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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission
From: Emily Arteche, Director
Karla Boughton, Perteet
Date: January 2, 2024
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update – Environment Element Policies #1

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 presented an overview of the environment chapter, and its requirements under GMA.

The first set of environmental policies will be presented to the Planning Commission at their January 2, 2024 for their review and comments. The topics to be covered are Environmental Protection and Climate Planning.