

**King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks • Wastewater Treatment Division
 Environmental Services • 201 S Jackson Street, MS KSC-NR-5500
 Seattle, WA 98104-3855

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSAL: Coal Creek Trunk Upgrade Project

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The King County Wastewater Treatment Division proposes to replace the north segment of the existing Coal Creek Trunk sewer pipe, in Bellevue, with a new pipe, in order to meet existing and future capacity needs. The new pipe will follow an arc north and west, from the vicinity of the City of Bellevue Parks' Red Cedar (Upper West Coal Creek) Trailhead to the County's Eastside Interceptor sewer pipe near 119th Avenue SE and Coal Creek Parkway SE. It will be installed below ground using trenchless methods where feasible, and open-cut methods where ground conditions or other site constraints are unsuitable. To continue collecting local flows, the County also proposes to provide a combination of new local connections and appropriately resized existing connections. Project elements also include decommissioning the existing pipe and physical removal where feasible, environmental mitigation actions within the Coal Creek Natural Area, and improvements for trail users in the Natural Area. Construction is anticipated from 2022 through 2027.

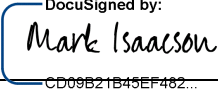
LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY: The project is located in the southwestern portion of Bellevue, in the neighborhoods of Newport and Somerset. The upstream (southern) end of the project is approximately 900 feet southeast of the Red Cedar Trailhead in the Coal Creek Natural Area, on the east side of Coal Creek Parkway SE. The downstream (northern) end of the project is south of the intersection of 119th Avenue SE and Coal Creek Parkway SE. The above-ground project impact areas generally occur in or near the Natural Area, along Coal Creek Parkway SE.

SEPA Responsible Official: Mark Isaacson

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Issue Date: **January 19, 2021**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist, the environmental reports listed in Section A.8 of the environmental checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 17 days from the issue date. **Comments must be submitted by February 4, 2021.** Submit comments to Katherine Fischer, Supervisor, Environmental Services, King County Wastewater Treatment Division, 201 S Jackson Street, MS KSC-NR-5500, Seattle, WA 98104-3855. Contact Jacob Sheppard, Environmental Planner, at (206) 477-5395 or jacob.sheppard@kingcounty.gov for questions or information on how to submit comments electronically.

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division is submitting a permit application for this project to the City of Bellevue, which provides the opportunity for appeal. Therefore, there is no administrative appeal of this DNS pursuant to RCW 43.21C.075, WAC 197-11-680, KCC 20.44.120, and King County Public Rule 7-4-1. The public rule may be viewed at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/about/policies/rules/utilities/put741pr.aspx> or contact Jacob Sheppard, Environmental Planner, at (206) 477-5395 or jacob.sheppard@kingcounty.gov to obtain a copy of the rule.