

## **EXAMPLE Criteria for Prioritizing Reclaimed Water Uses**

### **Environmental**

- Seek reclaimed water uses that meet a non-potable demand
- Seek reclaimed water uses that extend the life or volume of potable water supplies (e.g. indirect groundwater augmentation).
- Seek find uses that produce multiple benefits (e.g., wetlands maintenance and then ground water recharge).
- Seek uses that address habitat needs of listed and sensitive species and/or habitat identified as a limiting factor.
- Seek reclaimed water uses that will maximize the ability to reduce the amount of effluent discharged to Puget Sound.

### **Public Health**

- Seek reclaimed water uses that have the potential to protect and improve flows, temperatures, or quality of water bodies (e.g., reduce water withdrawals from rivers, streams).

### **Operational**

- Seek reclaimed water uses that support the efficient and safe operation of King County's regional wastewater treatment system.
- Seek find uses that maximize year-round re-use opportunities.
- Seek to serve uses that utilize existing and planned wastewater facilities.

### **Financial**

- Seek reclaimed water uses where cumulative benefits (environmental, social, and financial) are greater than the costs to provide reclaimed water.
- Seek reclaimed water uses that generate revenue to offset reclaimed water costs.
- Seek to develop reclaimed water uses that may help to avoid or postpone the need for identified wastewater capital investments.
- Seek out reclaimed water uses for which multiple funding sources may be available.

### **Community**

- Seek to identify reclaimed water uses that enhance and provide benefits to people in the vicinity of the use.
- Seek reclaimed water uses that minimize construction and operation impacts on the nearby community.
- Seek uses with a known and willing end user with an immediate need
- Seek find reclaimed water uses that help meet the goals of King County plans and initiatives; such as the King County Comprehensive Plan, Climate Plan, Equity and Social Justice Initiative, Rural Initiative, and initiatives to promote and enhance agriculture (e.g., Puget Sound Fresh and Farm Link Programs)
- Seek to identify reclaimed water uses that help meet the Puget Sound Partnership goals to clean up and restore Puget Sound by 2020.