

Black Diamond Sewer Upgrade



Maple Valley Farmers Market Summary

Sharing the project's purpose and benefits

In October 2024, the Black Diamond Sewer Upgrade project team attended the Maple Valley Farmers Market twice. The team attended the event to help people:

- Learn about the project's purpose and benefits.
- Learn about King County's Wastewater Treatment Division.
- Ask questions about the project and other WTD projects in the area.
- Sign up for project updates.

Event and Attendance:

Maple Valley Farmers Market

- **Dates:** Saturday, October 12, 2024, and Saturday, October 26, 2024
- **Attendance:** 175 people



WTD community engagement team at the Maple Valley Farmers' Market.

Information shared with interested community members

Staff shared project information, including:

- [The project factsheet](#)
- [The project area map](#)
- Wastewater educational materials
- QR code to virtual resources

Summary of feedback

Most visitors did not know much about the project before the event. Almost everyone lived near the project area or visited it often. Many people wanted to learn how King County treats wastewater. They also wanted to know what to expect during construction.

Some visitors said workers tore up the road the last time they repaired the sewer line. They worried this might happen again. Many people also said the area has grown a lot, so upgrading the sewer line makes sense.

Staff held all conversations at this event in English. Visitors felt glad to hear from King County. They appreciated knowing that more updates will come as construction gets closer.

Questions and comments

When is construction expected to start and how long will it last?

King County is still in the early design phase for the project. We do not yet have exact construction dates. We will share more details once the design is further along and we've hired a contractor.

Why does the sewer need to be upgraded?

Black Diamond is growing quickly. The current sewer line was built in 1992, when far fewer people lived in the area. The sewer now needs an upgrade to support the larger population.

How large is the project area?

The project will study options to upgrade about six (6) miles of sewer pipe. The pipe runs north to south between the cities of Covington and Black Diamond.

Where does the water from this project go for treatment and how do I learn about the treatment process?

Wastewater from this area goes to the South Treatment Plant in Renton where it is cleaned and safely discharged to Puget Sound. You can learn more about [King County and our treatment plants on our website](#).

Will residents be able to connect to the sewer line?

No. King County will not offer connections to this regional sewer line. Local sewer agencies collect wastewater from homes and businesses. Those same local agencies decide where to extend new sewer service. King County's system meets the needs identified by the local agencies.

What are the current impacts on those living in the project area?

Right now, impacts may include short-term single-lane closures while we complete field work. Project staff may also need to enter private property to do surveys or soil testing. Owners of property with County easements will be told ahead of time if staff need to access areas.

How can residents see which properties have sewer or septic systems? Does King County have a website to view this information?

Residents can contact their local sewer district or city wastewater department for this information.

For more information or schedule a meeting:

- **Email** the project team at BDSEwerUpgrade@kingcounty.gov
- **Call** Annie Plumley at 206-263-3203
- **Visit** [the project website](#).