



**Supplemental I-207 Analysis<sup>1</sup>  
Critical Areas Updates  
2024 King County Comprehensive Plan**

March 2024

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<sup>1</sup> In response to King County Comprehensive Plan Policy I-207 and King County Code (K.C.C.) 20.18.030 requirements for an analysis of proposed policy changes.

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<b>Chapter 3 Rural Areas and Natural Resource Lands</b>						
R-306	<p>A residential density of one home per 10 acres shall be applied in the Rural Area where:</p> <p>a. The lands are adjacent to or within one-quarter mile of designated <del>((Agricultural Production Districts, the Forest Production District or legally approved long-term mineral resource extraction sites))</del> <u>Natural Resource Lands; ((or))</u></p> <p>b. The lands contain significant environmentally constrained areas as defined by county <del>((ordinance, policy or federal or)), state, or federal law((,-or regionally significant resource areas or substantial critical habitat as determined by legislatively approved ((basin plans or)) Watershed Resource Inventory Area Plans)); ((and)) or</del> <u>((The predominant lot size is greater than or equal to 10 acres in size))</u> <u>A residential density of one home per five acres would harm or diminish the surrounding area, burden infrastructure, increase development pressure, or be inconsistent with the development patterns promoted by the Comprehensive Plan.</u></p>	Substantive change	<p>To reflect proposed Comp Plan repeal of basin plans, where regionally and locally significant resource areas are designated.</p> <p>WRIA plans identify strategies and potential project sites, and make recommendations (in some cases), for levels of riparian protection. But the plans do not contain maps that could serve as the basis for a zoning density</p>	No effect; this reflects current practice	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Regulatory</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: commensurate proposed updates to K.C.C. Title 20</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>
R-308	<p>A residential density of one home per five acres shall be applied in the Rural Area where:</p> <p>a. <u>The lands are more than one-quarter mile away from designated Natural Resource Lands;</u></p> <p>b. <u>The lands <del>((is))</del> are physically suitable for development with minimal, environmentally sensitive features as defined by county, state, or federal law<del>((,-regionally significant resource areas; or critical habitat as determined by legislatively ((adopted watershed based)) approved Watershed Resource Inventory Area plans));</del> and</u></p> <p><del>((b. Development can be supported by rural services;</del></p> <p>e. <del>The land does not meet the criteria in this plan for lower density designations; and</del></p> <p>d. <del>The predominant lot size is less than 10 acres.))</del></p> <p>c. <u>This residential density would not harm or diminish the surrounding area, burden infrastructure, increase development pressure, and be inconsistent with the development patterns promoted by the Comprehensive Plan.</u></p>	Substantive change	<p>To reflect proposed Comp Plan repeal of basin plans, where regionally and locally significant resource areas are designated.</p> <p>WRIA plans identify strategies and potential project sites, and make recommendations (in some cases), for levels of riparian protection. But the plans do not contain maps that could serve as the basis for a zoning density</p>	No effect; this reflects current practice	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Regulatory</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: commensurate proposed updates to K.C.C. Title 20</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> Black text reflects the transmitted version of the proposed 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update, which was sent to Council in December 2023. Underlined text is proposed text to be added. Text with ~~((strikethroughs))~~ is existing text that is proposed to be removed. Red text shows new proposed Best Available Science-driven and critical areas-related changes, including updates to the proposed 2024 KCCP Update changes. Text that is both underlined and stricken was originally proposed to be added in the 2024 KCCP Proposed Ordinance and is now proposed to be not added by the new critical areas changes.

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R-325	Golf facilities shall be permitted as a conditional use in the RA-2.5 and RA-5 zones and when located outside of Rural Forest Focus Areas( <del>(, Regionally Significant Resource Areas and Locally Significant Resource Areas(, as a conditional use, in the RA-2.5 and RA-5 zones)).</del> ).	Substantive change	To reflect proposed Comp Plan repeal of basin plans, where regionally and locally significant resource areas are designated.	No effect; this reflects current practice	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Programmatic</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>
R-671	King County <del>regulations</del> should <del>((use pilot or demonstration projects and multi-agency collaboration to develop a new suite of practices that will))</del> provide <del>((options))</del> to manage alluvial fans regulatory pathways for landowners <del>((whose existing operations, residences, or infrastructure are affected))</del> to protect existing residences and agricultural operations that are threatened by alluvial fan <del>((deposits))</del> hazards. These pathways should provide timely <del>((and cost-effective))</del> emergency relief from debris and <del>((the associated changes to the))</del> watercourse <del>((along with))</del> changes, as well as long-term multi-benefit solutions that consider: reduction of alluvial fan hazard risks; protection of <del>((intact))</del> functional fish habitat; and restoration of degraded fish habitat within these areas.	Substantive change	To support development of code based on BAS that protect specific types of existing (but not new) development, in keeping with the managed retreat approach.	Add associated implementing code updates that provide a pathway for protect existing residences and agricultural operations threatened by alluvial fan hazards.	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Regulatory</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>
<b>Chapter 5 Environment</b>						
<del>((E-107</del>	<del>Regulations to prevent unmitigated significant adverse environmental impacts should be based on the importance and sensitivity of the resource.))</del>	Substantive change	No longer consistent with the requirement that development regulations cause no net loss of functions and values in WAC 365-196-830.	Together with regulations and County programs, actions supporting no net loss of ecological functions and values	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Regulatory</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>
E-108	King County may exercise its substantive authority under the State Environmental Policy Act to condition or deny proposed actions <del>((in order))</del> to mitigate associated individual or cumulative impacts, such as significant habitat modification or degradation, that may <del>((actually kill, injure, or harm))</del> significantly impact federally or state listed endangered, threatened <del>((or endangered)),</del> sensitive, or candidate species or King County Species of Local Importance and Habitats of Local Importance by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, spawning, rearing, migrating, or sheltering.	Clarification of existing intent	Updated terms to be consistent with WAC 365-190-130.	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>
E-109	King County should promote efficient provision of utilities and public services by exempting minor activities from its critical areas regulations, if: a. <del>((t))</del> The agency <del>((has an approved))</del> develops a best management practice plan that is based on best available science, accounts for no net loss of ecological functions and values, and is approved by King County <del>((:));</del> and b. <del>((t))</del> The plan ensures that proposed projects that may	Clarification of existing intent.	Updated terms to be consistent with WAC 365-190-130.	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>

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	affect habitat of <u>federally or state listed endangered, threatened, sensitive, or candidate species or King County Species of Local Importance</u> be carried out in a manner that protects the resource or mitigates adverse impacts <u>to ensure no net loss of ecological functions and values.</u>					
E-112a	The protection of lands where development would pose hazards to health and safety, property, important ecological functions or environmental quality shall be achieved through acquisition, enhancement, incentive programs, and appropriate regulations. The following critical areas are particularly susceptible and shall be protected in King County, <u>including, but not limited to, through designation of specific critical area buffers:</u> a. <del>((Floodways of 100-year floodplains;</del> b. <del>Slopes with a grade of 40((%)) percent or more or landslide hazards that cannot be mitigated;</del> c. <del>Wetlands and their protective buffers;</del> d. <del>Aquatic areas, including streams, lakes, marine shorelines and their protective buffers;</del> e. <del>Channel migration hazard areas;</del> f. <del>Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas;</del> g. <del>Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas; and</del> h. <del>Volcanic hazard areas)) <u>Critical aquifer recharge areas;</u>  <u>b. Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas;</u>  <u>c. Flood hazard areas;</u>  <u>d. Geologically hazardous areas; and</u>  <u>e. Wetlands.</u></del>	Clarification of existing intent.	Updated to align with GMA definition of critical areas, as the header for this section is about the GMA.  Buffers are specifically called out as one of the key tools to address regulatory protection of the listed critical areas.	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>
<del>((E-215bb))</del> E-223	King County <del>((should))</del> shall develop and implement regulations that help mitigate and build <del>((resiliency))</del> resilience to the anticipated impacts of climate change, based on best available information. Such impacts <u>could</u> include: sea level rise <del>((:));</del> changes in rainfall patterns and flood volumes and frequencies <del>((:));</del> changes in average and extreme temperatures and weather <del>((:));</del> <u>impacts to slope stability, including increasing and more intense landslides and alluvial fan hazards;</u> impacts to forests, including increased wildfires <del>((:));</del> droughts <del>((and pest infiltrations));</del> <u>disease;</u> and insect attacks. Methods could include mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, establishing sea level rise regulations, <u>managing existing and limiting new development in floodplains,</u> and/or strengthening forests ability to withstand impacts.	Clarification of existing intent.	Updated to acknowledge the connection between climate change-driven weather events and landslides and alluvial fans.	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>
<del>((E-215e))</del> E-229	King County should collaborate with the scientific community, state and federal agencies, and other jurisdictions to develop detailed, science-based estimates of the magnitude and timing of climate change, <u>including</u> impacts on air temperatures and heat waves,	Clarification of existing intent.	Updated to acknowledge the connection between climate change-driven weather events and landslides and alluvial fans.	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>

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E-418	King County should assess the: a. <del>(#)</del> Relative scarcity and sensitivity of different land types, habitats, and resources, the role of these land types, habitats, and resources in supporting <u>federally or state listed endangered, threatened, sensitive, or candidate species and King County Species of Local Importance and Habitats of Local Importance(,)</u> ; and b. <del>(the+)</del> Level of threat to these land types, habitats, and resources in terms of habitat modifications that would likely reduce populations of <del>(sensitive)</del> these species.	Technical change.	Updated terms to be consistent with WAC 365-190-130.	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>
E-423	New development, erosion control projects, and <u>critical area mitigation and restoration of stream banks, lakes, shorelines, and wetlands</u> should, where possible, incorporate native plant communities into the site plan, both through preservation of existing native plants and addition of new native plants. Introductions of non-native invasive plant, vertebrate, and invertebrate species should be avoided <u>in terrestrial, freshwater, and marine environs.</u>	Clarification of existing intent.	Streamlined and clarified.	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>
E-425	To protect or improve adjacent wetlands and aquatic habitats, <del>(stream and)</del> <u>riparian area, wetland buffer, and setback</u> requirements may be increased to protect King County <del>(s)</del> Species of Local Importance and their habitats, as appropriate. Whenever possible, density transfers, clustering, and buffer averaging should be allowed.	Technical change.	Updated to reflect 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>
E-429	King County should provide incentives, <u>such as providing technical assistance or access to appropriate plants</u> , for private landowners who are seeking to remove invasive plants and noxious weeds and replace them with native <u>and/or climate-smart plants(, such as providing technical assistance or access to appropriate native plants)</u> .	Substantive change.	Updated to reflect the current climate context. King County is producing a "Climate-smart Plants" reference list. This list will be a companion to existing County native plant list resources. This list will expand the plants allowed for use in efforts like restoration projects.	To improve resiliency in a changing climate.	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Regulatory and programmatic</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>
E-432	King County shall designate the following areas as Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas: a. Areas with which federal or state listed endangered, threatened <del>(or)</del> , sensitive, <u>or candidate</u> species have a primary association; b. Habitats of Local Importance and <del>(H)</del> habitats for Species of Local Importance, <u>including Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas;</u>	Clarification of existing intent	The original list in the policy is based on the WAC, and the critical areas the County specifically regulates encompass or are encompassed by the original list, but with different terminologies and/or structure; so incorporating terminology used in the WAC into this list makes it clearer how they fit	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>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Wildlife habitat networks designated by the ((e))County;</li> <li>d. <u>Aquatic areas</u>;</li> <li>e. Commercial and recreational shellfish areas;</li> <li><del>((e-))</del> f. Kelp and eelgrass beds;</li> <li><del>((f-))</del> g. Herring, smelt, and sand lance spawning areas;</li> <li><del>((g-))</del> h. Riparian (<del>((corridors))</del>) <u>areas</u>; and</li> <li><del>((h-))</del> i. State aquatic reserves.</li> </ul>		into the WAC structure.				
E-435	<p>King County designates the following to be Species of Local Importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Salmonids and other anadromous fish – Kokanee salmon, Sockeye/red salmon, Chum salmon, Coho/silver salmon, Pink salmon, Coastal resident/searun cutthroat trout, Rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, <u>Western river lamprey</u>, and Pacific lamprey;</li> <li>b. Native Freshwater Mussels – Western pearlshell mussel, Oregon (<del>((and western))</del>) floater, and western ridge mussel;</li> <li>c. Shellfish – Dungeness crab, Pandalid shrimp, <del>((Goosdick))</del> <u>Butter clam</u>, <u>Littleneck clam</u>, and <del>((Pacific))</del> <u>Olympia oyster</u>;</li> <li>d. Marine Fish – White sturgeon(<del>((?))</del>); Pacific herring(<del>((?))</del>); Longfin smelt(<del>((?))</del>); Surfsmelt(<del>((?))</del>); Lingcod(<del>((?))</del>); <u>Pacific cod</u>; Pacific sand lance(<del>((?))</del>); <u>Yelloweye</u>, <u>Brown</u>, <u>Copper</u>, <u>Bocaccio</u>, <u>Canary</u>, and <u>Quillback Rockfish</u>; English sole(<del>((?))</del>); and <u>Southern ((R))rock sole</u>;</li> <li>e. Birds – <u>Marbled Murrelet</u>, Western grebe, <u>Caspian Tern</u>, <u>Pigeon Guillemot</u>, <u>Pelagic Cormorant</u>, American bittern, Great blue heron, <u>Common Loon</u>, <u>Western High Arctic Brant</u>, Harlequin duck, <u>Bufflehead</u>, Wood duck, Hooded merganser, Barrow’s goldeneye, Common goldeneye, Cinnamon teal, Tundra swan, Trumpeter swan, Surf scoter, White-winged scoter, Black scoter, <u>Bald Eagle</u>, <u>Golden Eagle</u>, <u>Peregrine Falcon</u>, <u>Northern Goshawk</u>, Osprey, <u>Spotted Owl</u>, Western screech-owl, Sooty grouse, <u>Pacific coast ((B))Band-tailed pigeon</u>, Belted kingfisher, <del>((Hairy woodpecker,))</del> Olive-sided flycatcher, Western meadowlark, Cassin’s finch, <u>Oregon Vesper Sparrow</u>, <u>Red-eyed Vireo</u>, <u>Purple Martin</u>, <u>Vaux’s Swift</u>, <del>((and))</del> <u>Purple finch</u>, <u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</u>, <u>Black-backed Woodpecker</u>, <u>American three-toed woodpecker</u>, <u>Hairy woodpecker</u>, <u>Pileated woodpecker</u>, and the following bird concentrations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Waterfowl Concentrations (Anatidae excluding Canada Geese in urban areas); and</u></li> <li><u>Western Washington nonbreeding concentrations of plovers (Charadriidae), sandpipers (Scolopacidae), and phalaropes (Phalaropodidae);</u></li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Clarification of existing intent	Updated list of species to be based on current science and state guidelines.	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>

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<p>f. <u>Mammals – American marten, (<del>mink</del>) Wolverine, Fisher, Gray wolf, Cascade red fox, Douglas squirrel, Northern flying squirrel, Townsend’s chipmunk, Hoary marmot, (<del>Columbian black-tailed deer</del>), Roosevelt (<del>E</del>)elk (<del>in their historic range</del>), mountain goat, Pika, Townsend’s big-eared bat, roosting concentrations of Big-brown bats, Pallid bats, (<del>and</del>) Myotis bats, Killer whale (Orca), Gray whale, Dall’s and Harbor porpoise, Harbor seal, Stellar sea lions, and concentrations of California sea lions;</u></p> <p>g. <u>Amphibians – Red-legged frog, Larch Mountain salamander, Oregon spotted frog, and Western toad;</u></p> <p>h. <u>Reptiles – Western fence lizard and Northwestern pond turtle;</u></p> <p>i. <u>Rare Plants – (<del>bristly sedge; Canadian St. John’s wort; clubmoss-cassiope; Oregon goldenaster; toothed wood fern; Vancouver ground-cone; and white-top aster</del>) Tall bugbane, Triangular-lobed moonwort, Western moonwort, Stalked moonwort, Harvest brodiaea Alaska harebell, Few-flowered sedge, Long-styled sedge, Clubmoss mountain-heather, Golden paintbrush, Weak thistle, Spleenwort-leaved goldthread, Tree clubmoss, Spotted Joe-pye weed, Kamchatka fritillary, Swamp gentian, Oregon goldenweed, Large St. Johns'-wort, Pacific peavine, Water lobelia, Northern bog clubmoss, One-cone clubmoss, White meconella, Branched montia, Old field blue toadflax, Brewer’s cliffbrake, Whitebark pine, Choriso’s bog-orchid, Columbia white-topped aster, and Flat-leaved bladderwort; and</u></p> <p>j. <u>(<del>High-quality ecological communities – Douglas fir – Pacific Madrone / Salal; Douglas fir – Western Hemlock / Swordfern; Forested Sphagnum Bog-PTN, Low Elevation Freshwater Wetland PTN, North Pacific Herbaceous Bald and Bluff, Red Alder Forest; Western Hemlock – (Western Redcedar) / Bog Labrador tea / Sphagnum Spp.; Western Hemlock – (Western Redcedar) / Devil’s club / Swordfern; Western Hemlock – (Western Redcedar) / Sphagnum Spp.; Western Hemlock / Swordfern – Foamflower; Western Redcedar – Western Hemlock / Skunkcabbage; and Willow Spp. Shrubland [Provisional]]]) Other invertebrates – Blue gray tailedropper, Hatch’s click beetle, Beller’s ground beetle, Pacific clubtail, Western bumblebee, Johnson’s hairstreak, and Valley silverspot.</del></u></p>					

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E-437 King County shall designate the following to be Habitats of Local Importance: a. Caves; b. Cliffs; c. <del>((Talus))</del> <u>Herbaceous balds</u> ; d. Old-growth forest; e. <del>((Sphagnum-dominated peat bogs))</del> <u>Oregon white oak woodlands</u> ; <del>((and))</del> f. Snag-rich areas; g. <u>Sphagnum-dominated peat bogs</u> ; h. <u>Talus</u> ; and i. <u>Westside prairie</u> .	Clarification of existing intent	Updated list of habitats to be based on current science and state guidelines.	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal (Regulatory (K.C.C.), Capital Project, and/or Programmatic)</li> <li>If a "shall" policy and implementation is regulatory, description of proposed regulations</li> <li>If a "shall" policy and implementation is capital project and/or programmatic, are additional resources needed?</li> <li>If a "shall" policy and implementation is capital project and/or programmatic, anticipated timeline for implementation</li> </ul>
<del>((E-474 Development adjacent to wetlands shall be sited such that wetland functions and values are protected, an adequate buffer around the wetlands is provided, and significant adverse impacts to wetlands are prevented.))</del>	Clarification of existing intent	This is a state requirement and does not need to be a policy	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>
E-475 To improve adjacent wetlands, <u>riparian areas</u> , and aquatic habitat, areas of native vegetation that connect wetland complexes should be protected. <del>((Whenever effective))</del> <u>Where appropriate</u> , incentive programs such as buffer averaging, density credit transfers, or appropriate non-regulatory mechanisms shall be used for this purpose.	Clarification of existing intent.	Updated to use current terminology and clearer language.	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>
E-478 Public access to <u>King County-owned</u> wetlands for scientific, recreational, and traditional cultural use <del>((is desirable, providing that))</del> <u>should be encouraged if</u> : a. <del>((P))</del> <u>Public access trails are carefully sited</u> <del>((;))</del> ; b. <u>Protection is provided for critical areas; federally and state listed endangered, threatened, sensitive, and candidate</u> <del>((habitats and))</del> <u>species and their habitats; and King County Species of Local Importance and Habitats of Local Importance</u> <del>((are protected.))</del> ; and c. <del>((h))</del> <u>Hydrologic continuity is maintained.</u>	Clarification of existing intent.	Clarifying changes to: to speak to what is in County-role/authority; reorient to policy direction, rather than a statement; and use updated terms to be consistent with WAC 365-190-130.	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>
<del>((E-482 A small Category IV wetland that is less than 2,500 square feet and that is not part of a wetland complex may be altered to move functions to another wetland as part of an approved mitigation plan that is consistent with E-483 and E-484.))</del>	Substantive change	BAS is clear that small wetlands especially in urban areas are important. The research indicates that a broader approach to protecting wildlife such as mammals, birds and amphibians is needed, as buffers alone may not prevent the populations of many species from declining. Wetlands located in urban areas are generally less common and are more impacted by adjacent light and noise pollution, often	Category IV wetlands smaller than 2,500 square feet will now be protected consistent with BAS.	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned implementation of proposal: Regulatory</li> <li>Description of proposed regulations: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated resource need: n/a</li> <li>Anticipated timeline: n/a</li> </ul>



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		contain non-native and invasive plant species, and lack intact vegetated corridors or habitat patches connecting adjacent habitat. Conserving wetland habitats, habitat patches, and vegetated corridors networks in urban areas and throughout the watershed is critical for certain species and provides refuge from drought and increasing temperatures due to climate change.				
E-498a	The existing flood storage and conveyance functions and ecological values of floodplains, wetlands, and riparian <del>((corridors))</del> areas shall be protected, and should <del>((, where possible,))</del> be restored and enhanced <del>((or restored))</del> through integrated actions that provide multiple benefits, such as preservation of open space and adjacent low-density development.	Clarification of existing intent.	Provides additional context for clarity and updated to be consistent with existing practice.	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>
E-499b	River and stream channels, stream outlets, headwater areas, riparian <del>((corridors))</del> areas, and areas where dynamic ecological processes are present should be preserved, protected, and enhanced for their hydraulic, hydrologic, ecologic, and aesthetic functions, including their functions in providing large wood to salmonid bearing streams. <del>((Management of))</del> Actions taken along river and stream channels should <del>((consider other beneficial uses of these water bodies, including recreation))</del> provide multiple benefits, resiliency to climate change, and ensure flood risk reduction actions benefit all communities, especially frontline communities, consistent with equity and racial and social justice goals and the policies of the King County Flood Hazard Management Plan or successor plans.	Technical change.	Updated to use 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>
E-499f	King County should improve the management of alluvial fans by <del>((developing and clarifying definitions of alluvial fans,))</del> mapping the locations of existing alluvial fans <del>((,))</del> and areas at risk of alluvial fan hazards and developing appropriate management strategies, such as development standards and mitigation requirements. Strategies should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Address potential conflicting interests between landowners and natural alluvial fan activities;</u></li> <li><u>Consider climate change;</u></li> <li><del>((p))</del> <u>Protect intact habitat <del>((and))</del>;</u></li> <li><del>((r))</del> <u>Restore degraded habitat <del>((,))</del>; and</u></li> <li><del>((f))</del> <u>Reduce threats to public safety <del>((, and accommodate))</del> in the context of existing land uses. <del>((Best Available Science and ((F))) findings from Alluvial Fan Management Pilot Projects Reports should inform management</del></u></li> </ol>	Substantive change	Clarifies that mapping existing alluvial fans does not include mapping all areas at risk from alluvial fan hazards. Debris flows can occur along steep creeks and drainages that do not have a formed alluvial fan or have had an alluvial fan removed due to erosion.  Added subsections to reflect current climate context and to support a regulatory framework that balances natural processes and human safety.  Removed actions completed by the 2024	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Regulatory</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>

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	<del>strategies for alluvial fans, including potential regulatory changes.)</del>		update.			
E-499i	King County should work with landowners, other jurisdictions, the state Department of Health, sewer districts, and the Puget Sound Partnership to proactively address failing septic systems with a priority in <del>((environmentally))</del> <u>environmental health</u> sensitive areas, <del>((including))</del> <u>critical areas and their buffers, and</u> constrained shoreline environments.	Clarification of existing intent.	Clarifying edits to reflect existing intent	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>
E-499ii	King County <u>should</u> support <del>((s))</del> the coexistence of beavers and people in rural King County. <del>((King County should prepare a beaver management strategy to guide a program on issues such as where and how beavers and humans can co-exist with or without engineered solutions and where beavers should be excluded or removed.))</del>	Clarification of existing intent.	Reoriented to policy direction rather than a statement.	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>
E-499l	King County should seek to support Water Resource Inventory Area salmon recovery plan goals of maintaining intact natural landscapes through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retaining low density land use designations such as Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Area designations;</li> <li>Promoting Current Use Taxation and other incentives;</li> <li>Promoting stewardship programs including development and implementation of Forest Plans<del>((:))</del> <u>and</u> Farm Plans<del>((: and Rural Stewardship Plans));</del></li> <li>Promoting the use of <del>((L))</del>low <del>((H))</del>impact <del>((D))</del>development methods; and</li> <li>Acquiring property or conservation easements in areas of high ecological importance with unique or otherwise significant habitat values.</li> </ol>	Substantive change	Updated to align with proposed repeal of rural stewardship plans in the code.	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Regulatory</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>
<del>((E-499p))</del>	<del>King County shall, in cooperation with the cities, ensure a no net loss of housing capacity that preserves the ability to accommodate adopted growth targets, while pursuing compliance with Endangered Species Act requirements. To achieve this goal, densities shall be increased on buildable lands, consistent with H 110.)</del>	Clarification of existing intent.	Consolidated into I-301 in Chapter 12, which more accurately reflects current terminology, context, and practice.	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>
E-708	King County should implement a <u>monitoring and adaptive management</u> framework <del>((for))</del> <u>to:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Evaluate the effectiveness</u> <del>((monitoring of its critical areas))</del> <u>of County regulations, policies, and programs in achieving no net loss of critical areas functions and</u></li> </ol>	Clarification of existing intent.	Updated to match current terminology and recommendations in BAS report.	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>

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<b>Chapter 6 Shorelines</b>					
<del>((S 607 King County should provide options for property specific technical assistance and tailored applications of shoreline management regulations through Rural Stewardship Plans for single ((family)) detached residential uses in the upland areas of the Rural, Conservancy and Natural Shoreline Environments. Rural Stewardship Plans must be consistent with the goals of the Shoreline Management Act and King County Shoreline Protection and Restoration Plan, and ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological processes and functions.))</del>	Substantive change	To align with proposed repeal of rural stewardship plans in the code.	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planned implementation of proposal:</u> Regulatory</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>
<b>Chapter 12 Implementation, Amendments and Evaluation</b>					
I-301 King County shall: a. <del>Monitor ((and benchmark)), measure, assess, and report on the progress of the ((Countywide Planning Policies and King County)) Comprehensive Plan toward achieving ((their)) its objectives, inclusive of those relating to growth targets, the environment, development patterns, housing needs, the economy, transportation, ((and)) the provision of public services, and health and social equity outcomes of residents((-)); and</del> b. <del>Use results of such monitoring, measurement, assessment, and reporting to ((encourage)) identify implementation actions and inform policy revisions, as appropriate, to achieve the planning objectives found within the Growth Management Act, Countywide Planning Policies, and ((King County)) Comprehensive Plan;</del> c. <del>Use the most current critical areas data available in measurement, assessment, and reporting to promote environmental protection, while maintaining developable capacity to accommodate growth targets and housing needs.</del>	Clarification of existing intent.	To consolidate intent from E-499p and I-505 regarding impact of environmental regulations on housing capacity, while reflecting current terminology, context, and practice.	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>
<del>((I-505 King County shall develop, as a part of the ((buildable lands)) Urban Growth Capacity analysis, a zoning yield and housing production monitoring program to determine whether housing capacity is being lost in the context of compliance with the Endangered Species Act, and shall propose revisions to the Countywide Planning Policies to implement such a program.))</del>	Clarification of existing intent.	Consolidated into I-301, which more accurately reflects current terminology, context, and practice.	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>