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Black Diamond Sewer Upgrade Project

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Meet the project team!

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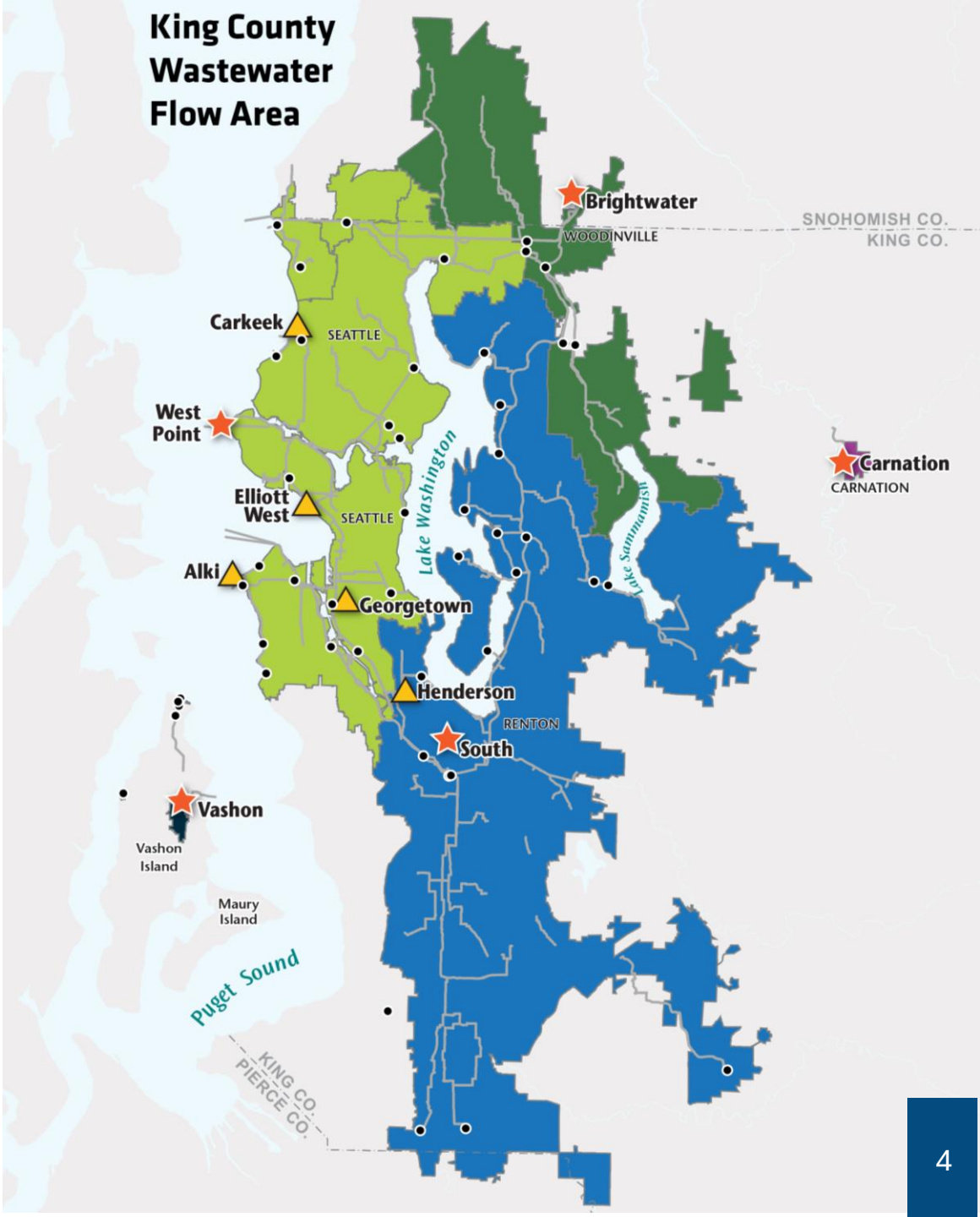
Agenda

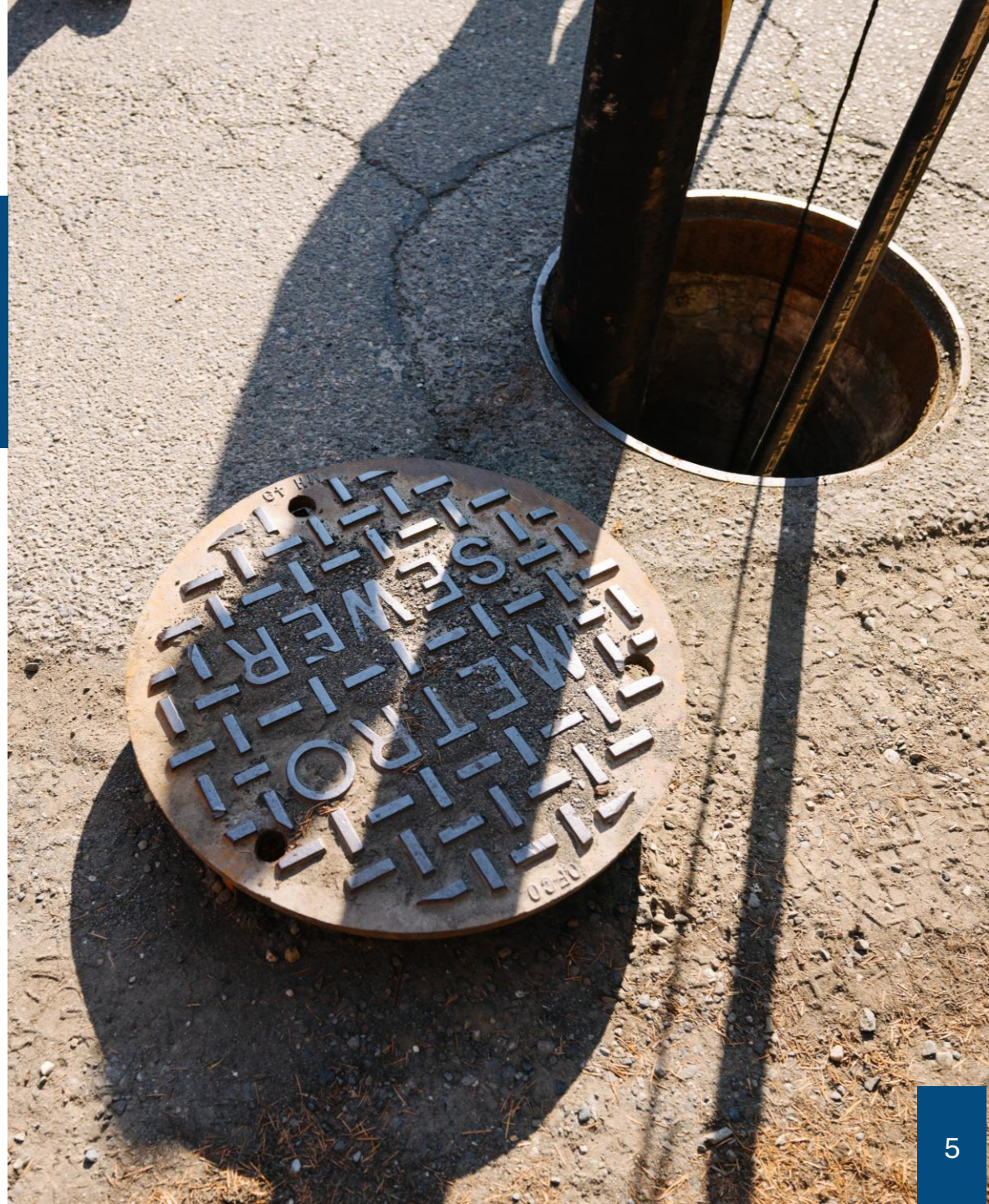
1. Who is King County Wastewater
2. Project overview
3. How we will work with you
4. Questions

King County Wastewater Treatment Division



Who we are

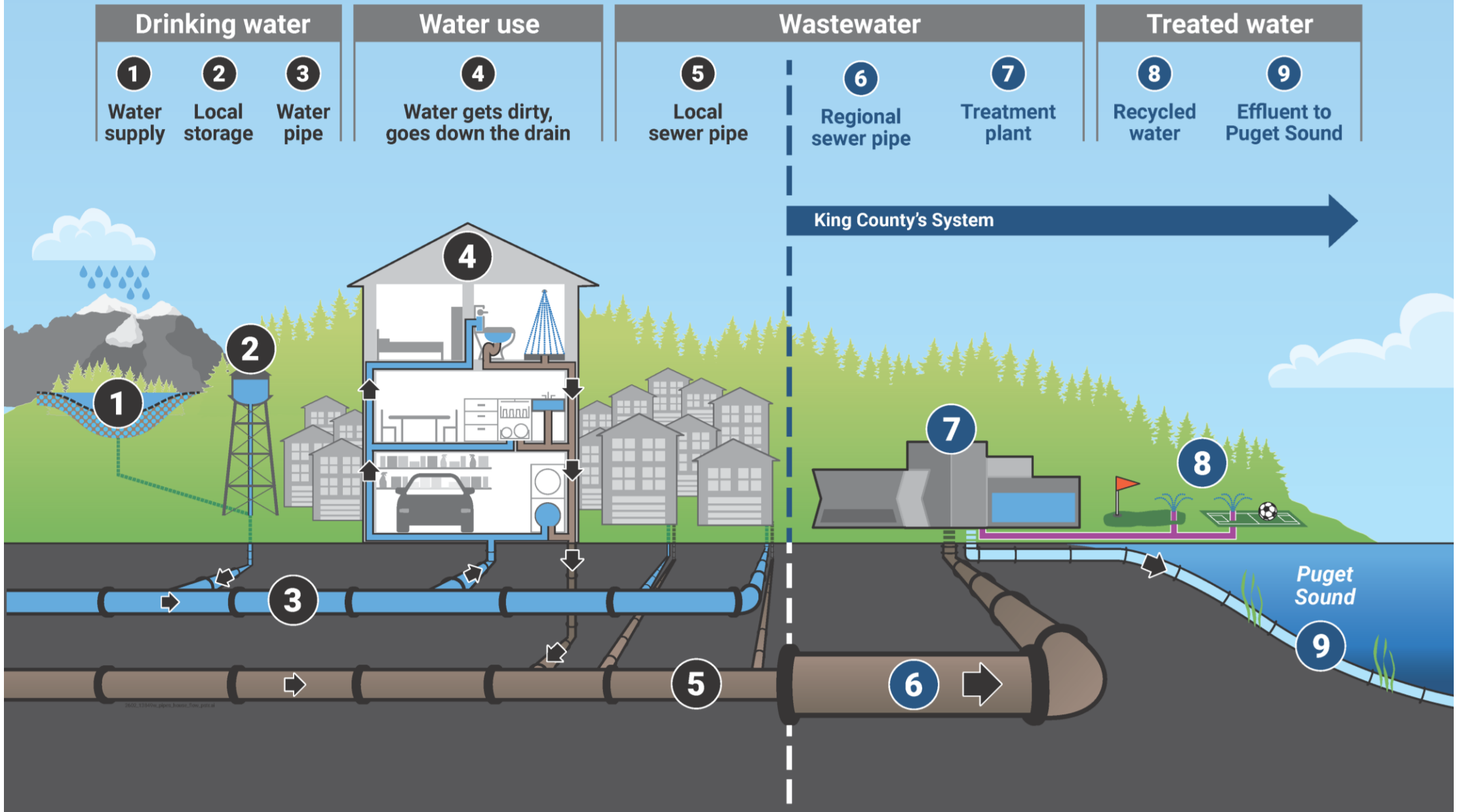
- Voters created a regional clean-water agency called Metro in 1958
- Today we are known as King County Wastewater Treatment Division
- **Our Mission:** *We protect public health and the environment by collecting and cleaning wastewater while recovering valuable resources for a thriving Puget Sound region.*



Who we serve

These fast facts are from WTD's 2025 Community Report.

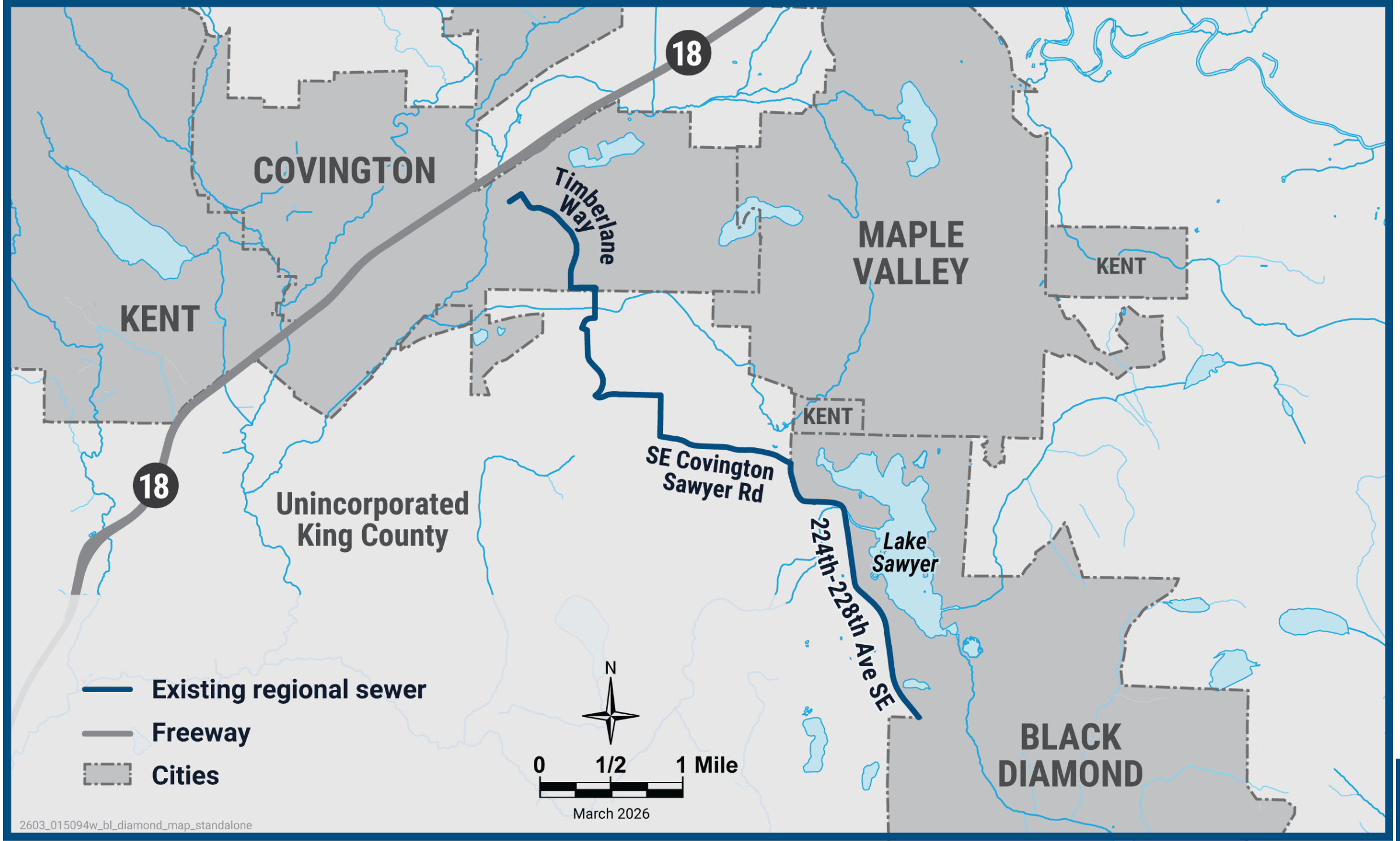
How does water move through the system?



Project Overview

Why we need this

- King County has a long-term agreement to treat Black Diamond's wastewater
- Black Diamond is growing fast
- The pipe built in 1992 is reaching capacity
- We need to upgrade the pipe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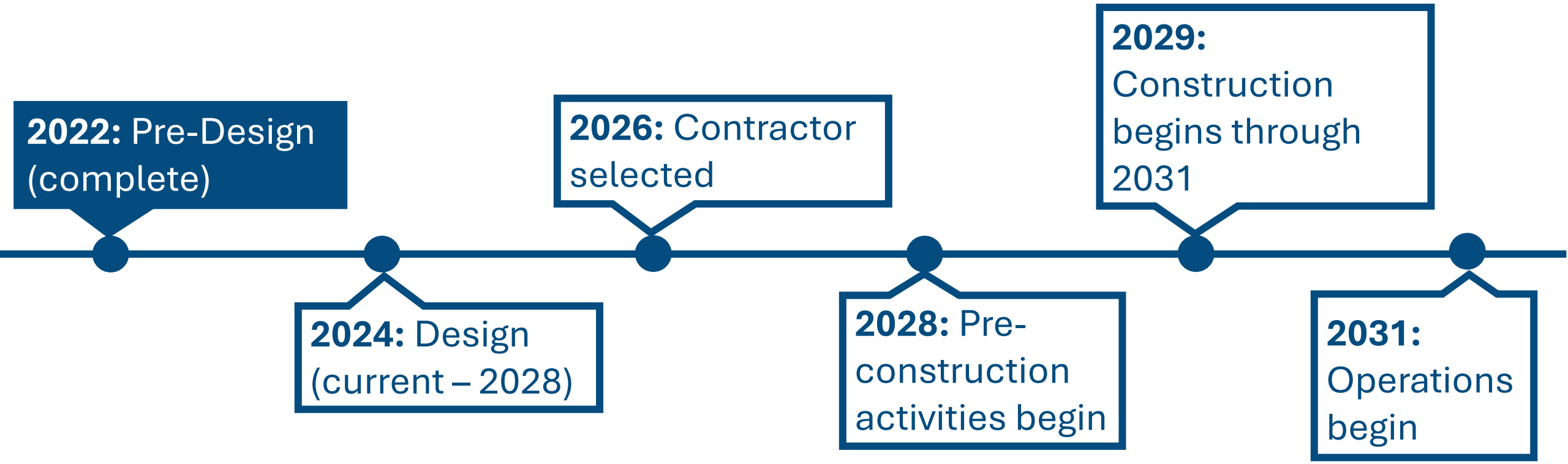
How we got here

- Our team studied options to upgrade the pipe
- King County's project teams are full of subject matter experts
- These teams help:
  - Meet community needs
  - Meet regulations
  - Ensure reliable operations

Project timeline



**Please note, these dates may change because of permits or site conditions.*

Goals & benefits

- Ensure reliable wastewater service for Black Diamond through 2070
- Foster a healthy and resilient community by:
  - Keeping untreated wastewater in our sewer system
  - Preventing sewer failures

Community engagement

How we work with you

- Working with the community to answer questions and build relationships since October 2024
- In 2025, we:
  - Visited homes and shared fliers & postcards
  - Attended four summer fairs and festivals
  - Interviewed leaders from six local schools
  - Received 80 online survey responses

What we heard: traffic and construction

- Existing traffic hotspots in the project area are:
  - Covington Sawyer Road
  - Timberlane Way Southeast
  - Timberline Drive
  - 216th Avenue Southeast
  - Southeast 272nd Street

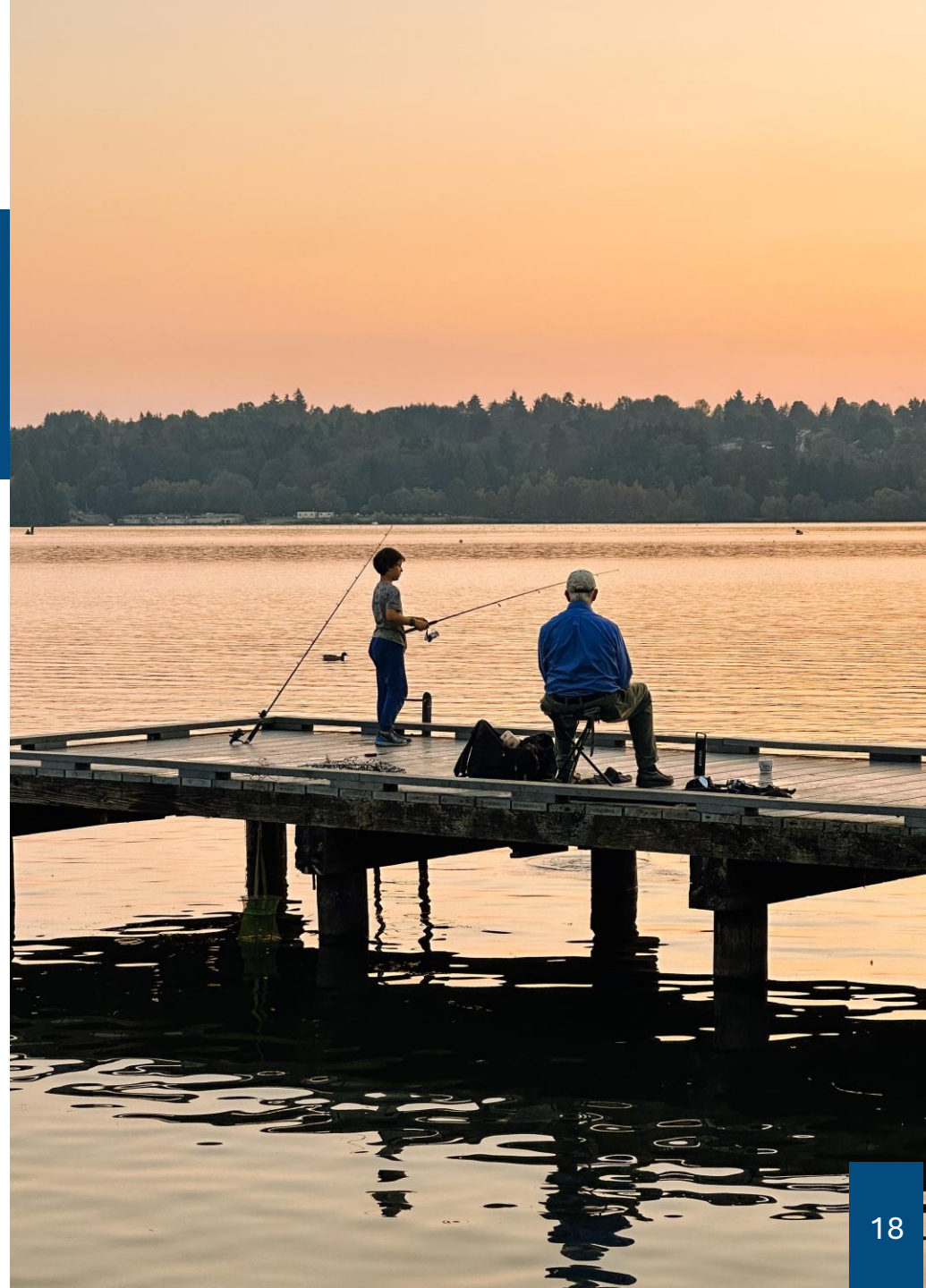
What we will do

- Work with the contractor on plans to keep traffic moving during construction
- Share information about detours as early as possible

What’s next

In 2026, we will:

- Bring a contractor onto our team
- Share more details about design
- Staff project area fairs and festivals
- Continue studying soil and underground conditions
- Apply for permits
- Share updates before any field work begins



Q & A

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Thank you

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