

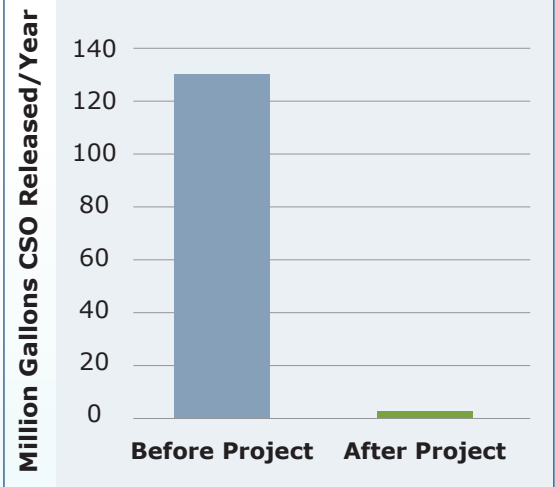
## Working for a Cleaner Duwamish

In Georgetown and other parts of King County, underground pipes carry both sewage and stormwater to the West Point treatment plant in Magnolia to be cleaned. The pipes and treatment plant help keep us healthy and make for cleaner rivers, lakes and Puget Sound.

During large storms, more rainwater enters the pipes than the sewer system can handle. Currently, in Georgetown, that excess water mixes with sewage and is released into the Duwamish River without being cleaned. We call this a combined sewer overflow, or CSO. CSOs are important safety valves for the sewer system. They prevent sewer backups in our homes and streets. However, CSOs are also harmful to the environment and public health. King County is working to reduce the number of CSOs into our local water bodies.

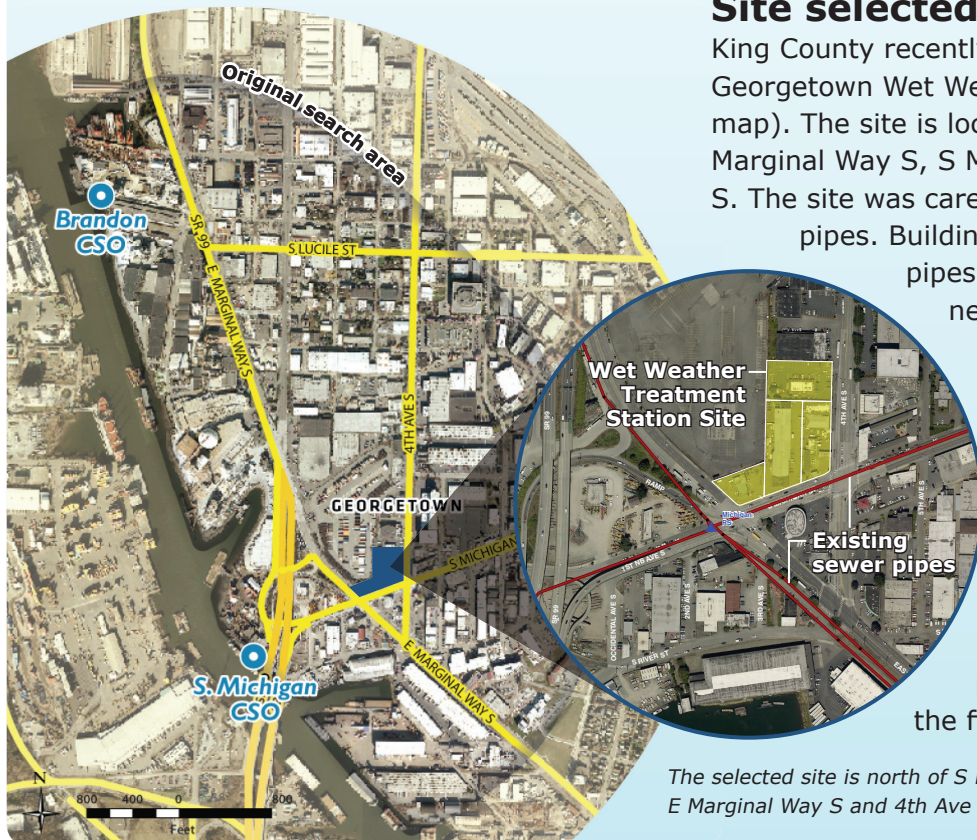
In Georgetown, King County will build a wet weather treatment station to help protect the Duwamish River from CSOs. During heavy rainstorms, the new station will clean excess sewage and stormwater before it enters the Duwamish River. The new facility will reduce the amount of untreated wastewater entering the Duwamish by 95%.

### Reducing Pollution in the Duwamish



### Site selected

King County recently selected a site for the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station (see map). The site is located at the corner of East Marginal Way S, S Michigan Street and 4th Avenue S. The site was carefully chosen to be near existing pipes. Building the station near existing pipes means less disruption to the nearby roadways and a reduction in construction time. The site was also chosen because it is relatively close to the river. In addition to the treatment station, the County will construct a new outfall structure to release the cleaned water into the river. Environmental review of the proposed project is expected in the first quarter of 2016.



The selected site is north of S Michigan St between E Marginal Way S and 4th Ave S.

## Design Advisory Group

King County has brought together a group to help guide the design of the new station.

The group is:

- Reviewing project information to understand what is needed at the station
- Providing input on the character of the site
- Advising on the look of the station to help it fit more closely into the community

The advisory group includes members who are connected to the Georgetown community and represent diverse experiences, areas of expertise, and interests.

The advisory group met in January to learn about the project. In February, the group worked with the County to create guidelines that will help our team design a facility that fits into the unique Georgetown neighborhood. Ideas for the facility's design based on these guidelines will be shared with the advisory group and the public in June.

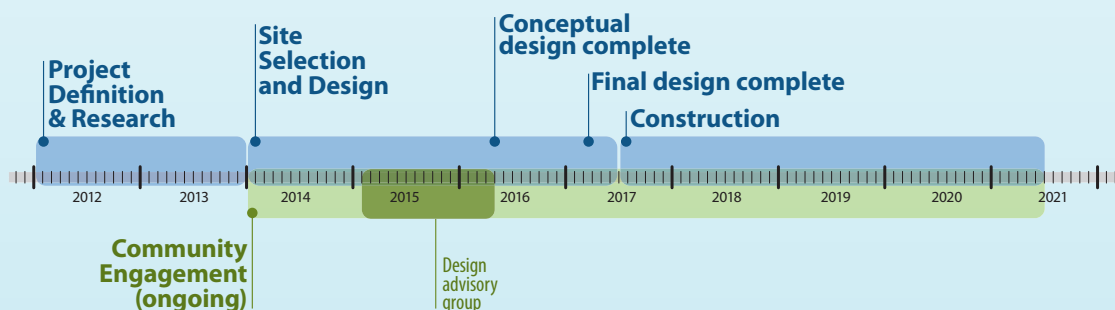
## Project schedule

Design of the facility has just begun. The project team is making decisions about the basic mechanical equipment needed to clean the water. They are also deciding how the buildings should be laid out on the site. The team is working with the advisory group on architecture and landscaping ideas. Design is expected to be complete by early 2017.

King County is committed to working closely with the community throughout the project. In 2014, our project team:

- Hosted three project drop-in sessions
- Attended the Duwamish River Festival and Georgetown Garden Walk
- Briefed community organizations, including the Georgetown Community Council, Georgetown Merchants Association, Manufacturing and Industrial Council, and Greater Duwamish District Council

We will be out in the Georgetown neighborhood this summer. Look for more information coming soon on where you can find us.



## We want to hear from you!

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