



Hazardous Waste Management Program

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Our Goal Today

1. Introduce the Program
2. Requested Board of Health Code Update



Maythia Airhart,
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We're a Coalition of Local Governments

- Authorized by Board of Health
- Serve all of King County
- Prevent harmful effects of toxic materials to people and environment



Program Structure and Authorization



Our Services and Strategy to Address Toxic Exposures in King County

Policy



**Support System Changes
County & Statewide**

Prevention



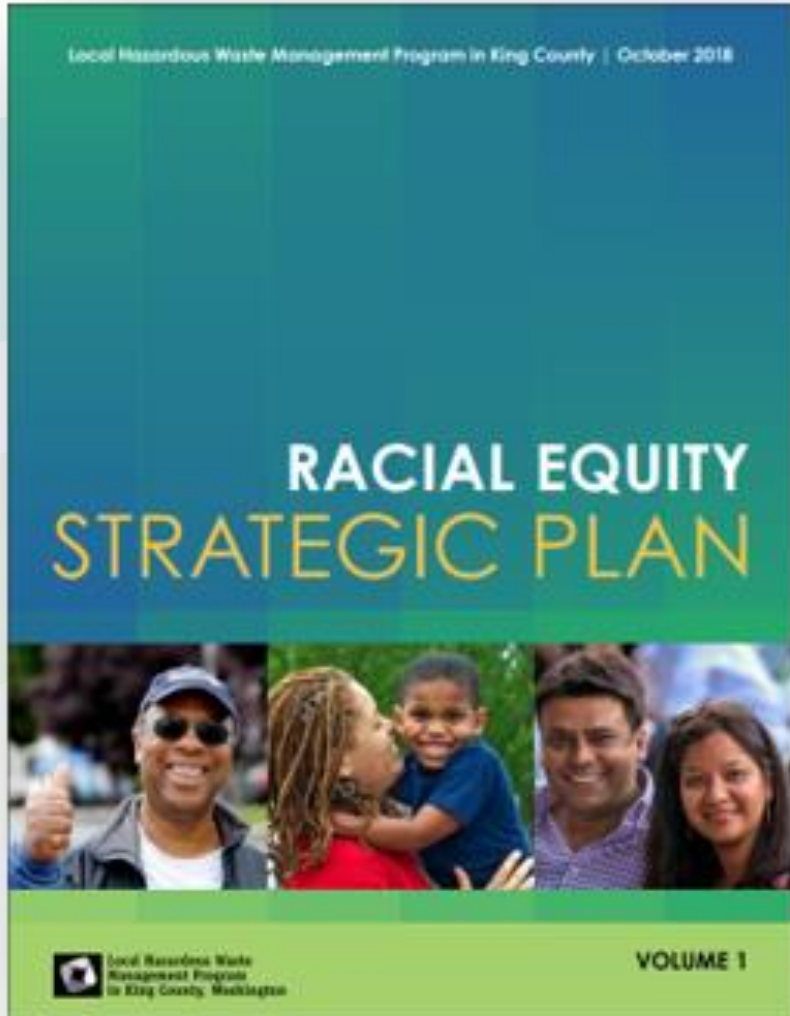
**Exposure Prevention
& Education Programs**

Collection



**Safe Disposal Services
for Business & Residents**

We Lead With Race

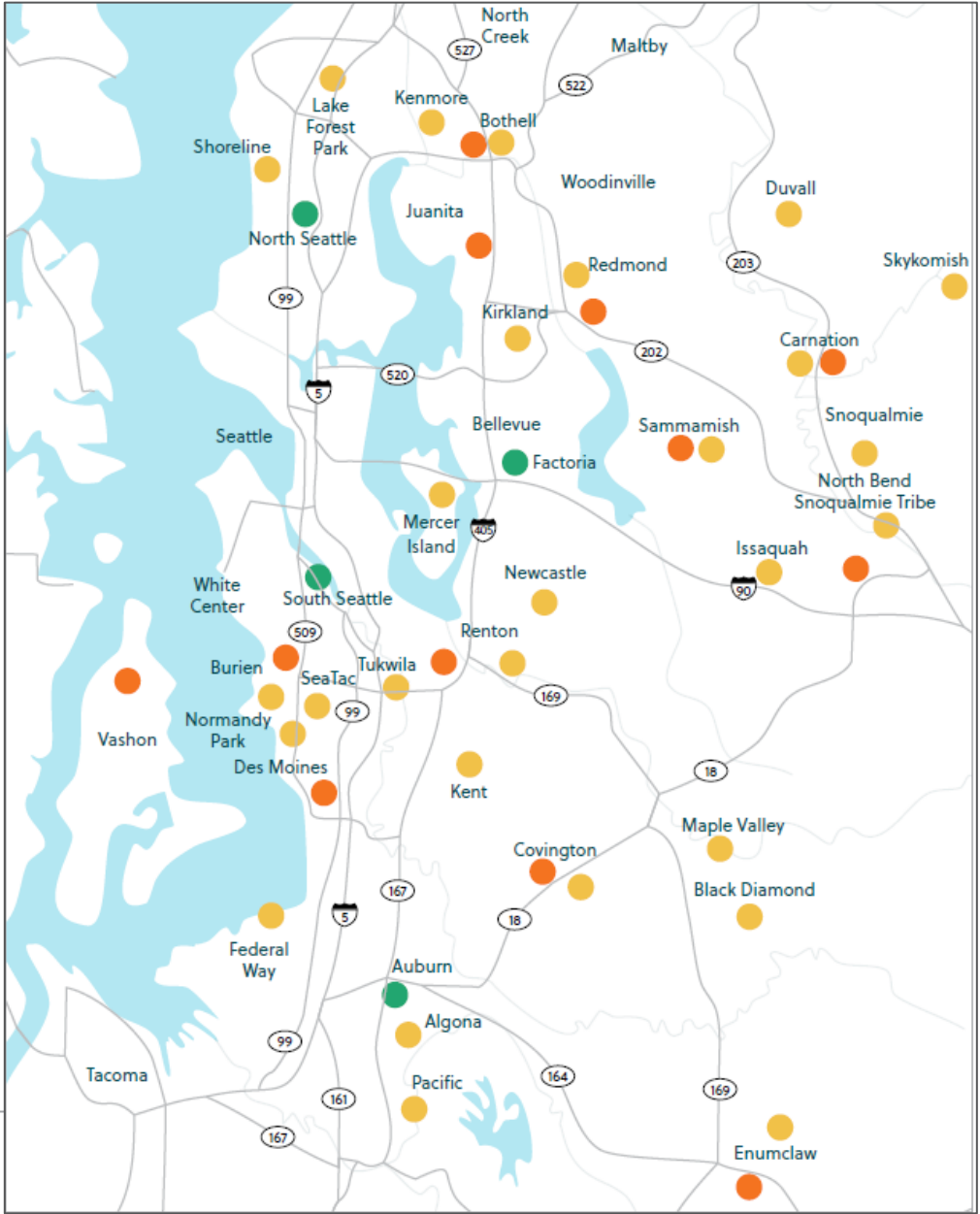


City partnerships for safe disposal and education



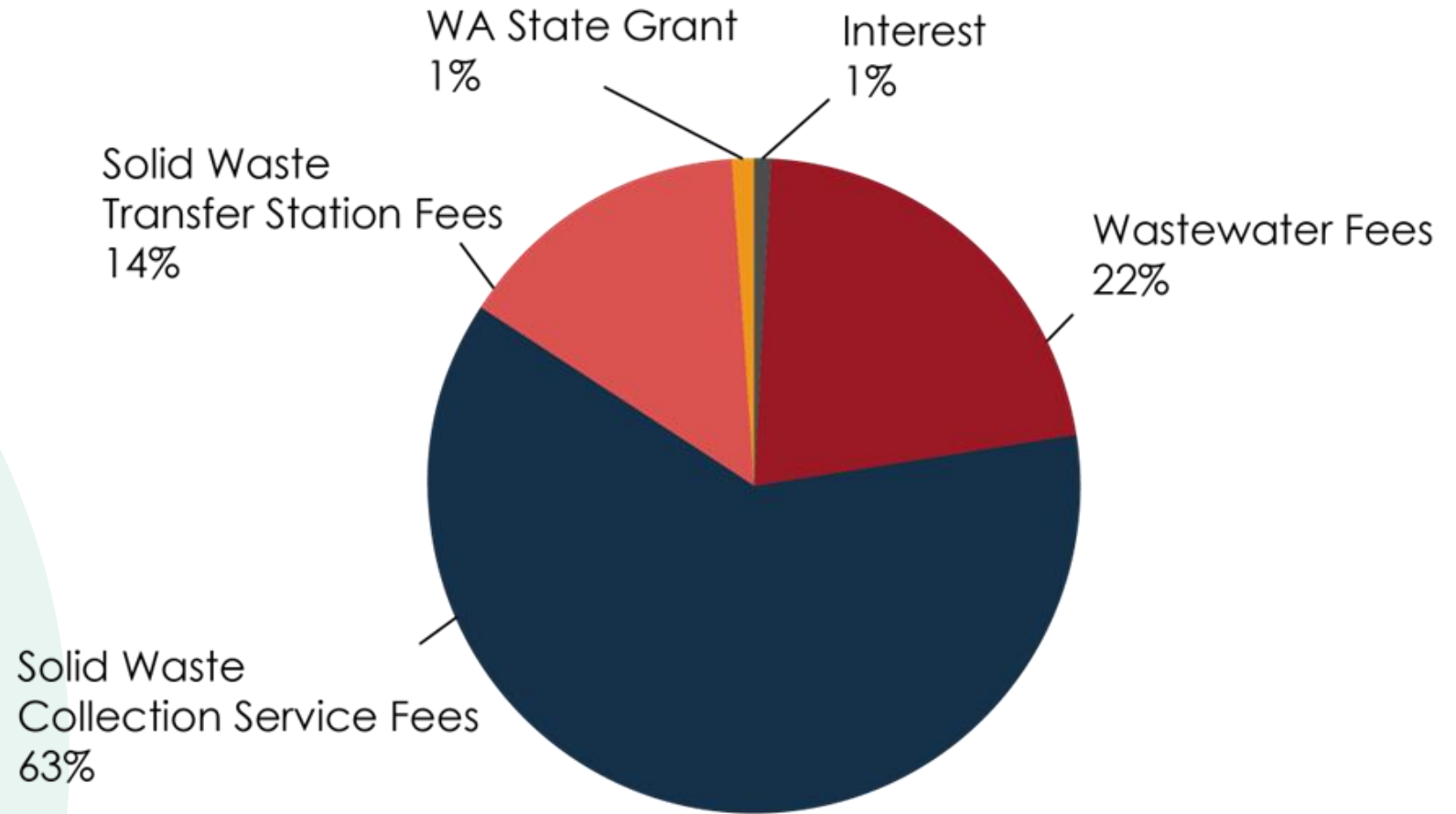
2022 Activities and Services

- Hazardous Waste Disposal Locations
- City/Tribal Sponsored Collection Events
- Traveling Wastemobile



Local Hazardous Waste Fund

- 2023 budget \$21.7 million
- Funded by local hazardous waste fees
- BOH sets the rates

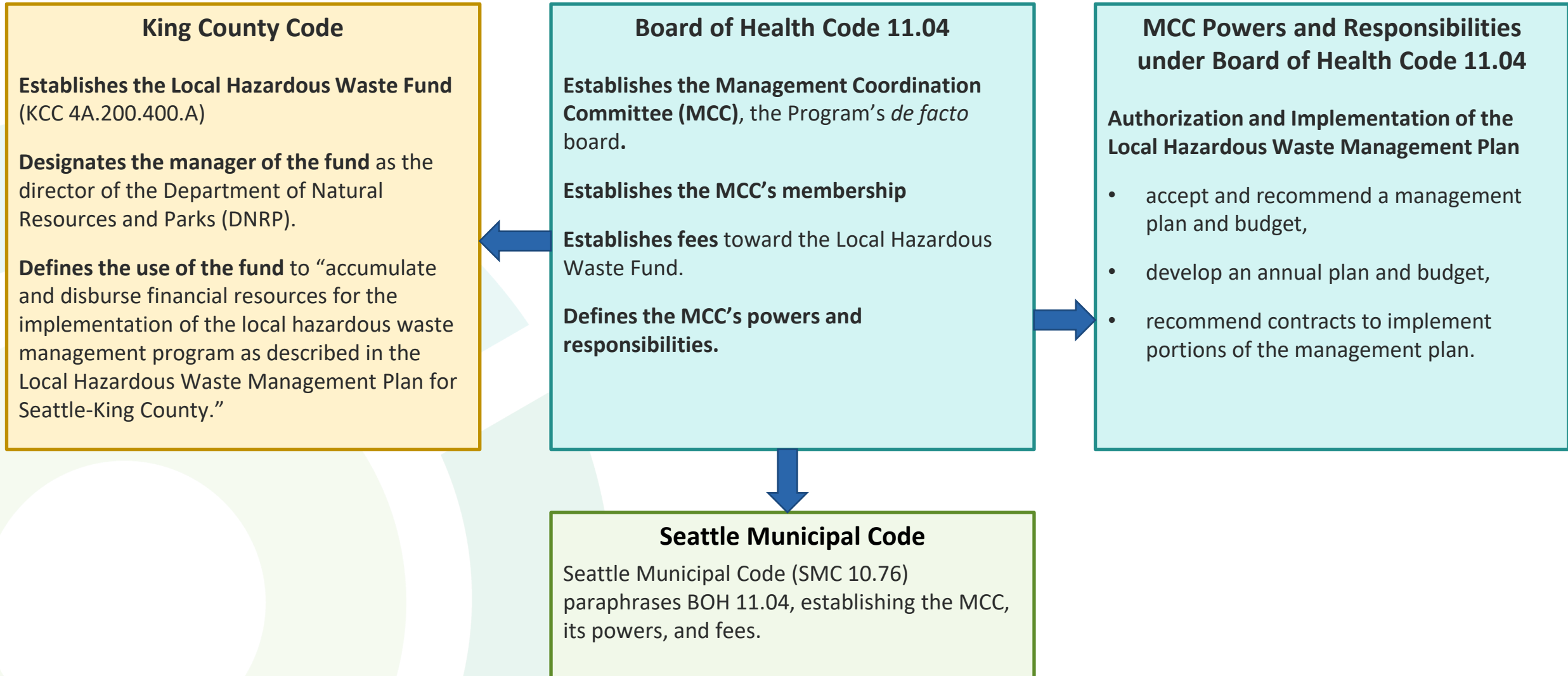




BOH Code Update

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What does Board of Health Code 11.04 do?



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Proposed Substantive Change

What is the proposed change?

Board of Health Code Section 11.04

“Local Hazardous Waste Program’s
Management Coordination Committee”

Substantive change:

- **Change the definition of “Department”**
from “Seattle/King County Department of Public Health” to “King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks”

Purpose of the proposed substantive change:

- The Hazardous Waste Management Program went through a re-organization at the beginning of 2023.
- To streamline operations in the Program, certain operations were consolidated within DNRP.
- In fall of 2022, the County Council transferred management of the Local Hazardous Waste Fund from Public Health to DNRP.
- The proposed change in fee collection will complete the transfer.
- The proposed change enables the department assigned to manage the Local Hazardous Waste Fund (DNRP) to collect fees intended for the fund.
- Public Health would no longer be burdened with fee collection for a fund it no longer manages.

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Proposed Housekeeping Changes

What is the proposed change?

Board of Health Code Section 11.04

“Local Hazardous Waste Program’s
Management Coordination Committee”

Housekeeping changes:

- **Clarify fee language** for solid waste drop-off at transfer stations. Current language does not align with how solid waste fees are charged at County and SPU facilities.
- **Change outdated language**, specifically, change “sewage” to “wastewater.” Use of the word “sewage” has caused confusion with some ratepayers. Currently, all ratepayers operate wastewater treatment facilities and pay based on wastewater volume not sewage; and
Update agencies and titles of MCC members.
- **Delete obsolete code sections**, specifically, sections addressing fees for past years.
- **Update obsolete code references** to state and King County codes.
- **Clarify that fees are collected for deposit into the local hazardous waste fund.**
- **Fix typos (i.e., scrivener's errors).**

Purpose of the proposed housekeeping changes:

- Clean-up and maintain clear code. Keep the BOH code current.
- Remove ambiguity and increase transparency of fees to ratepayers.
- Better align code language to current procedure.
- There is no proposed change to fees.
- All ratepayers will continue to pay the hazardous waste fees at the same rate they currently pay.



Questions?

Thank You

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