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From: Kuharic, Matt
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Hello,

Thank you for reaching out about King County's support and commitments related to the Salmon-Safe program and certification. As the City of Shoreline considers its own commitments to this ambitious and valuable program, here are important reasons Salmon-Safe is valuable to King County.

- King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan and Green Building Ordinance require King County capital projects to achieve ambitious green building and sustainable development standards. Because of the value of the Salmon-Safe program, it is one of the third party certifications identified by the County as allowable because of the significant environmental and health benefits to ecosystems, habitat, and residents it provides. Salmon-Safe designation and is one of just a few certifications King County supports and has been pursued by several King County projects in our Parks Division.
- Salmon Safe is recognized as a valuable third party program that provides much more than just certification. It is a cost effective way to receive ongoing expert guidance that integrates the best available science and improves the performance of projects - to protect ecosystems for both people and salmon. It also opens up access to related funding opportunities. Importantly, as a third party review program it provides transparency about the County's commitments to sustainability and salmon recovery.
- Salmon Safe communicates a commitment to helping bring renewable and regenerative design to the built environment; it is the only rating system designed to keep our urban and agricultural watersheds clean enough for native salmon to spawn and thrive.

King County and the City of Shoreline are both founding members of the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C). The K4C - which now represents more than three quarters of King County's more than 2 million residents - is focused on coordinating and enhancing the effectiveness of local government climate and sustainability action. In 2017, as a priority that recognized the value of Salmon-Safe, the K4C unanimously agreed to use a portion of its shared budget to support a Salmon-Safe training for King County cities. This investment is one way to demonstrate the value and high regard the Salmon-Safe program has in advancing local and regional strategies to achieve our climate and sustainability goals.

If you have any additional follow up questions about how King County is using and benefiting from the Salmon-Safe program, please follow up with me.

Sincerely,
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