



## **King County**

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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the King County Clean Water Healthy Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and a Motion accepting this plan. Section 377 of Ordinance 19881 adopting the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update requires that “[no] later than June 30, 2025, the executive shall transmit the thirty-year forest plan, clean water healthy habitat strategic plan, and wildfire risk reduction strategy to the council, along with motions accepting each document.”

The King County Clean Water Healthy Habitat Strategic Plan was developed to enhance coordination and collaboration across county departments to deliver the best outcomes for clean water, habitat, and communities. Executive Order LUD-12-2-EO called for departments to develop clean water and healthy habitat 30-year goals and a roadmap for prioritized investments across departments.

The purpose of the Clean Water Healthy Habitat Strategic Plan, published in 2020, is to align the County’s work around existing functional plans and empower employees to deliver faster, better results in their work with residents, businesses, Tribes, customers, partners, other governments, and nonprofit organizations. The 2020 strategic plan presents measurable 30-year goals that represent environmental success and benefit all people, including, and especially, marginalized communities. The plan also lays out strategies that guide departments to achieve better and faster results, incorporate equity practices, and yield higher returns on public investments across ongoing and future work.

The Clean Water Healthy Habitat Strategic Plan highlights the value of environmental investments being better integrated across King County. It also highlights opportunities to

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better meet cross-programmatic environmental goals while increasing benefits to all King County residents.

If your staff have questions, please contact John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4602.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Braddock', written over a horizontal line.

for

Shannon Braddock  
King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

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