

# King County 30-Year Forest Plan

## Forests for our Future

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King County's 2015 Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) calls for a 30-year plan to maintain and enhance the county's tree cover. The purpose of the 30-Year Forest Plan is to develop a shared vision of priorities and goals associated with tree canopy, forest cover, and forest health in King County to achieve over the next 30 years. The plan will help ensure that county forests continue to play a role in mitigating impacts of climate change, while also helping to guide the county towards strategies that allow us to meet multiple goals as we expand and enhance forest and tree cover.

### Developing the Plan

We want to have a regional discussion about priorities and goals so that the plan meets multiple needs.

- First, we will collect input from a range of partners and stakeholders, including cities, nonprofits, and community members, to better understand their priorities related to tree cover and forest health.
- Then, we will map out approaches to achieve those goals. With a clearer sense of priority outcomes, we can identify the best strategies to meet them, such as tree planting to expand forest canopy, restoration activities in existing forests, and other actions that expand or enhance forest cover county-wide.

This conversation will highlight opportunities to improve forest cover and health throughout the county by:

- creating a shared understanding of priority outcomes for rural and urban forests;
- focusing forestry strategies on projects that meet multiple benefits, with a focus on the benefits that are identified as the highest priorities; and
- informing how King County prioritizes actions on its own forest lands.

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### Forests provide a range of benefits, including:

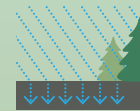


Storing carbon and providing climate benefits.

Improving water and air quality, which have environmental and human health benefits.



Offering a shady respite that cools streams and sidewalks.



Reducing stormwater runoff.



Enhancing salmon and other wildlife habitat.

Supplying scenic beauty.



Providing wood and non-timber products.



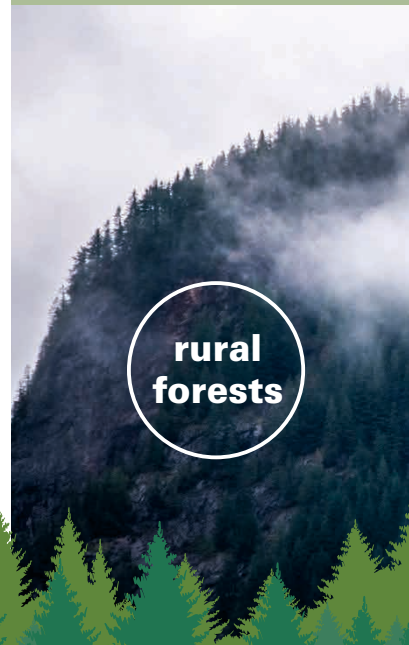
Providing cultural resources and supporting cultural heritage and historic values.



Hosting recreational opportunities.



**We will collect input to understand which benefits are the highest priorities and develop strategies to enhance those benefits.**



**King County**

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*The 30-Year Forest Plan will outline priorities, goals, and strategies for urban and rural forests.*

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## 30-Year Forest Plan Development Timeline



## Share Your Thoughts!

Through our engagement process, we will focus on two broad questions: “What do we want?” and “How do we get there?” As part of this process, we’d like to hear your thoughts.

- What are the most important benefits, functions, and values our forests provide?
- What strategies and tactics will be most successful to increase forest canopy and keep forests healthy?
- Where should we focus?
- Who should be involved?

## Want more info?

Visit our website and sign up to receive email updates about the 30-Year Plan:

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