



- U9** Consider short-term and long-term external environmental impacts and costs in the acquisition of new resources.
- U10** In meeting the demand for electric power, strive for no net increase in City contributions to greenhouse gas emissions by relying first on energy efficiency, second on renewable resources, and, when fossil fuel use is necessary, taking actions that offset the release of greenhouse gases such as planting trees or using alternative fuel vehicles.
- U11** Encourage waste reduction and cost-effective reuse and recycling by residents, businesses and City employees through education, incentives and increased availability of recycling options.
- U12** Pursue the long-term goal of diverting 100% of the city's solid waste from disposal by maximizing recycling, reducing consumption, and promoting products that are made to be reused, repaired or recycled back into nature or the marketplace.
- U13** Work regionally to improve programs and management strategies designed to prevent and reduce contamination of street runoff and storm water from all sources.
- U14** Provide information to businesses and the community about the importance and methods of controlling the release of contaminants into storm drains.
- U15** Strive to correct instances of combined sewer overflows by prioritizing remedial action according to the frequency and volume of the overflows and the sensitivity of the locations where the overflows occur.
- U16** Work cooperatively with King County to identify and expeditiously address combined sewer overflows for which the County maintains responsibility.

- U17** Coordinate with state and federal agencies to reduce illegal discharges into water by both permitted and non-permitted sources.

**utility facility siting & design discussion**

Public input in facility siting and design is a critical part of the business of City utilities. The following policies address siting and design of utility facilities in the city.

**utility facility siting & design policies**

- U18** Work with neighborhood and community representatives in siting utility facilities.
- U19** Continue to subject all above-grade City utility capital improvement projects to review by the Seattle Design Commission.
- U20** Consider opportunities for incorporating accessible open space in the siting and design of City utility facilities.

**utility relationships discussion**

Coordination of activities among utilities operating in the city can result in additional public benefits. The following policies address road and right-of-way maintenance and the operation of non-City utilities in Seattle.

**utility relationships policies**

- U21** Provide timely and effective notification to other interested utilities of planned road and right-of-way trenching, maintenance, and upgrade activities.
- U22** Promote the City's goals of environmental stewardship, social equity, economic development, and the protection of public health in the operation of non-City utilities providing service in Seattle.

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