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<del>((P-101 For the purposes of the King County open space system: "regional" shall define sites and facilities that are large in size, have unique features or characteristics or significant ecological value, and serve communities from many jurisdictions; and "local" shall define sites and facilities that serve unincorporated communities predominately in the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands.))</del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	This is a factual statement, not policy direction. More appropriate for (and moved to) narrative.	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-102 King County shall be a regional <del>((leader in the provision of a regional))</del> provider of an open space system consisting of regional and local parks, regional and backcountry trails, natural areas, working resource lands, and flood hazard management lands. The regional network of open space <del>((s))</del> should provide <del>((s))</del> benefits to all county residents equitably including: recreation facilities, conservation of natural and working resource lands, improving air and water quality, <del>((flood hazard management))</del> and related programs and services, thereby contributing to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of county residents.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Creates consistency between the Open Space Plan and Comprehensive Plan  Open Space Plan: Section 3.2, Figure 3.2, OS-104	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The policy addresses two separate ideas: what is in the system the County provides, and equitable provision of the system. This policy could be split into two policies.</li> </ul>
P-103 King County <del>((will))</del> shall preserve wildlife corridors, riparian habitat, contiguous forest land, as well as open space areas separating <del>((U))</del> urban <del>((A))</del> areas from the Rural Area <del>((s))</del> and Natural Resource Lands as part of its open space system.	Clarification of existing policy intent	"Will" is predictive but "shall" is directive; policies should be directive, not statements of what is anticipated to happen.  Other edits for current terminology	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-105 King County should facilitate affordable and culturally <del>((--))</del> accessible educational, interpretive, and aquatic programs on <del>((e))</del> County-owned properties that further the enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the park system and the region.	Technical change	Grammar	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-107 King County shall provide local parks, trails and other open spaces in <del>((the Rural Area))</del> unincorporated areas. Local parks, trails and other open spaces that complement the regional system should be provided in each community <del>((in Rural Areas))</del> to meet local recreation and open space needs and enhance environmental quality and <del>((visual quality))</del> view corridors.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Creates consistency between the Open Space Plan and Comprehensive Plan; better describes King County's role in Urban Unincorporated Areas  Open Space Plan: 3.1.2 Values, 3.2.1, OS-105	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion to unincorporated areas reflects changes in the 2022 Open Space Plan. This changes the policy to require the County to provide parks, trails, and open spaces in all unincorporated areas, rather than in the Rural Area alone.</li> </ul>
P-108 King County should provide local parks within <del>((rural))</del> unincorporated communities with fields and other facilities that provide opportunities for active sports. These facilities shall be in addition to and compatible with King County's regional parks.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Creates consistency between the Open Space Plan and Comprehensive Plan; better describes King County's role in Urban Unincorporated Areas  Open Space Plan: 3.1.2 Values, 3.2.1, OS-105	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive staff indicate that "compatible with regional parks" means that the local park is consistent with and complementary to surrounding regional parks. This could be clarified.</li> </ul>

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<p><u>P-108a King County shall consider equity in the development and acquisition of its open space system to help reduce health disparities and promote environmental justice.</u></p>	<p>New policy</p>	<p>Emphasizes equity lens King County uses to improve service, consistent with existing practice and the Parks Open Space Plan</p>	<p>No change; existing practice</p>	<p>Open Space Plan, CIP-115</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic and Capital Projects</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: No</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As this is in the "local" section, this policy only applies to local parks, trails, and open spaces, not regional ones. If Councilmembers want this to apply to the entirety of the open space system, it could be moved to that appropriate section.</li> <li>This policy intent could be added to P-104 and P-107, rather than adding a new policy.</li> </ul>
<p>P-109 King County shall complete and maintain a regional trails ((system)) network, ((linking trail corridors to form a countywide network)) to provide recreational opportunities and to allow for transportation and wildlife corridor uses to contribute to the health and wellbeing of both trail users and the environment. King County ((will)) shall continue to primarily own the land necessary for the operation and management of the trail ((system)) network and pursue public-private funding opportunities for development and maintenance, while ensuring opportunities for access for all King County residents.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Edits for clarity, current terminology, and alignment with Open Space Plan.</p> <p>"Completing" the network implies "linking corridors to form a countywide network," consistent with Open Space Plan Goal 3 that states "Improve regional trails and mobility to ensure that essential connections are completed and existing trails are maintained." Open Space Plan also includes "maintaining" in similar context, which is added here for consistency.</p> <p>Reflects that recreation is the primary focus of the network, although other uses and benefits also occur such as (transportation/ mobility), consistent with the Open Space Plan</p> <p>"Will" is predictive but "shall" is directive; policies should be directive, not statements of what is anticipated to happen.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
<p><del>((P-110a))</del> P-110 <del>((The Eastside Rail Corridor regional trail shall be developed))</del> King County shall develop Eastrail in coordination with the other trail owners, other jurisdictions, local and state agencies, utilities with property interests, and nonprofit and private partners to enhance regional recreation and mobility and connectivity between regional growth centers, urban communities, other regional trails, and local and high-capacity transit, consistent with a commitment to dual use (recreational trail and public transportation), and consistent with federal railbanking. <del>((The trail will enhance the quality of life by providing important recreation and mobility options for adjacent land uses.))</del> The trail corridor shall include high-quality landscaping and environmental features, where appropriate, to enhance the trail experience and to provide ecological benefits to the region.</p>	<p>Clarification of existing policy intent</p>	<p>Consolidates P-110, P-110a, and P-110b</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>

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<del>((P-110 King County shall include the planning and development of a regional trail in the Eastside Rail Corridor, to enhance regional recreation and mobility. This facility will be planned and developed in coordination with other owners of BNSF's former interests, and in close coordination with King County Department of Transportation and other state and local agencies, in support of the commitment to dual use (recreational trail and public transportation), consistent with federal railbanking, and multiple objectives of King County and the other owners. ((The trail will be identified in King County's regional trails plan, the Regional Trails Needs Report, as a priority capital facility.</del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	Consolidated in updated P-110	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
<del>P-110b The Eastside Rail Corridor regional trail shall be developed to the most current regional trail standards, ensuring safe recreation and mobility in accessing trails, streets, and transit consistent with a commitment to dual use (recreational trail and public transportation), and consistent with federal railbanking. The trail corridor will include high-quality landscaping and environmental features where appropriate to enhance the trail experience and to provide ecologic benefits to the region.</del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	Consolidated in updated P-110	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
<del>P-110c Multi-use sites should include lands that have areas of environmental value, but also may accommodate extensive public access and active and/or passive recreation opportunities.</del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	Reoriented from a statement to policy direction, consistent with existing intent	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lead-in text preceding this reads as policy language. It could potentially be either deleted or added to the policy.</li> </ul>
<del>P-111 ((King County will manage its)) Management of natural areas owned by King County shall ((to)) protect, preserve, and enhance important natural resource habitat, biological diversity, and the ecological integrity of natural systems.</del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	Reoriented from a statement to policy direction, consistent with existing intent	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This change is potentially substantive, as not all of the natural areas in King County's Open Space System are owned outright by the County. This is a policy choice.</li> </ul>
<del>P112 ((King County shall recognize and protect))The natural character and ecological value of its natural areas owned by King County shall be protected. These areas are important for preserving fish and wildlife and their habitat, native vegetation, ((and)) features of scientific and educational value, and Indian tribal cultural and historic resources. Development and public use may be limited to preserve the natural state and reduce disturbance of the natural and cultural resources. Site improvements should be focused on providing educational and interpretive opportunities. Public access should be directed to the less fragile portions of a site to ensure continued protection of the ecological resources.</del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	Reoriented the County's current role and authority, and reflects preservation of tribal and cultural and historic resources, consistent with existing practice and Open Space Plan SO-125 and CIP-135.	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This change is potentially substantive, as not all of the natural areas in King County's Open Space System are owned outright by the County. This is a policy choice.</li> </ul>

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<p>P-113 Farmland owned by King County shall:  <u>a. _____((e))Contribute to the preservation of contiguous tracts of agricultural land; and</u>  <u>b. _____((make affordable farmland available for use by small-scale and new farmers)) Provide access to farmland for beginning, low-income, historically underserved, and socially disadvantaged farmers.</u></p>	<p>Substantive change</p>	<p>Advancing equity goals and aligning with language in Policies R-661a and R-661b, consistent with existing practice.</p> <p>While "socially disadvantaged" is not current County terminology, it is aligned with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) language which is defined as farmers and ranchers (SDFRs) belonging to groups that have been subject to racial or ethnic prejudice. SDFRs include farmers who are Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian or Pacific Islander. For some but not all USDA programs, the SDFR category also includes women.</p>	<p>Increased accessibility of land to priority populations</p>	<p>Local Food Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: No</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive staff indicate that, although currently all farmland owned by King County meets both of these criteria (hence the "and"), there could potentially be future desired acquisitions that are urban farms not contiguous to other agriculture lands. The language could be clarified to meet this intent.</li> <li>This policy deals with similar issues to policies in Chapter 3, specifically R-643, R-661a, R-675, R-677c and could be combined with those. However, Executive staff has expressed support for keeping agricultural policies in this chapter to recognize the interrelatedness of issues.</li> </ul>
<p>P-114 Farmers leasing properties owned by King County shall use <del>((A))</del>agricultural <del>((B))</del>best <del>((M))</del>management practices, <del>((I))</del>integrated <del>((P))</del>pest <del>((M))</del>management, and other sustainable farming methods.</p>	<p>Technical change</p>	<p>Grammar</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This policy is very similar to R-669a. It could be removed here and combined with that one. However, Executive staff has expressed support for keeping agricultural policies in this chapter to recognize the interrelatedness of issues.</li> </ul>
<p>P-115 The use and management of farmlands owned by King County shall be consistent with any requirements imposed by the funding program used to purchase each property and shall serve to meet and enhance the objectives of the King County Agriculture Program.</p>	<p>Policy Staff Flag</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive staff indicate there are not any examples of Agriculture Program objectives other than the two things listed in P-113. As land owned by the County is already required by P-113 (or wherever P-113 is consolidated) to meet those objectives, this policy is duplicative and could be deleted.</li> </ul>
<p>P-116 Working forest land and conservation easements owned by King County shall provide large tracts of forested property in the Rural Forest Focus Areas, the Forest Production District, and Rural Area. <del>((that will))</del> <u>These areas shall remain in active forestry, protect areas from development, or provide a buffer between commercial forestland and adjacent residential development, and may provide ecological or recreational benefits.</u></p>	<p>Substantive change</p>	<p>Added for consistency with new old growth /mature forest changes in Chapter 3 and 5 and related work plan action, recognizing the acceptability of Forest Production Districts easements that allow recreation or favor ecological forest practices. Without this added, the policies could be in conflict. Use of "may" (permissive but not required) was intentional because not every easement will allow for recreation or create ecological benefits (e.g., a straight Transfer of Development Rights easement, which just pulls development rights but otherwise</p>	<p>Additional protection of upper watershed and major river corridors</p>	<p>Strategic Climate Action Plan Action GHG 6.4.1  Land Conservation Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This policy covers two different ideas, working forests and forests that are to be preserved. Council may want to consider whether to split these policy intents into two separate policies.</li> </ul>

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		allows private commercial forestry to continue).  Other edits for clarity and existing policy intent, including: "will" is predictive but "shall" is directive; policies should be directive, not statements of what is anticipated to happen.				
P117 <del>Management goals for working ((F))forest land owned by King County shall ((be used to sustain and enhance environmental)) include enhancing ecological benefits and functions, ((demonstrate progressive)) <u>demonstrating best forest management ((and research)) practices, ((and provide)) providing passive recreation opportunities, and generating revenue ((for the)) facilitate sustainable management of ((the working forest lands)) those sites.</u></del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	To align with current terminology, existing practices, and the Open Space Plan (such as OS-115), as well as consolidation of P-118	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This policy is softened by changing "forest land...shall be used to" to "management goals for forest land...shall include." This change is a policy choice.</li> <li>Although the Executive narrative states that P-118 is integrated here, the meaning is different. First, sustainable timber production is no longer directly mentioned. Second, it is a "management goal" rather than a requirement. Third, "generating revenue to facilitate the sustainable management of those sites" does not necessarily mean that revenue would be generated from timber production (for example user fees from recreational users could fall into this category. Whether to make this change or retain P-118 is a policy choice.</li> </ul>
<del>((P-118 Forest land owned by King County shall provide a balance between sustainable timber production, conservation and restoration of resources, and appropriate public use.))</del>	Clarification of existing policy intent	Consolidated in P-117	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See note above on P-117.</li> </ul>
P-118a King County <del>((will)) shall</del> continue to provide and manage a backcountry trail system on its lands in collaboration with other public and private landholders and consistent with its Trail Programmatic Permit.	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"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
<u>P-118b King County shall encourage and pursue partnerships and mutually beneficial agreements with public agencies, Indian tribes, nonprofit and community organizations, and the private sector to fund, program, manage, and steward sites and facilities for public recreation and natural resource protection consistent with the classification, role, and use of said sites and facilities.</u>	New policy	To provide policy direction related to other open spaces, consistent with the Open Space Plan and current practice	Leverages the County open space system with other sites owned by other public and private partners to support countywide public recreation and natural resource protection goals	Open Space Plan PCI-101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: No</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The policy could be streamlined to remove the specific references to potential partners.</li> </ul>

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P-119 Open space lands should be acquired to expand and enhance the open space system as identified in the King County Open Space Plan: Parks, <del>((Regional))</del> Trails and Natural Areas.	Technical change	Reflects current plan name	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-121 King County shall consider equity in the location, development, and acquisition of its open space system to help in the reduction of health disparities and in the promotion of racial, social, and environmental justice.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Reflects current terminology	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-123 Decisions on acquisition and development of park, regional trail, and other open space sites should consider funding needs for public engagement, initial stewardship, site development, long((-))-term maintenance, and operations.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Recognizes funding needs for other key elements of acquiring and owning land, consistent with current practice	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-124 A variety of measures should be used to acquire, protect, manage, and develop regional and local parks, regional trails, and open space. Measures can include: <del>((e))</del> County funding and other funding mechanisms, grants, partnerships, incentives, regulations, dedications, and contributions from residential and commercial development based on their service impacts and trades of lands and shared development activities.	Technical change	Grammar	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-125 Management of the regional open space system of parks, regional trails, natural areas and working resource lands <del>((is))</del> shall be guided by the King County Open Space Plan: Parks, Trails and Natural Areas.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Reoriented from statement to policy direction, consistent with existing intent	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-127 Open space lands shall be classified to identify their role in the open space system and the purpose of the acquisition as recreation site, regional trail, natural area <del>((park, multiuse site, or))</del> , working <del>((resource land))</del> forestland, or multi-use site.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Updated to align with categories in the Open Space Plan OS-106	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
<del>((P-128 King County will adopt an entrepreneurial approach to managing and operating the open space system and work aggressively to implement multiple and appropriate strategies to fiscally sustain the open space system.))</del>	Substantive change	Related policy in the previous Open Space Pan was removed in 2022 update. This is not as much of a focus in open space planning as it was 10 years ago. Removal here aligns with that change and defers to the Open Space Plan as the functional plan of the Comprehensive Plan to guide this work. There is no need for duplicative policies in both plans, unless they are necessary for the foundational open space policy framework.	No change; reflects existing practice	Open Space Plan SO-101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: No</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>

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P-128b King County's use of pesticides and fungicides <del>((will))</del> shall be based on integrated pest management principles.	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"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-128c King County shall support activities at County parks that advance public health, provide clean environments, and avoid exposure to harmful products, such as tobacco and vaping products, <del>((in order))</del> to promote play, physical activity, and family and community connection.	Technical change	Grammar	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-129 Recognizing the value of open space in promoting social and economic health and wellness across the county, King County shall be a leader in establishing partnerships with cities, adjacent counties, Indian tribes, state and federal agencies, school and special purpose districts, community organizations, non((-)profit organizations, land((-)owners, and other residents. The <del>((e))</del> County and these partners should work to: a. <del>Support and strengthen the linkages between rural, resource, and urban communities' use and maintenance of these open spaces;</del> b. <del>((p))</del> Promote and protect all aspects of environmental quality, while addressing equity and racial and social justice goals to complete the regional parks and open space system through joint planning and management of local and regional sites and facilities.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Consolidates ED-605, with removal of "green space" as redundant to "open space." Other edits for grammar, current terminology, and clarity.	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-130 In the Urban Growth Area, King County shall work in partnership with other jurisdictions to facilitate annexation and transfer of local parks <del>((, and local trails))</del> and other open space sites to cities or other providers to ensure continued service to the community.	Clarification of existing policy intent	For consistent with Open Space Plan OS-116 and current terminology	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
<del>((P-131 King County should work with cities to share operational and maintenance costs of parks and other open spaces in unincorporated areas in which a substantial portion of the users are from incorporated areas.))</del>	Substantive change	This policy is not needed and does not reflect current practice. The Parks Division is not aware of agreements driven by this policy. Though the County does sometimes share costs with cities, in practical terms, it is hard to track where park visitors come from.	No change; aligns with current practice	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: No</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-132 King County <del>((will))</del> shall encourage and support volunteer efforts to maintain and enhance programs, sites, and facilities.	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"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-133 King County <del>((will))</del> shall encourage and seek public input, advice and participation <del>((from the public))</del> in decisions about <del>((management of))</del> the open space system <del>((that relate to key issues such as funding, planning, acquisition, development and stewardship))</del> and to advance equitable access to parks and trails.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Reflects current practice, Open Space Plan (PIE-101, PIE-102) and related equity goals	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>

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		Other edits for clarity, including "will" is predictive but "shall" is directive; policies should be directive, not statements of what is anticipated to happen.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	
P-134 King County ( <del>will invite and involve a wide variety of interests via a diversity of individuals, groups and agencies</del> ) shall engage the public using approaches consistent with the County's equity and racial and social justice goals and policies. King County ( <del>will intentionally engage communities that are the most affected by proposals and plans</del> ) shall provide equitable access for historically underrepresented and historically underserved populations in public engagement and access to the open space system.	Clarification of existing policy intent	Reflects current practice, Open Space Plan (PIE-101, PIE-102, PIE-103, PIE-104) and related equity goals  Other edits for clarity, including "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"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This change states that the County will no longer necessarily engage communities that are most affected by proposals and plans, but will instead prioritize access for historically underrepresented and historically underserved populations in public engagement, regardless of whether they are most affected by the proposal. This is a policy choice.</li> </ul>
P-135 King County ( <del>will</del> ) shall use a variety of equitable engagement methods to ensure public involvement from all county residents, such as public meetings, advisory groups, surveys, web and social media postings, news releases, park site signage, mailing lists, newsletters, and through various community groups (including Community Service Areas). These methods ( <del>will</del> ) shall allow for early, continuous, and broad public participation.	Substantive change	Reflects current practice, Open Space Plan (PIE-101, PIE-102, PIE-103, PIE-104) and related equity goals  Other edits for clarity, including "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"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While the policy states that "equitable engagement methods" are required to be used, none of the proposed methods lend themselves well to actual engagement with communities. This could be strengthened.</li> </ul>
P-202 King County shall consider equity and racial, social, and environmental justice in its promotion and protection of cultural resources.	Technical change	Reflects current terminology	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County's cultural policy established in K.C.C. 2.48.030 doesn't specifically mention equity or social, racial, or environmental justice; The code could be amended to align with this policy which requires the County to consider those factors.</li> </ul>
P-203 King County shall encourage preserving, reusing and recycling historic buildings in its facilities planning and other relevant actions. <u>King County shall assist in encouraging interested parties in pursuing preservation, restoration, and repurposing projects, particularly in those doing repairs and/or upgrades themselves.</u>	Substantive change	Added in response to comments from the Joint Area Team, consistent with existing practice.	Increased preservation, restoration, and repurposing actions by non-County parties	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Programmatic</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: No</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council staff asked for clarification on "recycling" historic buildings. Executive staff indicate that the intent is that materials from demolished historic buildings be recycled. This could be clarified.</li> <li>The added sentence appears to be about relationships, not County-owned properties, and therefore might be more appropriate for the subsequent section of Chapter 7.</li> </ul>
P-208 King County shall pursue its cultural resource goals by working with residents, property owners, cultural organizations, public agencies, <u>Indian</u> tribes, schools and school districts, and others.	Technical change	Reflects current terminology	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-209 King County shall provide leadership in pursuing its cultural resource goals by actively advancing the protection, enhancement,	Technical change	Grammar	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues identified.</li> </ul>

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and ongoing use of ((e))County-owned and other cultural resources, and by promoting intergovernmental cooperation and partnerships for the preservation and use of cultural resources.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a</li> </ul>	
P-210 King County shall partner with cities to protect and enhance historic resources and public art located within city boundaries and Potential ((a))Annexation ((a))Areas.	Technical change	Reflects current terminology	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-211 King County shall support, preserve and enhance its heritage by encouraging opportunities for public attendance and participation in diverse heritage activities throughout the county.	Policy Staff Flag					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This policy could be deleted, as it is covered by P-207. Could add "diverse heritage activities" to P-207 if Councilmembers want to retain that policy intent.</li> </ul>
P-212 The King County executive and the King County council shall regularly seek advice from 4Culture on programs, policies and regulations that support, enrich, and increase access to the arts, public art, and King County's heritage.	Policy Staff Flag					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This policy could be deleted since this advice is formally adopted in 4Culture's governance documents.</li> </ul>
P-213 King County shall incorporate public art in its construction and mitigation projects, as well as its undertakings involving public private partnerships, and development authorities that include public funds or resources or have publicly accessible components.	Policy Staff Flag					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This policy appears to require public art in <i>all</i> construction and mitigation projects, which is not current practice or the Executive's intent. This could be clarified to match the Executive's intent.</li> <li>• As written, the second part of this policies requires public art to be incorporated into development authorities, rather than its undertakings with development authorities. The language could be clarified to match Executive intent and support the corresponding code provisions.</li> </ul>
P-217 King County shall acquire and preserve historic properties for use by ((e))County and other public agencies and shall give priority to occupying historic buildings whenever feasible.	Technical change	Grammar	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-219 King County may condition public and private projects ((in order)) to protect historic properties. King County agencies shall coordinate with the Historic Preservation Program to provide consistent review and mitigation for their projects and undertakings throughout the county.	Technical change	Grammar	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues identified.</li> </ul>
P-221 King County shall maintain an inventory of historic properties ((in order)) to guide its historic preservation decision making.	Technical change	Grammar	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Description of proposed regulations:</u> n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues identified.</li> </ul>

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<p>[Lead-in text on Page 7-1] In addition to protecting these natural resources, the <del>((e))</del>County promotes a high quality of life by supporting cultural opportunities such as music, theater, ethnic heritage museums, literary activities, public art collections, urban historic districts, <del>((and))</del> rural landmarks, and Indian tribal cultural and historic resources.</p> <p>[Lead-in text on Page 7-8] Preserving these areas in partnership with other agencies, <u>Indian tribes</u>, private groups and individuals will provide multiple values including environmental and economic benefits of air and water quality, surface water management, aquifer recharge, <del>((and))</del> fish and wildlife habitat preservation and enhancement, and preservation of Indian tribal cultural and historic resources.</p> <p>P-112 <del>((King County shall recognize and protect t))</del>The natural character and ecological value of its natural areas <u>owned by King County shall be protected</u>. These areas are important for preserving fish and wildlife and their habitat, native vegetation, <del>((and))</del> features of scientific and educational value, <u>and Indian tribal cultural and historic resources</u>. Development and public use may be limited to preserve the natural state and reduce disturbance of the natural <u>and cultural</u> resources. Site improvements should be focused on providing educational and interpretive opportunities. Public access should be directed to the less fragile portions of a site to ensure continued protection of the ecological resources.</p> <p>[Lead-in text on Page 7-11] Backcountry trails are not a separate open space category; rather they are facilities located within King County's multi-use sites, forest lands and natural areas. These trails allow visitors to directly experience the county's beautiful natural environment as found in its forests, meadows, and marine and fresh water shoreline. Unlike multi-purpose regional trails that network urban and rural landscapes throughout the county, these soft-surface <u>trails</u> are intended for <del>((passive))</del> <u>outdoor</u> recreation and appreciation and enjoyment of a natural experience with forest and trees, streams and wetlands, shorelines and birds and wildlife. Where backcountry trails are developed on lands containing fish <del>((and))</del>, <u>wildlife, and cultural</u> resources, development and management of such trails is undertaken so as to minimize the impacts on those resources.</p> <p>P-118b King County shall encourage and pursue partnerships and <u>mutually beneficial agreements with public agencies, Indian tribes, nonprofit and community organizations, and the private sector to fund, program, manage, and steward sites and facilities for public recreation and natural resource protection consistent with the classification, role, and use of said sites and facilities.</u></p> <p>[Lead-in text on Page 7-15]</p>	<p>Policy Staff Flag</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Anticipated resource need:</u> n/a</li> <li>• <u>Anticipated timeline:</u> n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to a Council staff question, Executive staff note where references to Indian tribal and archaeological resources are added.</li> <li>• This is an area the county has historically neglected to specifically address in cultural/historical preservation programs. although Council staff's understanding is there is some collaboration between 4Culture and Indian tribes through grant opportunities/processes.</li> <li>• Councilmembers may want to consider whether, given the increased coordination with Indian tribes, there should be more lead-in text or policies addressing Indian tribal cultural resources in this Chapter.</li> <li>• Councilmembers may further want to consider other policy guidance such as cultural/historical preservation/landmarking code language and collaborating with the Historic Preservation Officer and Landmarks Commission on how the county can better support Indian tribal cultural programs and preservation efforts.</li> </ul>

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<p>Cultural resources make a significant contribution to the quality of life in King County. Arts and heritage organizations, public art <del>((and))</del>, historic and archaeological properties, and Indian tribal celebrations and traditional cultural events contribute to the region's economic vitality, play an essential role in cultural tourism, and contribute significantly to the county's overall quality of life. As King County grows, the need to protect, support and enhance cultural opportunities and resources is essential <del>((in order))</del> to sustain livability. King County plays an important role in supporting the region's cultural life. 4Culture, a County-chartered Public Development Authority serves as the county's cultural services agency. 4Culture has operational responsibility for advancing the work of the cultural community in King County by advocating for, supporting, promoting, and enhancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arts;</li> <li>• heritage;</li> <li>• preservation; and</li> <li>• public art.</li> </ul>						