



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**Proposal:** Pierce County 2023 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan

**Application Number:** 1009532

**Description of proposal:** The lead agency proposes to adopt a new 2023 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (2023 Flood Plan) that will outline how Pierce County will address and manage flooding and channel migration hazards to agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial lands over the next ten years. The 2023 Flood Plan will identify policies, programs, and projects intended to reduce the impacts from major flooding and to protect critical infrastructure in the community. Flood hazards considered will be riverine, urban, coastal and groundwater.

**Location of proposal:** The 2023 Flood Plan will cover all unincorporated areas of Pierce County, Washington as well as participating cities and towns.

**Proponent/Lead agency:** Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department

**Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):** The County will issue a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for this non-project proposal on April 4, 2023. This notice is being provided to you, in advance of the issuance date, for your planning purposes. Starting on that date, a copy of the DEIS, including technical appendices, can be found on the Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department webpage at: [www.piercecountywa.gov/floodplan](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/floodplan)

**Alternatives:** The lead agency has identified one action alternative for the project, adoption of the 2023 Flood Plan and a No Action alternative under which the 2013 Pierce County Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan and its 2018 Update would continue to be implemented. Also under the No Action alternative, urban and groundwater flooding would continue to be covered in ten individual basin plans previously adopted between 2006 and 2014. Coastal flooding would remain unaddressed.

**Request for Written Comments:** If you wish to review and provide written comments on the DEIS you may do so through May 3, 2023. This date is the end of a 30-day comment period. Comments may be provided in one of the following ways to the assigned Project Manager, Brynne Walker, in the Surface Water Management Division of the Planning and Public Works Department:

- By email to: [2023floodplan@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:2023floodplan@piercecountywa.gov)


- In letter form to Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department, attention Brynne Walker, 2702 S. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Suite 109 Tacoma, WA 98409-7490

In your comments, please reference the proposal name. Also make sure to legibly include your name and address (email and/or mailing address). Should you have questions about the process for submitting comments, Ms. Walker's phone number is 253-798-4671.

**Draft EIS Issue Date:** April 4, 2023 / **Draft EIS Comment Deadline:** May 3, 2023

**Date:** March 30, 2023

**SEPA Responsible Official:** \_\_\_\_\_



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