

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Adoption of Resolution No. 497 - Expressing Support for King County's Re+ Pledge to Minimize Waste
DEPARTMENT:	Recreation, Cultural, and Community Services
PRESENTED BY:	Cameron Reed, Environmental Service Program Manager
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Up to 70% of what currently goes into King County's only active regional landfill is reusable or recyclable. The shared goal of the County and cities participating in the County's solid waste disposal system via interlocal agreement is to keep materials with economic value in use and out of our waste stream. King County is currently developing the [Re+](#) Plan to outline a pathway to achieving that goal and is seeking to partner with cities on local implementation of key plan elements.

[At the City Council's September 26th meeting](#), King County staff presented an overview of the Re+ program and Council discussed proposed Resolution No. 497 (Attachment A) expressing support for the King County Re+ program and pledge (Attachment A, Exhibit A). Council provided their support for proposed Resolution No. 497 at their meeting on September 26th, so tonight, Council is scheduled to adopt the proposed Resolution.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no immediate, direct costs to the City for supporting the RE+ pledge. The funding for Re+ programs and activities is in the King County Solid Waste Division's 2023-2024 budget. However, there will be costs associated with implementing supporting actions locally. Several of these key actions are included in the Climate Action Plan update that Council will review at the October 10, 2022, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 497 expressing support for King County's Re+ Pledge.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **MK**

BACKGROUND

Up to 70% of what currently goes into King County's only active regional landfill is reusable or recyclable. The County projects this landfill will reach capacity by approximately 2040. [Re+](#) is a multi-year effort, set to formally launch in November 2022, to fulfill King County's goals of a zero-waste future and development of a circular economy for reusable and compostable items as outlined in the [King County 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan](#) and [2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan](#).

While the full plan will be released in November, the County has identified several "fast-start" actions that will be critical for implementation:

- 1. Non-Residential Food Waste Recycling:** King County, in collaboration with Washington State and partnering with cities, will be working with local businesses and restaurants to help separate their food waste. King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) is conducting research on the ways this waste can be turned into a resource, like compost to help grow food, or biogas energy that can help power businesses and homes.
- 2. Circular Economy Business Development and Grants:** King County will deliver business development, mentoring, networking and access to funding pathways for circular economy initiatives through NextCycle Washington, an accelerator program for organizations and businesses diverting materials and using recycled materials in manufacturing.
- 3. Single family Organics Collection:** SWD is looking into effective ways to divert organics and food waste into compost and away from landfills from single-family residents throughout King County. We'll be using information gathered from surveys, consultant studies, and the Re+ Community Panel to determine the method that best serves the need of King County communities with a specific eye on equity.
- 4. Community Panel (completed/in-process):** King County assembled a Community Panel to provide insight and direction around the intersection of equity and solid waste policies in King County. The panel is comprised of residents, workers, and volunteers of King County who have lived experienced as a frontline community member, are disproportionately impacted by climate change, and more exposed to materials management decisions.
- 5. Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging & Paper Products:** King County will support adoption of a statewide Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program that requires companies that make consumer products to fund the recycling system and ensure that their packaging and paper products (PPP) actually get recycled. EPR would save local governments and residents money, increase reuse and recycling rates, and incentivize companies to reduce their use of PPP and design reusable, recyclable, or compostable materials.

The City of Shoreline contracts with Recology to provide comprehensive garbage, recyclables and compost services to both residential and commercial clients. Garbage service is mandatory for businesses, multifamily and single-family properties in Shoreline. Every other week recycling is included at no additional cost along with garbage services. Weekly compost food scraps and yard waste is also included at no-cost for single family homes. Solid waste is then transported to the King County Landfill.

King County staff presented the Re+ Program and associated pledge (Attachment A, Exhibit A) for Council discussion at their [September 26, 2022 Council meeting](#). At this meeting, the Council also discussed proposed Resolution No. 497 (Attachment A) expressing support for the King County Re+ program and pledge.

DISCUSSION

At the September 26th Council meeting, Councilmembers were generally supportive of the County Re+ Program and directed staff to bring back proposed Resolution No. 497 expressing support for the Re+ program and pledge for Council adoption.

The Re+ Plan and associated efforts to achieve zero waste of resources with economic value by 2030 aligns with the City's commitments and efforts to address climate change including:

- [Shoreline Comprehensive Plan goal NE V](#),
- [Shoreline City Council \(2022-2024\) - Goal 2, Action Step 6](#),
- [King County Joint Commitments to climate change action and targets through the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration](#), and
- [Shoreline Climate Action Plan update](#) that is currently underway.

Efforts to Increase Composting at Multifamily Properties

Also at the September 26th Council meeting, Councilmember Mork asked about progress on increasing participation in compost service at multifamily properties. As of August 2022, 64 of 191 (34%) multifamily properties participate in curbside compost service through Recology. This is a slight increase from 57 properties (or 30%) in 2017.

Staff are currently working to increase participation in compost service at multifamily properties by providing a limited-term compost-incentive program. Through this program, multifamily properties can receive up to one-year of compost service at no-cost through Recology, as well as technical assistance with program design and tenant education and outreach. This service is supported by grant funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology and in-kind contributions from Recology. Since May 2022, three (3) properties comprising 584 residential units have started composting through the incentive program. The photos below show a new compost station and tenant education resources provided to a multifamily property through this program.



STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

To better understand community needs within our solid waste system, the County created the Re+ Community Panel, a group of 10 frontline community members who live, work, or volunteer in King County. Their contributions in our ongoing meetings have already helped highlight areas where Re+ can adopt more equitable implementation.

These areas include:

- Re+ influence on food systems and food sovereignty
- Re+ influence on dismantling the root causes of oppression and undoing the harms caused by colonial systems
- Re+ grants supporting living wages, meaningful work, and small businesses
- Transferring decision making power to our local tribes
- Making the principles of the circular economy more accessible, culturally-informed, and culturally relevant

Work in these areas and more will be ongoing, including broader community engagement following the formal Re+ Plan launch in November 2022.

COUNCIL GOAL(S) ADDRESSED

Proposed Resolution No. 497 supports Council goal 2, Action Step 6: Continue to implement the 2022-2024 Priority Environmental Strategies including implementation of Salmon-Safe certification activities, resource conservation and zero waste activities, and updating the City's Climate Action Plan.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT

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RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Proposed Resolution No. 497
Attachment A, Exhibit A - King County Re+ Pledge

RESOLUTION NO. 497

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR KING COUNTY'S RE+ PLEDGE TO MINIMIZE SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the Re+ program is a King County Solid Waste Division program dedicated to reducing the impact of climate change by preventing and reducing solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Re+ program outlines a pathway to achieve the goal of minimizing solid waste and King County is seeking to partner with cities on local implementation of key plan elements; and

WHEREAS, key actions for the Re+ program 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 along with developing new markets that 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; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Re+ program effort will help focus local governments on a 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, the Re+ Pledge aligns with the City's commitments and efforts to address climate change including:

- Shoreline Comprehensive Plan goal NE V;
- Shoreline City Council (2022-2024) Goal 2, Action Step 6;
- King County Joint Commitments to climate change action and targets through the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration;
- Shoreline Climate Action Plan; and
- Resolution No. 494 declaring a climate emergency and directing the City to take actions to address the climate crisis;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its support for the shared vision that the Re+ program represents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE AS FOLLOWS:

The Shoreline City Council expresses its support for King County's Re+ Pledge to Minimize Solid Waste and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Re+ Pledge as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

The Shoreline City Council further expresses the City’s desire to work collaboratively with King County to identify ways to enhance the City’s efforts to achieve the vision of the Re+ program in a fair, equitable and inclusive manner with implementation support from the County including competitive grants, model language for countywide program and policy implementation, and technical support.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 17, 2022.

Mayor Keith Scully

ATTEST:

Jessica Simulcik Smith
City Clerk



Re+ Pledge

Re+ is a multi-year effort, set to formally launch in November 2022, to fulfill King County's goals of a zero-waste future and development of a zero-waste circular economy as outlined in the King County 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan and 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

Up to 70% of what currently goes into our regional landfill is reusable or recyclable. Our goal is to keep materials with economic value in use and out of our waste stream. The Re+ program is our pathway to success.

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.

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

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



Name, Title

on behalf of

Jurisdiction



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