



KING COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL  
DISTRICT

# 2024 King County Flood Management Plan

March 6, 2024

# Role of King County's flood plan

- Describes flood hazards and problems.
- Outlines goals, objectives, and policies to guide flood risk reduction.
- Identifies actions to address flooding problems.
  - Includes preparedness and response, studies and mapping, outreach, regulations, capital projects, etc.



*čak<sup>wab</sup> – Green River, 2022*

# How is this flood plan different?

- Extensive community engagement informed plan development.
- Emphasis on delivering multiple community benefits.
- Focus on climate change adaptation and resilience.
- Looks beyond mainstem rivers to include flooding in urban and rural areas and along tributary streams.



*Lower Russell Levee  
Setback – Green River,  
2022*

# Engagement and consultation

- Partner planning committee.
- Tribal consultation (gov't to gov't).
- Engagement with existing groups (WRIAs, FFF, etc.).
- Tributary, coastal, and urban flooding workshops.
- County-sponsored meetings and surveys.
- Community events and partnerships.



*Fiestas Patrias, September 2023*

# Supporting committees

- **Coordinating Committee**
  - Comprised of Flood Control District Executive Director, Board Chair's staff, Council Central staff, Executive's Office Council Relations staff, and DNRP/WLRD leadership.
- **Internal Planning Committee**
  - Comprised of King County staff from multiple departments and supported "One King County" plan development.



# Goals and policies

- Goals focus on flood risk reduction that will:
  - Support resilient communities and economies, support natural floodplain functions, honor tribal rights, meet community-identified needs, and promote resilience to climate change.
- Policies span six focus areas:
  - Equity, natural systems, multiple benefits, climate change, land use and regulations, and integrated floodplain management.



*Snoqualmie River, December 2015*

# Overview of flooding characteristics



*North Bend, November 2006*

- Description of river flooding organized by watershed.
- Summary of flood risks associated with tributaries, coastal areas, and urban areas.
- Potential effects of climate change on flooding conditions.
- Discussion of less frequent events that contribute to flooding.

# Flood risk reduction activities



*Green River levee construction,  
September 2007*

- 300+ activities:
  - 197 capital projects.
  - 111 programs.
  - List includes actions from a variety of sources.
- King County commitments include:
  - 55 capital projects.
  - Dozens of other activities such as studies, regulations, maintenance, and emergency response.



# Next steps

- Public comment closes March 15.
- Project team will review comments and revise plan to address comments.
- Final Flood Plan will be transmitted by Executive to King County Council for review and adoption (targeting June 2024).
- The new Flood Plan will be reviewed annually and updated every 5 years.



*Riverbend Floodplain Restoration,  
Cedar River, 2023*

# Questions?



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