

**Proposed 2009 King County Comprehensive Plan Amendments  
Executive Recommended**

**Introduction**

**The King County Comprehensive Plan**

The King County Comprehensive Plan is the guiding policy document for all land use and development regulations in unincorporated King County, and for regional services throughout the County, including transportation, wastewater treatment, parks, trails, and open space. The Comprehensive Plan can only be amended once each year. Every fourth year, during a major update, substantive policy amendments are allowed. Amendments that are technical in nature are allowed during the annual updates. The next major amendment will transpire in 2012. The King County Department of Development and Environmental Services manages the annual updates of the Comprehensive Plan.

**The 2009 Amendments**

In accordance with King County Code (K.C.C.) 20.18, no substantive policy amendments or modifications of the Urban Growth Area are proposed in the 2009 update. There are no proposed changes to individual property land use or zoning designations proposed in the 2009 update.

**Analysis of 2008 Regional Trails Needs Report based on Equity and Social Justice**

The Regional Trails Needs (RTN) Report is a comprehensive list of recommended improvements or additions to complete and upgrade the network of regional trails serving transportation purposes the county 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. When the King County Council approved the 2008 Regional Trails Needs Report, they requested that the Executive staff conduct an analysis of the RTN Report based on equity and social justice. The analysis has been completed and is included in the 2009 update of the KCCP. This analysis concluded that no changes to the 2008 Regional Trails Needs Report are necessary.

**Amendments of the King County Code**

Several amendments of the King County Code related to permit extensions, lot recognition, post card notice of applications, and changes to the zoning code, are proposed. A summary chart and the full text of these amendments are included in the Executive Recommended 2009 King County Comprehensive Plan update transmittal package.

**Final Approval of the 2009 Amendments**

The Executive Recommended 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments were transmitted to the King County Council on March 2, 2009 for their review and approval. Beginning in Spring 2009, the King County Council Physical Environment Committee will review the Executive Recommended amendments. Final adoption of the amendments is expected later this year.

**Where to Review the Amendments**

The amendment document is available for review on our web site at this location:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/codes/growth/CompPlan.aspx>

Copies are also available at the Department of Development and Environmental Services, 900 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton. To request a copy, please send an e-mail to [compplan@kingcounty.gov](mailto:compplan@kingcounty.gov)

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