



Summer 2019

## The Clean Water Conversation

Visit our [online open house](#) to tell us what you think.

Over the next few decades, our region will spend billions of dollars to protect water quality in our rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound. The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks is preparing a [Clean Water Plan](#) so we make the right water quality investments at the right time. King County needs to update its wastewater plan and understand other ways to achieve clean water in the region.

We are having a community conversation about the plan because we want to hear from you on the best ways to make these investments.



### Tell us your clean water priorities at our [online open house](#).

This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the Clean Water Plan and share what's important to you concerning the future of our communities, our health, our environment, and how we use and take care of our water bodies for decades to come.

### When the County hears from everyone, we all benefit.

In [spring and summer 2019](#), we are asking people about their priorities, what trends are important to consider when planning our water quality future, and how they would like to be involved. We want to hear many perspectives, so the Clean Water Conversation is happening [in many forums](#), including these:

- [Interviews](#) with other regional projects and community groups
- Workshops with community members, King County staff experts, and youth
- Advisory group representing regional interests
- Community events and high school career fairs
- Culturally-appropriate engagement led by community-based organizations
- An [online open house](#) with questionnaire
- Questionnaires in multiple languages and advertising targeting those communities
- A [web page](#) and this e-newsletter



## So far, we have heard these priorities – Your input will help us refine this list:

- Protect water quality in rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound
- Protect public health
- Keep sewer and stormwater rates affordable
- Proactively prepare for climate change
- Protect species, like orca and salmon
- Avoid sewage system failures by upgrading aging pipes, pumps, and treatment plants
- Invest in water pollution control upgrades and new technologies
- Ensure benefits and impacts of investments are distributed equitably

What's most important? What's missing? Tell us at the [online open house](#).

## We all have important decisions to make

We're reviewing current and future trends, convening this community conversation and talking to experts in the field. With many pressing water quality priorities, King County needs to make the right investments at the right time for the best water quality outcomes.

## How to get involved:

- Visit our [online open house](#)
- [Get on our email list](#)
- Visit our website [www.kingcounty.gov/cleanwaterplan](http://www.kingcounty.gov/cleanwaterplan)
- Invite us to meet your group or send us an email [cleanwaterplan@kingcounty.gov](mailto:cleanwaterplan@kingcounty.gov)
- [Tour a treatment plant](#)