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**State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
Determination of Significance
for 2022 Amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan,
Notice of Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents,
and 2022 Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents**

Name of Proposal/Title of Document:

2022 update to the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan (2022 Update) including:

- Amendments to the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan related to the Skyway-West Hill and North Highline Subarea Plans,
- A proposed Ordinance adopting the Skyway-West Hill and North Highline Community Service Area Subarea Plans, and including new inclusionary housing regulations,
- The Skyway-West Hill and North Highline Community Service Area Subarea Plan,
- Land use designation and zoning classification amendments affecting the two subareas listed above, as well as one parcel in the Fall City Rural Town and on parcel in a Rural Neighborhood Commercial Center near the City of Maple Valley, and
- Other related changes to development regulations.

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Location:

Unincorporated King County

Zoning:

All zones

Community Plan: Skyway-West Hill and North Highline Subareas of the West King County Community Service Areas
Drainage Subbasin: All drainage subbasins
Section/Township/Range: All STR's

Date of Issuance: October 12, 2022

Responsible Official: Ty Peterson, Commercial and Resource Product Line Manager
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Threshold Determination

The responsible official finds that the above-described proposal poses a probable significant adverse impact to the environment and is therefore issuing a Determination of Significance. This finding is made pursuant to RCW 43.21C, KCC 20.44 and WAC 197-11. After an independent review of the documents being adopted and other information in the file, the responsible official has identified and adopted them as being appropriate for this proposal. An addendum to the Supplemental and Final EISs of the King County Comprehensive Plan is being issued to add information and analysis about the amendments being proposed. The Addendum does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives in the adopted environmental documents. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal.

Documents Adopted

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, [EIS Addendum: King County Comprehensive Plan Development Regulations](#), prepared by Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc., December 1994, 25 pages and Appendix A

King County Department of Development Services, King County Office of Budget and Strategic Planning, [Addendum to the King County Comprehensive Plan 1994 Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements: Executive Recommended Amendments to the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan to comply with Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board Consolidated Case No. 95-3-0008](#), February 1996, 20 pages and Attachment A

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, [1994 King County Comprehensive Plan](#), November 1994

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, [King County Comprehensive Plan 2000 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#), November 9, 2000, 49 pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, [King County Comprehensive Plan 2004 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2004 Amendments to the 2000 King County Comprehensive Plan](#), September 3, 2004, 47 pages

King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, [King County Comprehensive Plan 2008 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2008 Amendments to the 2004 King County Comprehensive Plan](#), September 16, 2008, 41 pages

King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review, [King County Comprehensive Plan 2012 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2012 Amendments to the 2008 King County Comprehensive Plan](#), November 15, 2012, 49 pages

King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, [King County Comprehensive Plan 2016 Amendments: Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2016 Amendments to the 2012 King County Comprehensive Plan](#), November 4, 2016, 47 pages

King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, [EIS Addendum to Existing Environmental Documents for the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies](#), May 31, 2021

Puget Sound Regional Council, [Regional Transportation Plan 2022-2050, Addendum to the VISION 2050 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Executive Summary](#), April 2022

Puget Sound Regional Council, [Vision 2040 – The Growth Management, Environmental, Economic, and Transportation Strategy for the Central Puget Sound Region](#), December 2009, 103 pages

Puget Sound Regional Council, [Vision 2040 Update, Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#), May 2006

Puget Sound Regional Council, [Vision 2050, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#), March 2020

Description of Adopted Documents

The Countywide Planning Policies Environmental Impact Statements and the VISION 2050 EISs analyze the environmental impacts of policies that serve as the framework for the comprehensive plans for King County and its local jurisdictions. The King County Comprehensive Plan Draft and Final Supplemental EISs analyze the environmental impacts of planning policies and land use designations adopted by the development regulations. The 1994, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 Addenda to the King County Comprehensive Plan EIS provide additional information and

analysis about changes to policies, land use designations, and zoning. The Best Available Science for the King County Critical Areas Ordinance provides additional information and analysis of the policies and regulations relating to the protection of critical areas. The 1964, 1985, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2018, and 2020 Comprehensive Plans and related documents implement policies, land use, and zoning to focus growth in urban areas, protect rural areas from sprawling, low density development, protect natural resource lands including farms, forest and mineral resource land, and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

Comments

Pursuant to KCC 20.44.120 there is no administrative appeal of this Threshold Determination. Written comments should be addressed to the listed SEPA contact.

Comment deadline: 4:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2022

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Public Hearing: A public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2022-0162 is scheduled before the Metropolitan King County Council on the **22nd day of November, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** The public hearing is planned to either be held at the King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Avenue, Room 1001, Seattle, Washington; or the hearing may be required to be held remotely to comply with the Washington State Governor's Declaration 20-28, as amended, regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. Information on the public hearing and how to submit public comment can be found at this website:
https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/committees/full_council.aspx.

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