



# Kittitas County Transfer Station Relocation Project

Kittitas County intends to relocate the Ellensburg Transfer Station to a new site at a location that has yet to be determined. The new station will provide all the same services (transfer station, compost facility, household hazardous waste facility, and recycling depot) that are at the existing Ellensburg Transfer Station, which will be closed.

## Why relocate the Ellensburg Transfer Station?

Transfer stations serve as important links between local waste collection programs and the final disposal facility and help to reduce the cost of transporting waste to distant disposal facilities. The current Ellensburg Transfer Station faces the following challenges:

- **Flooding:** Located on a floodplain near a creek, the facility is often closed because of customer access issues during significant rainfall or spring runoff events. Flooding also impacts operation of the compost area.
- **Size constraints (materials):** The facility does not have the capacity to accept any new material types.
- **Size constraints (customers):** The facility is undersized for the number of customers using it which often results in long queuing times and potentially unsafe conditions within the small unloading and processing areas.
- **Other issues:** Another issue facing Kittitas County is diminished air quality due to people burning green waste. Upsizing the compost facility would allow the County to accept more green waste and improve our air quality.

The new transfer station will be designed to operate in a similar fashion to the existing facility, but will have more capacity and will be located at a more suitable site.



*Frequent flooding impacts the current facility.*



*The new facility will include more area for composting, recycling, hazardous waste, and solid waste.*



*Entering the scalehouse at the current Ellensburg Transfer Station.*

## Siting Considerations

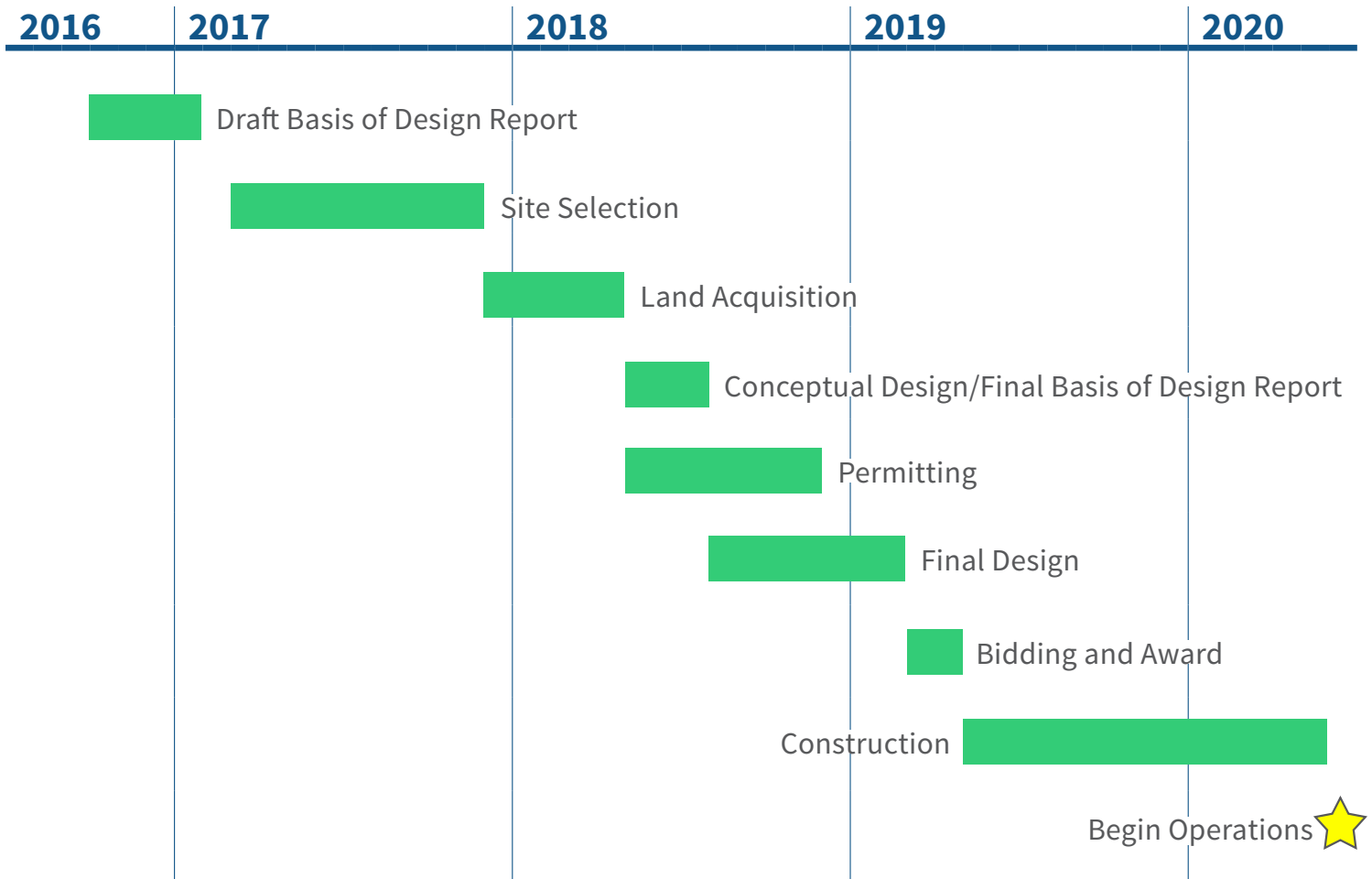
Size and safety are our main priorities when screening potential sites. Other priorities include:

- Distance from residential neighborhoods
- Current land use
- Ease of access by customers

## Siting Process

Kittitas County is doing a step-by-step process to find the best site for the new transfer station. The County is working with a team of consultants and will consult with the community throughout the siting process to ensure that the public's feedback is incorporated into the decision and a location that best meets technical and community criteria is chosen.

## Anticipated Schedule



### Get involved!

The County will be seeking input from community members throughout the siting process.

Opportunities to give feedback are aligned with the technical process so the project team can consider and incorporate public feedback to the greatest extent possible.

To learn more about opportunities to provide feedback, visit us at:

[KittitasCountyTransferStation.participate.online](https://kittitascountytransferstation.participate.online)