of stewarding regional and local parks, regional and backcountry trails, natural areas, and forests to provide recreation and environmental benefits.
- Addresses the King County Strategic Plan's goals of achieving environmental and social justice, public engagement, environmental and financial sustainability, quality local government, and regional collaboration.

This update also coincides with Parks' increasing focus in two areas:

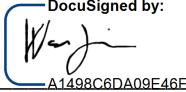
- Providing more equitable service and access to parks, trails, and open space.
- Framing Parks' work – and the benefits of its many natural assets – in the larger context of King County's environmental goals and objectives.

Proponent/Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency as set forth in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-330 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030. This information is available to the public on request (for a nominal photocopying fee). It is also available on the King County website at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/parks/publicnotices>

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **February 16, 2022**. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by **4:30 PM on February 16, 2022**. To provide comments or request additional information please contact:

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