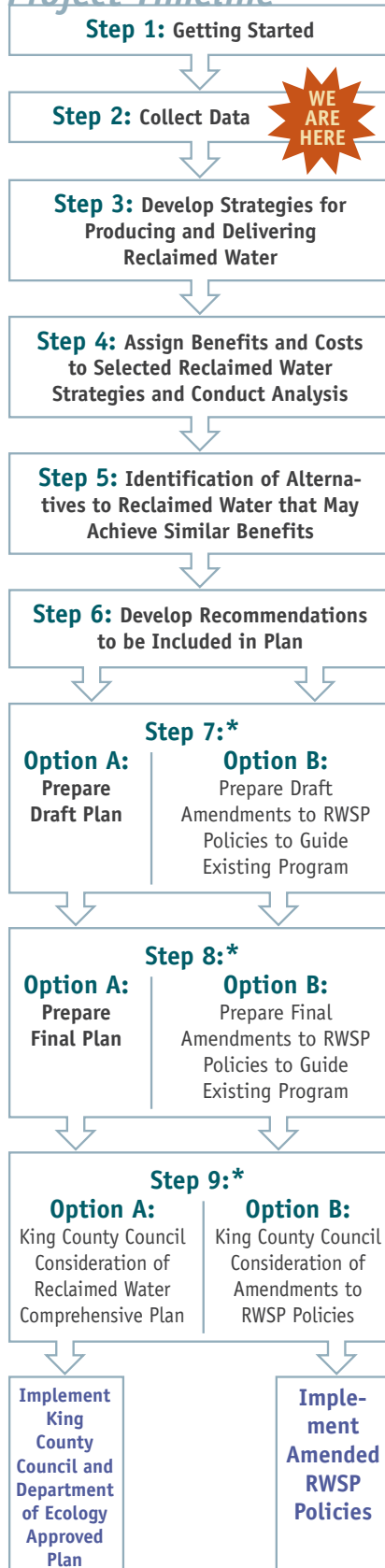


RECLAIMED WATER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

October 19, 2009 Project Update



Project Timeline



Project Highlights

- ◊ Workshop 2 materials available online
- ◊ Draft technical report on identifying potential economic benefits of the production and use of reclaimed water available online
- ◊ **Save the Date!** – Workshop 3 is 9 a.m. – noon on December 10, 2009

King County is developing a Reclaimed Water Comprehensive Plan to determine if, how, when, where and by what funding mechanisms the county should expand its existing reclaimed water program over the next 30 years. King County is committed to providing a thorough, deliberative planning process that engages a broad range of interested parties and individuals.

Workshop 2 Wrap Up

Almost 70 people attended the September 30, 2009 workshop. Discussions at the workshop focused on potential nonpotable consumptive and environmental enhancement uses for reclaimed water that King County staff gathered through meetings with representatives of more than 40 interested parties, Geographic Information Systems data and a review of existing literature. Participants provided important feedback on the data gathering approach and recommended ways to improve the data's quality and identify more potential uses for reclaimed water. King County is preparing a summary of the workshop, which will be shared with interested parties in the coming weeks.

King County appreciates and values your participation. The data collection step of the planning process will be completed this fall, so there is still time for you to share your thoughts and ideas on the potential reclaimed water use information presented at the workshop. Please send any comments on the potential use information by October 30 to:

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Information presented at the workshop is available at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/ReclaimedWater/CompPlan/workshops.aspx>

Now available – King County's technical report on the identification of economic benefits from the production and use of reclaimed water

King County's reclaimed water comprehensive planning process includes an economic analysis of the strategies developed to produce and distribute reclaimed water. This technical report provides an overview of potential economic benefits from the production and use of reclaimed water in the region, and describes the process used to identify, screen and categorize them.

The economic analysis described in the report employs a WaterReuse Foundation tool called "An Economic Framework for Evaluating the Benefits and Costs of Water Reuse" (Framework). The Framework is an economic analysis tool developed specifically for evaluating the benefits and costs of reclaimed water projects to help inform decisions about potential future investments in reclaimed water. One of the Framework's initial steps is to identify the full range of benefits and costs that may be realized through the production and use of reclaimed water. Information on benefits provided in the report will be utilized in later steps of the Framework as the planning process progresses.

Another report on the costs associated with producing and delivering reclaimed water will also be distributed. Both reports will be available prior to the next workshop.

To read the technical report on benefits visit:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/ReclaimedWater/CompPlan/Library>

For more information about the Framework visit:

http://www.watereuse.org/files/images/wrf_03-006-02_Proj_Prof.pdf

Information provided in this report and the costs report (currently being developed) will be one of the main topics at the December 10, 2009 workshop (see below for more information about the workshop). King County welcomes the opportunity to meet with you to hear your thoughts on the potential economic benefits of reclaimed water and the process for identifying them outlined in the memo before to the workshop. If you would like to schedule a meeting on this topic or the planning process in general, please contact Doug Marsano. Doug can be reached via telephone at (206) 684-1235, or via e-mail at doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov.

Save the Date! Workshop 3 is December 10, 2009

King County is holding a series of workshops with interested parties to share information and gather feedback about its reclaimed water planning.

The third workshop is scheduled for December 10, 2009 from 9 a.m. – noon at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Avenue South.

The December 10 workshop will introduce the WaterReuse Foundation's "Economic Framework for Evaluating the Benefits and Costs of Water Reuse", which King County is using to analyze the benefits and costs of increased production and use of reclaimed water. The workshop will also focus on the potential economic benefits from increased production and use of reclaimed water in the region, and present the cost categories associated with achieving those benefits.

Additional details and materials will be sent to interested parties in advance of the workshop. Please contact Reclaimed Water Planning Manager Mark Buscher for more information. Mark can be reached via telephone at (206) 684-1242 or via e-mail at mark.buscher@kingcounty.gov.

For more information about the reclaimed water planning process please visit:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/ReclaimedWater/CompPlan>

Alternative Formats Available

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