

King County Councilmember

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District 6

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Living green on the Eastside

As Chair of the King County Utilities and Parks Committee I am often asked what King County is doing to educate citizens about current environmental programs in our county. Here's how King County and some of our private partners make it easier for you to preserve our environment.

Puget Sound Energy will help you ensure that your home is using sustainable energy. With their Puget Sound Green Power Program, you can purchase "green energy" to reduce carbon emissions. The slight increase in fees goes directly to the purchase of sustainable energy sources such as wind and solar power. To learn more about green energy, go to www.pse.com or call 1-800-562-1482.

Recycling food and yard waste will reduce the more than 137,000 tons of compostable materials that reach our landfills every year. That means the average suburban family is throwing away 40 pounds every week that could be recycled into



Living Green can help preserve urban oases such as this one in our district.

What is your carbon footprint?

Try the "Carbon Calculator" now available at the City of Kirkland's website and click on "What's your earth impact?":

www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/kirklandgreen

compost! Find out how you can help us reduce the volume of food and yard waste by visiting www.metrokc.gov/dnpr/swd/ or by contacting these recycling service providers directly:

- **Allied Waste Services**, www.disposal.com, 206-332-7700
- **Cedar Grove Composting**, www.cedar-grove.com, 877-764-5748
- **Waste Management**, www.wm.com, 800-592-9995

Green buildings make economic sense as well as environmental sense. At King County we are utilizing recycling techniques to increase water and energy resources. Also, our new county office building was built with a roof designed to capture and recycle rain water. Thousands of dollars are saved each year by using this water for sinks, toilets and other grey water needs. King County is also using tubing in our landfills to capture the methane gas produced as a byproduct of the composting process.

Dear Neighbor,

2008 holds a number of challenges for the King County Council. Besides the demands of the first major in-depth review of its Comprehensive Land Use Plan in four years, other issues of note will need resolution before we can successfully put "mission accomplished" to 2008. Many of you live in the unincorporated area north of Kirkland and the City will be making decisions on potential annexation that will affect the future of your community. New financial forecasts indicate that we may once again face a \$40 M to 70M budget deficit when we begin work on the County's 2009 budget. Transportation issues are also at the top of our priority list for 2008, including the 520 bridge replacement and the future of the Burlington Northern rail line as a corridor that could support both an expanded trail system and commuter rail to serve residents of the Eastside. As we work through these issues, I look forward to working with the constituents of District 6 and to representing your interests on issues that affect the quality of life within your community.

Sincerely,

Jane Hague

We can help you make your home more efficient and environmentally sound. Visit www.metrokc.gov/dnpr/swd/greenbuilding/residential/built-green.asp to discover more about green certification for residential housing!

At King County we are committed to preserving our environment in efficient ways. We are a national trend setter for our recycling programs that include building materials, food, yard waste and even water. With the help of our private sector partners, we can make a difference!



Councilmember Hague checks out the latest advances in recycling techniques.

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Right: Megan Drews with family and Councilmember Hague. Megan's winning entry of "Chinook" named the County's new, green building.



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Left: The farmers market in downtown Kirkland, and Councilmember Hague making purchases.

Local farmers markets are beginning for the summer

Suburban Eastside residents support King County agriculture and for years, have driven out into the rural county in order to buy directly from our farmers. Recently, however, many of those farmers are bringing their fresh produce into our cities to sell at local farmers markets. I strongly support the proliferation of these markets and applaud them for providing easier access to fresh farm produce.

The kitchen is a place to express a love of healthy foods and a way to spend quality time with your friends and family. Any great chef will tell you, the secret to excellent meals is in the ingredients and there are no better ingredients than the produce at your local farmer's markets. Please visit soon! I'll see you there.

Bellevue Farmers Market

www.bellevuefarmersmarket.org
May 15th to October 9th
Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m.
1717 Bellevue Way NE
First Presbyterian parking lot

Crossroads Farmers Market

May 27th to October 7th
May 7th (?) 2 to 7 p.m.
Crossroads Shopping Center parking lot, just south of Circuit City

Friday Night Market at Juanita Beach

June 1st to October 5th
Fridays, 3 to 7 pm
9703 NE Juanita Dr, at Juanita Beach, Kirkland

Kirkland

www.kirklandwednesdaymarket.org
Starting May 7th
Wednesdays, 2 to 7 p.m.
Park Lane between 3rd Ave and Main St. in downtown Kirkland

Redmond

redmondsaturdaymarket.homestead.com
May 3rd to October 25th
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
7730 Leary Way, at the northwest corner of Redmond Town Center.

King County Council to review Comprehensive Plan

This year the King County Council will be undergoing an extensive review of the King County Comprehensive Plan (Complan). A major re-write of the Complan, with many new policies, has been submitted to the Council by the King County Executive. The four year review also permits an examination of specific requests for zoning changes, changes in the urban growth boundary, and other issues brought forward by individual landowners.

Because of the complexity of the recommended Complan changes, Council review will extend through October 6, 2008. Two to three dedicated Growth Management and Natural Resource Committee meetings a month will be scheduled as well as public hearings in the community and hearings during committee and Council meetings. The Council has a dedicated website for its Comprehensive Plan Review which can be accessed at: www.kingcounty.gov/council/comprehensive_plan.aspx. On this site can be found draft text, staff reports, meeting and hearing dates and regular updates.

As a member of the Complan Leadership team, my highest priority as we review these proposed changes will be to consider impacts on housing costs within King County and overall economic impact. With increasing numbers of our young families unable to enter the housing market, examining issues on the basis of their regulatory costs will be a paramount concern.