



King County

Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

Derby Days tabling event

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023

Time: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Redmond Derby Days festival located around Redmond City Hall

Attendance

The project team engaged with 170 community members, 12 signed up to receive project listserv emails.

Purpose of the event

King County Wastewater Treatment Division's (WTD) community engagement team hosted a booth at the Redmond Derby Days festival. The event provided an opportunity for the community to:

- Learn about the project purpose and wastewater service in the project area.
- Understand how project construction will affect travelers on nearby roadways and trails.
- Ask questions about the project.
- Learn about upcoming trail detours.
- Sign up for project email updates.

Event format

The outreach booth displayed project materials including project maps and essential project information. Display boards were posted in front of the booth with information about the project in multiple languages. The team also passed out snacks, bubbles, and project-related coloring sheets. A sign-up sheet was left out on the table for people to register for project email.



Children filling in project-related coloring sheets.

Alternate Formats Available: 206-477-5371 or TTY Relay: 711



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Summary of feedback

Most visitors said they were unfamiliar with the project, but regular Sammamish River Trail users reported more awareness since seeing project signage posted along the trail.

Several community members expressed frustration with how the City of Redmond has conducted community outreach for other projects in the area but were relieved to hear that King County WTD has a robust plan to communicate project information and construction updates. Community members also expressed appreciation for the translated display boards and available maps to better understand how the project will impact travel routes.



Community engagement staff sharing project information with community members.

Outreach staff conducted conversations with residents mostly in English, and some in Cantonese and Mandarin.

Questions and comments:

- Has construction on this project already begun?
 - No, construction is anticipated to begin as early as 2024.
- How long will construction last?
 - Construction of the 4.5-mile project alignment is scheduled to take approximately three years to complete. The alignment will be built in segments and will likely have several crews working simultaneously. We will share a more detailed construction schedule after a contractor is hired.
- How much will the project cost?
 - Construction costs are currently estimated to be \$60 million. This estimate is likely to change as the project design progresses. Because



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King County operates a regional sewer system, ratepayers throughout the entire service area help cover the cost of this project and other improvement projects through their monthly sewer bill. Improvement projects are also partially funded by borrowed funds (bonds).

- How big will the new sewer pipes be?
 - Pipe diameters will range throughout the project area. The project is split into segments, with each segment likely to have a different size pipe to accommodate the geography. Since the project is still in design, these details have not been finalized yet.
- What other projects are happening along Lake Sammamish Parkway?
 - Separate projects happening nearby include: East Lake Sammamish Trail ([link to project webpage](#)) and Lake Hills Sewer Relining project ([link to project webpage](#)).