



Memorandum

Date: 7/22/2025

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

File No. CM 25-412

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TO: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

King County Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy Overview

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The [2024 King County Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/executive/governance-leadership/climate-office/focus-areas/climate-preparedness/extreme-heat-mitigation>](https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/executive/governance-leadership/climate-office/focus-areas/climate-preparedness/extreme-heat-mitigation) is a regional strategy that outlines 20 coordinated actions to prepare communities for hotter summers and extreme heat events. Developed collaboratively with local governments, community groups, and partners, the strategy enhances existing emergency response efforts while also delivering co-benefits like lower emissions, improved health, environmental quality, and community capacity. Staff from King County's Executive Climate Office will provide an overview of the Strategy and how County and local governments are working together to advance actions to increase community resilience.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP), Climate Vulnerability Assessment, Climate Emergency Declaration, Redmond 2050 Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Element
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**

Council requested information on climate preparedness efforts.

- **Other Key Facts:**

- The City completed a Climate Vulnerability Assessment in 2023. The assessment identified extreme heat as one of the primary climate vulnerabilities in Redmond.
 - Improving community resilience to extreme heat events is a proposed priority within 2025 ESAP Refresh work as the City integrates findings from the 2023 Redmond Climate Vulnerability Assessment and King County Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy.
- The King County Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy is a five-year plan (2024 - 2029). To successfully address heat resilience in King County communities, this strategy calls on partner agencies and organizations to lead, support, and collaborate on implementation.
- The goal of the King County Heat Mitigation Strategy is to equitably reduce the harmful effects of extreme heat on people and places in King County by:
 1. Effectively preparing for and responding to heat events when they occur,
 2. Expanding the use of built and nature-based solutions that reduce extreme heat impacts,
 3. Strengthening the resilience of communities most affected by extreme

OUTCOMES:

This is an informational presentation to highlight the regional work happening to prepare our communities for extreme heat events.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

Healthy and Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

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Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Extreme Heat Strategy Overview