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## MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission  
From: Emily Arteche, Director  
Karla Boughton, Perteet  
Date: December 4, 2023  
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update – Introduction to Environment Element

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The Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) requires King County and cities within King County to update their comprehensive plans on or before December 31, 2024. The environment chapter (sometimes referred to as an “element”) is not a required element but provides the policy framework for the critical areas ordinance and is an important element to the City.

At the December 4, 2023 meeting, staff and consultant Perteet will present an overview of the environment chapter, and its requirements under GMA.

The Environment Goals and Policies are expected to be first presented at the Commission’s January 2, 2024 meeting.