City Manager's Office

DATE: December 9, 2025

SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees Update, November 2025

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

The RWQC did not meet in November. The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for December 3. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

At its November 19 meeting, the GMPC:

- Adopted amendments to the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Charter, reaffirming the AHC's role in monitoring progress towards meeting the affordable housing needs identified in the Countywide Planning Policies.
- Took action to adjust the growth target for the Urban Unincorporated Potential Annexation Area by reallocating 128 housing units from the Black Diamond Potential Annexation Area to Urban Unincorporated Unaffiliated.
- Reviewed the proposed 2026 GMPC Workplan, which includes adopting a 2026 work program and action on Countywide Centers designations (Bellevue has submitted five applications centers). The Workplan also includes:
 - School/City/County coordination meetings
 - Strategic Climate Action Plan
 - o Report to GMPC on Countywide Capacity

In addition, the GMPC will have standard briefings related to AHC work, state and federal legislative updates, as well as the annexation work plan. GMPC requested a March 2026 briefing on the monitoring scope and methodology that the AHC will use, noting that the incoming County Executive and new GMPC Chair may introduce additional priorities for the 2026 work program when it is adopted.

The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2026. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis serves on the GMPC.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

At its November 6 meeting, the AHC:

- Took action to approve the housing-focused Draft Comprehensive Plan Review comment letter for the City of Carnation.
- Took action to adopt the 2026 AHC legislative priorities. The priorities are grouped under four outcomes:
 - Growing and stabilizing capital resources for affordable housing;

- Increasing and sustaining operating resources for affordable and supportive housing projects;
- Maximizing opportunities for King County residents to live in a home they can afford in the community of their choice; and
- Maintaining and deepening housing stability for renters.
- Adopted the 2026 AHC Work Plan, which focuses on: (1) leveraging emerging
 housing trends to inform policy solutions, including reviewing findings from the King
 County Housing Needs Assessment, assessing outcomes from the 2026 Legislative
 Session, and developing 2027 legislative priorities; and (2) strengthening accountability
 to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) Housing Chapter by concluding the
 Comprehensive Plan review program, monitoring jurisdictional progress toward meeting
 countywide housing needs, and recommending potential CPP amendments to address
 any identified shortfalls.

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for December 4. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC.