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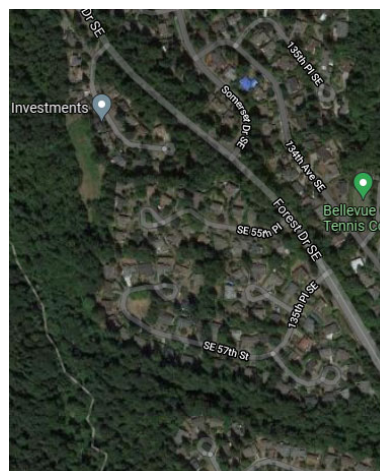


A season to give thanks

King County's Coal Creek Sewer Upgrade Project team has many reasons to be thankful this season. Our team has continued making progress on this critical clean water project despite the ongoing pandemic. We appreciate all the recent input we have received from the community on trailhead restoration and alternate parking/transportation options during construction. We are grateful for the above-and-beyond efforts of City of Bellevue Parks staff and local youth for building a trail segment during a really challenging time. And we are thankful for an invitation to watch coho salmon released into Coal Creek to build a sustainable population into the future.

We will be sending out summaries and updates on project design in early January, but we wanted to take a moment now to give thanks to the community and our partners. Continue reading to learn more and find links to resources, media, and the project web.

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Thanks for sharing your ideas and feedback!

The County's project team thanks every community member, group, and organization that provided feedback during recent outreach. We know everyone is busy with work, school, and family, and just navigating the pandemic and recovery. It is a lot to ask for people's attention and time.

We have shared your feedback on alternate parking and transportation to the City of Bellevue, and posted it on the project website.

The team also wants to thank everyone who weighed in with ideas and comments on options to improve accessibility and enrichment at the restored Red Cedar Trailhead. We received a lot of meaningful feedback and ideas from a lot of people! Your input will help to shape what we leave behind when construction at the trailhead is complete.

We walked the site with Parks staff to discuss on site options and your feedback. The design team is working to update project drawings. We will be working with the City of Bellevue to develop a plan for features and for online content to supplement what is on site. We'll share a summary of input and the plan with you. Watch for updates!

You can still review the options we presented at the link below and contact us with ideas and input.

[Red Cedar Trailhead Restoration Options- StoryMap and Tour](#)

Our partners at the City of Bellevue Parks complete trail segment around future construction site

Getting people past construction sites in recreational areas is a priority for King County Wastewater Treatment Division. Jurisdictions commonly create multi-use areas in spaces where pipes were installed long ago. When we need to repair or replace those pipes, impacts can occur.

King County's contractor will move much of the active sewer pipe away from the banks of Coal Creek in the Coal Creek Natural Area.



To accomplish that, the County's contractor will close the Red Cedar Trailhead for up to 3 years.

Our partners at the City of Bellevue proposed a win-win solution to create a trail segment around the site through the City's Well-KEPT youth employment program. Parks staff and local youth got the project done despite the continuing pandemic. Early completion lets people get used to the new trail segment long before construction begins.

Read more about the City's great efforts to make this happen!

[Building a path for the future](#)



Invitation to watch an ancient migration

King County's Coal Creek project will remove much of an active sewer pipe from the banks of Coal Creek and restore the creek and banks to protect the trail, remaining infrastructure, and fish.

Coal Creek Natural Area is a special slice of wild nature in a busy urban area. The creek is still recovering from mining and logging, with potential to restore coho salmon runs people can watch for generations to come. In 2019 and 2021, the City has invited King County's team to watch a release of coho salmon into Coal Creek.

There is nothing more exhilarating than watching these fish follow their instincts and find their way upstream to spawn. Their struggle to find a safe place to start the next generation inspires all of us to help protect them.

You can watch the salmon release and learn all about the effort at Coal Creek from City of Bellevue Environmental Scientist Christa Heller at the following link from Bellevue Television. The salmon segment starts at 2:30.

[Bellevue TV Lake to Lake, including segment on Coal Creek salmon release](#)

About this project

King County's regional wastewater system is an essential service that protects public health, local waterways, and supports our economy. This clean water project will provide increased capacity needed to carry wastewater from Newcastle and part of Bellevue to King County's South Treatment Plant in Renton. The Coal Creek Sewer Upgrade also provides the opportunity to move much of the active pipe away from the creek in the popular Coal Creek Natural Area.



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