



## Re+ Pledge

Climate Change is an urgent challenge, with far-reaching current and future impacts to our environment, public health, and economy. King County's Re+ program aims to divert recoverable material from the landfill which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to a circular economy. Based on the 2019 Waste Characterization study up to 70% of what ends up in our landfill could be composted, reused and recycled. Reclaiming these items and repurposing them through recycling or composting will help us reach King County's zero waste goals.

Implementing Re+ will ensure that we are keeping true to our commitments to reduce climate impacts, conserve resources, and create a healthier environment for our communities by keeping valuable materials out of the landfill and in use as long as possible.

Re+ is a roadmap for making that change.

Our approach aims to reinvent the current waste management system to be more resilient, equitable, and cost-effective through strategies necessary to meet our 2030 goal of zero food waste and zero waste of reusable resources.

Key actions include identifying new ways of processing organics and recycling, developing recycling markets for organics, paper and plastic, and a community panel to engage historically underrepresented and adversely impacted community members to help guide future outcomes. These new markets will create local jobs in the private sector, help build the green economy and ensure a just and equitable impact on the members of our community.

Re+ builds on the important work that many of our partners, including cities, the Port of Seattle, businesses, non-profits, community members, and the County are already doing to reduce contributions to climate change.

WHEREAS, climate change is an urgent challenge, with far-reaching current and future impacts to our environment, public health, and economy; and

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated globally from the production, transport, use, and disposal of goods, foods, and services consumed in King County are a major part of our communities' climate footprint and are more than locally generated GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, King County and K4C partners are measuring, reporting, and developing new strategies to reduce consumption-related GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Re+ effort will help focus our joint effort and responsibility to make progress toward reducing local GHG emissions by increasing waste prevention and recycling, laying the foundation for developing a circular economy; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the success of Re+ will require collaboration between King County, local jurisdictions, tribes, businesses, community-based organizations, and others; and

WHEREAS, the Re+ Program is consistent with, consolidates, and accelerates progress towards achieving the approved goals and strategies of the 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan, the 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, and the Joint Climate Action Commitment of the King County Cities Climate Collaborative (K4C) in relation to the County's zero-waste goals; and

WHEREAS, we will work with the County to identify ways to enhance our efforts to achieve the vision of Re+ with implementation support from the County including competitive grants, model language for countywide program and policy implementation, and technical support; and

WHEREAS, as a core component of this important work we must engage in ways that are fair, equitable and inclusive for those who are historically under-represented and have been disproportionately impacted by the status quo in our communities.

Now, therefore, we pledge our support for the shared vision that Re+ represents and look forward to collaborating to see this vision become reality.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by

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*Name, Title*

on behalf of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jurisdiction

#### Mission

**Reducing** single use items  
**Reusing** everything that can be  
**Recycling** what's left  
**Renewing** communities  
**Rethinking** what's possible

#### Vision

Healthy, safe, and thriving communities  
in a waste-free King County



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