

Get informed, get involved! Help design south King County's newest recycling and waste transfer station

King County's Solid Waste Division is moving forward on a plan for a new recycling and waste transfer station in south King County, and community members are invited to learn about the project and share their input on facility design.

The new facility will replace the aging Algona Transfer Station with a larger, easy-to-use facility that will make recycling, yard waste, garbage, and hazardous waste disposal more convenient for south county communities.

King County is excited to bring a modern facility and more recycling opportunities to the community, and wants to hear from the public to make sure the station reflects community needs.

People are invited to an open house on the South King County Recycling and Transfer Station Project, which will take place at Algona City Hall, located at 200 Washington Blvd in Algona, on Weds., Dec. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. People can also submit a letter of interest to be part of a Design Advisory Group, or DAG, which will meet quarterly in 2019.

The project website at kingcounty.gov/south-county offers information on the project, and how to stay informed and involved during design and beyond.

The new station will be built at 35101 West Valley Highway South in Algona, next door to the current station. When it's completed in 2023, it will include new recycling services that are currently unavailable at the current transfer station. New features will also include:

- Larger unloading areas to decrease customer wait times
- Safe and convenient drop off of household hazardous waste
- A fully enclosed transfer building that will minimize noise, odor, and dust
- Road, sidewalk, and utility improvements on West Valley Highway South

The need for a new facility was identified in 2007 during a regional, multi-year planning effort led the King County Council, which approved the plan to replace the Algona Transfer Station.

In 2012, the Solid Waste Division began a siting process for a new facility, and for the next few years conducted a community outreach effort including, the formation of a Siting Advisory Committee, many open houses, and environmental review. In February 2017, the site was chosen as the location for the new facility.

The county is now focused on facility design now through 2020, and seeks public input so the new station reflects community needs and values.

Meanwhile, King County encourages people to learn more by visiting the project website at kingcounty.gov/south-county. For additional information or to express interest in joining the Design Advisory Group, please contact project manager Andrea Clinkscales 206-263-2050, andrea.clinkscales@kingcounty.gov.

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