



# King County

Department of Development and Environmental Services

## State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

### Determination of Nonsignificance for 2006 Amendments to the King County Comprehensive Plan

**Date of Issuance:** February 22, 2006

**Project:** Adoption of 2006 Update of the King County Comprehensive Plan, and related 2006 Transportation Needs Report and regional Trails Needs Report.

**Location:** Countywide

**King County Approvals:** Adoption by the King County Council

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**Proponent:** Ron Sims, King County Executive

**Zoning:** Multiple

**Community Plan:** Multiple Community Plans

**Drainage Subbasin:** Multiple Drainage Basins

**Section/Township/Range:** Multiple STRs

#### Notes:

- A. This is a non-project action as defined in WAC 197-11-704. This finding is based on review of the environmental checklist dated February 4, 2005, and other documentation of the proposed amendments.
- B. **Policy Amendments:** The Executive Recommended 2006 update of the King County Comprehensive Plan proposes several policy and texts amendments to reflect the renaming of the Flood Hazard Reduction Plan to the Flood Hazard Management Plan. These policy and text revisions are editorial and not substantive in nature.
- C. **Code Amendments:** Several amendments to the King County Code are proposed, most of which are technical in nature, reflecting new terminology in the Critical Areas Ordinance, or are corrections or clarifications of existing code language.
- D. **Transportation Needs Report:** The 2006 Transportation Needs Report (TNR) identifies the transportation system needs based on the comprehensive plan's land use component. The TNR provides a comprehensive list of recommended improvements to serve countywide transportation needs for the upcoming year. The document includes transportation needs

assessments within unincorporated portions of King County and countywide significant projects in cities, adjacent counties and on State highways. Since the TNR is a planning level document, further environmental analysis will be required at the project level. At a non-project level, the amended TNR will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment.

- E. **Regional Trails Needs Report:** The Regional trails Needs Report is a comprehensive list of recommended improvements or additions to complete and upgrade the network of regional trails serving transportation purposes the county as identified in a number of adopted county plans. This is a planning level document and in most cases further detailed study will be required to determine if projects are feasible from environmental, financial or other cost-benefit perspectives and to determine specific design requirements for each project.

### **Threshold Determination**

The responsible official finds that the above-described proposal does not pose a probable significant adverse impact to the environment. This finding is made pursuant to RCW 43.21C, KCC 20.44 and WAC 197-11 after reviewing the environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and considering mitigation measures which the agency or the applicant will implement as part of the proposal. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal.

### **Comments**

Although administrative appeals of non-project threshold determinations are not allowed, the County welcomes your comments. Written comments on this threshold determination must be received by King County's Land Use Services Division **prior to 4:30 PM March 13, 2006**. For further information regarding the proposed policy amendments, please contact Paul Reitenbach, at (206) 296-6705.

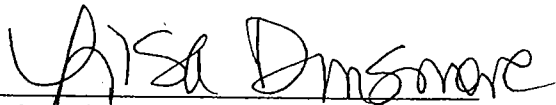
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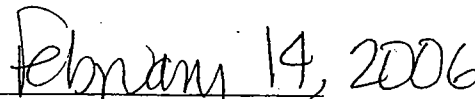
**4:30 PM on March 13, 2006**

**Address for comments:**

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ATTN: Current Planning Section

**Responsible Official:**

  
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Lisa Dinsmore, Current Planning Supervisor  
Current Planning Section  
Land Use Services Division

  
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Date Signed