

sewer upgrade Coal Creek

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- Learn about environmental protections during construction and restoration after the pipeline and connections are complete
- See an updated project schedule



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About the project

The Coal Creek Sewer Upgrade Project will provide more wastewater capacity needed for Newcastle and parts of Bellevue. This project also provides an opportunity to move much of the active sewer pipe away from a creek cherished by the community and trail users in the popular Coal Creek Natural Area. This project will help achieve King County's Clean Water Healthy Habitat Initiative to enhance King County's waterways over the next decade.

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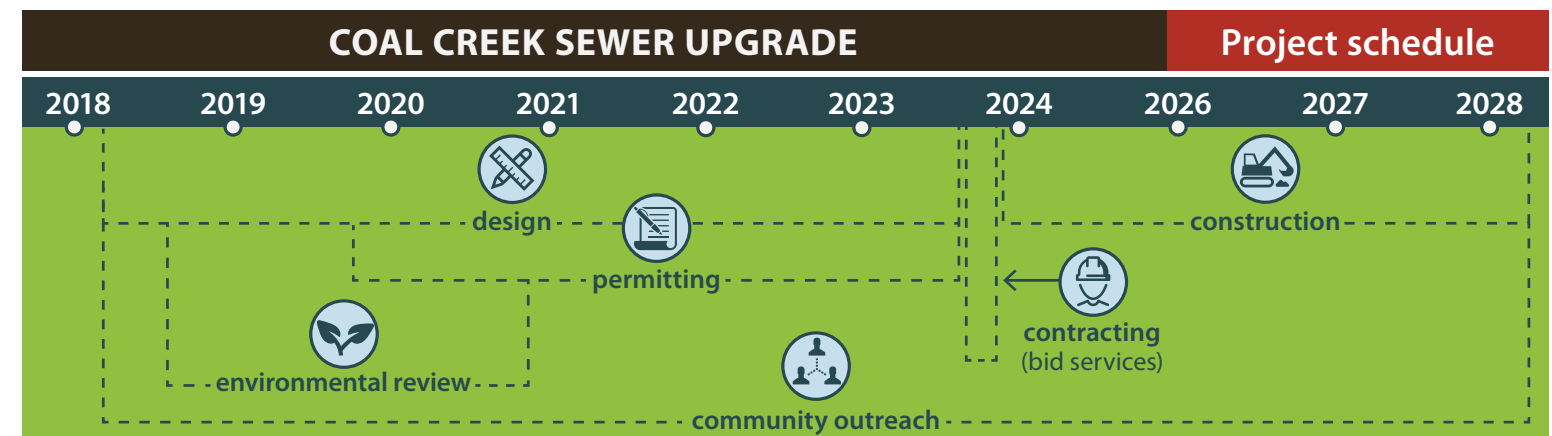
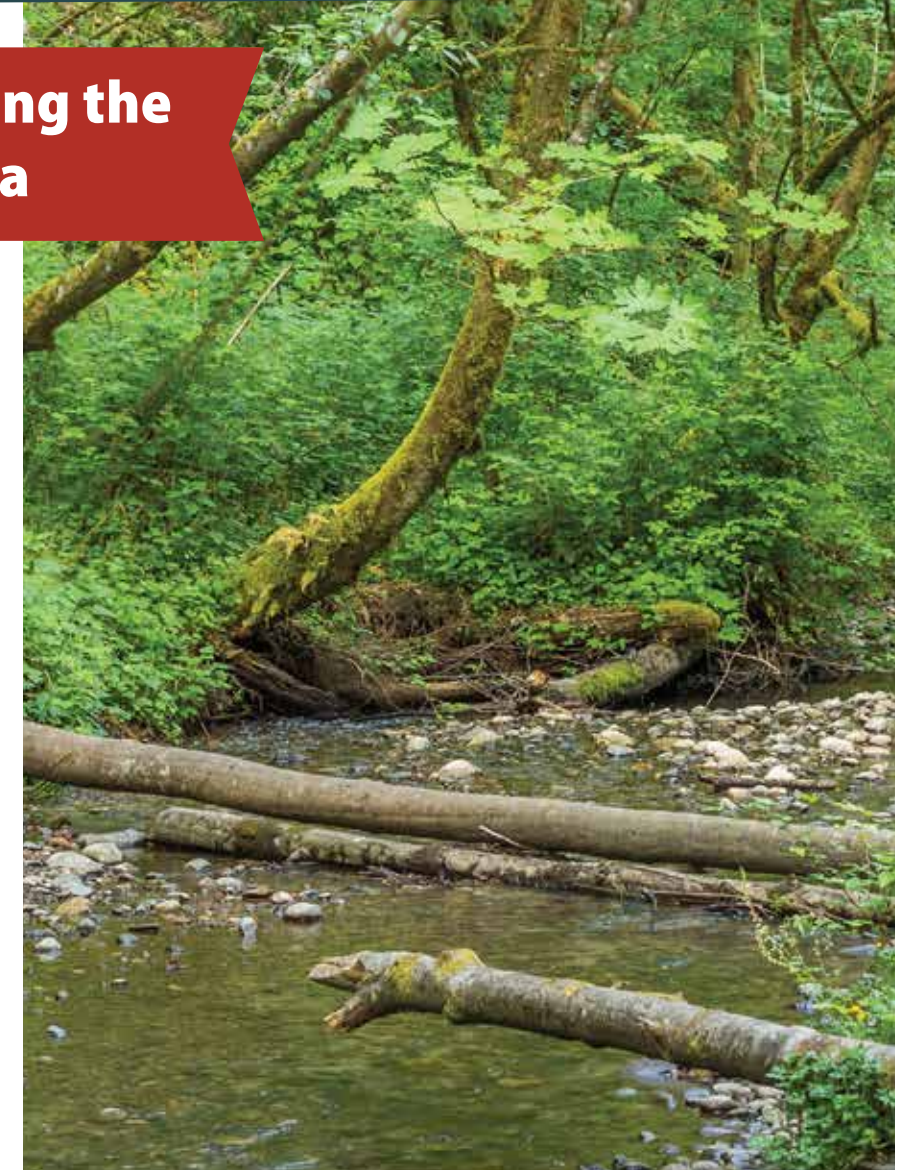
Protecting and restoring the Coal Creek project area

We know that neighbors, visitors, and salmon watchers want to know how the Coal Creek Natural Area will be protected during construction. You want to know how the work areas will be restored after construction. *Look inside for an overview, and find more information on our website.*

Project schedule update

King County's Coal Creek Sewer Upgrade project is in the final design stage, focused on finalizing permitting activities for this complex project. Our project schedule has shifted and we currently expect the construction contract to be awarded in late 2023.

The schedule shift means that people can expect the Upper West/Red Cedar Trailhead in the Coal Creek Natural Area to remain open through the next year. Our updated schedule is below.



*Schedule is approximate and may change.

What to expect in Natural Area work zones during and after construction



Trees and vegetation

DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Remove trees and vegetation at the Red Cedar Trailhead near the stream and parking lot to make space for large equipment needed to install the new sewer pipe.
- Remove trees and regrade portions of land along Coal Creek Parkway SE in the central connection area of the project.
- Protect the stream and remaining trees during construction.

AFTER CONSTRUCTION

- Reuse wood cuttings in the landscape wherever possible.
- Replant evergreen trees at a more than 1:1 ratio and a native plant understory.



Stream

DURING CONSTRUCTION

Construct a temporary access road along Coal Creek, which will be used to build a retaining wall, install a portion of the new pipe, and conduct stream restoration after the new pipe is in place.

AFTER CONSTRUCTION

- Add soft erosion stabilization features to parts of Coal Creek to protect the trail, new sewer line access, and water quality.
- Create natural stream flows using log and rock features that create shade and shelter for fish.



Wetlands

DURING CONSTRUCTION

Temporarily impact the wetlands west of 125th Ave SE and south of Coal Creek Parkway SE to allow work site access. Impact will include removing weedy vegetation that affects wetland quality.

AFTER CONSTRUCTION

Expand and improve the existing wetland with native plants to support wildlife and help filter stormwater runoff before it reaches Coal Creek.



Stormwater features


DURING CONSTRUCTION

Remove green stormwater features, including the rain garden and permeable pavement in the Red Cedar Trailhead parking lot. This will make space for large construction equipment.

AFTER CONSTRUCTION

- Replace the green stormwater features in the Red Cedar Trailhead parking lot, including the rain garden and permeable pavement.
- Plant low-growing native plants at the parking lot entrance to improve sitelines and site security.

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