



King County

## Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

### Redmond Open Streets Festival tabling event

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Redmond Open Streets Festival – Intersection of 161st Avenue NE and Cleveland Street

### Attendance

The project team engaged with 137 community members during the festival.

### Purpose of the event

King County Wastewater Treatment Division's (WTD) community engagement team hosted a booth at the Open Streets Festival hosted by MOVE Redmond. 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.



*WTD community engagement mascot greeting community members at the booth!*

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 expressed curiosity about the project details and about wastewater treatment processes.

### Questions and comments:

- What is this project for?
  - The Lake Hills and Northwest Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project is about a sewer pipe built in the 1950s and 1970s. The pipe needs to be replaced because it is too small and is reaching the end of its service life. King County is working to upgrade this 4.5-mile-long pipe to provide sewer service to our growing community for another 50 years or more.
- There is some construction already happening in the area. Is it part of this project?
  - No, construction has not yet begun on this project. Separate projects happening nearby include: East Lake Sammamish Trail ([link to project webpage](#)) and Lake Hills Sewer Relining project ([link to project webpage](#)).
- Where does wastewater go once it enters this pipe?
  - This pipe feeds into the Brightwater Treatment Plant in Woodinville for processing. Once at the plant, the wastewater flows through a series of treatment processes that remove waste from the water to protect public health and the environment. You can learn more about this facility [on the Brightwater Treatment Plan webpage](#).
- What happens to the water once it has been treated at the treatment plan?
  - After the wastewater has been properly treated, the treated wastewater is returned to the Puget Sound. Learn more at the [King County wastewater treatment process webpage](#).
- How can I find out more information once construction starts?
  - The best way to stay up to date with our project is to sign up for our project listserv. You can register for email or text updates on our [project website](#).