



King County

Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project

Go Green Movies @ Marymoor

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Marymoor Park Soccer Fields 8 and 9 (16325 NE Marymoor Way, Redmond, WA 98052)

Attendance

The project team engaged with 57 moviegoers during the event.

Purpose of the event

King County Wastewater Treatment Division’s (WTD) community engagement team hosted a booth at the Go Green Movies @ Marymoor showing of *Barbie* to inform the community about the Lake Hills and NW Lake Sammamish Sewer Upgrade Project. This event allowed the community to:

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

Event format

The project booth was used to show off both project materials, including fact sheets, maps, proposed detour routes, QR codes to virtual project resources, and giveaway items. The giveaway items consisted of poop emoji stress balls and King County branded crayon packets and coloring pages. The booth also featured a flyer to inform guests about King County’s outdoor concert ticket giveaway social media contest. The booth shared materials for projects unrelated to the Lake Hills sewer project, but relevant to the area, including the Sammamish Plateau Diversion project and the Brightwater Treatment Plant.



Community engagement staff talking to moviegoers.

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. Most people, upon learning about the need for the sewer upgrade, expressed excitement for the project.

Several moviegoers expressed satisfaction upon learning that King County plans to keep the Sammamish River Trail open as much as possible throughout construction by detouring trail users around active construction zones. The creation of bike lanes as part of the detour plan was one of the community's favorite features. Several community members were impressed by how much the project team incorporated community feedback when making the trail detour plans. Attendees were glad to hear that King County WTD has a robust plan to communicate project information and updates as the project gets closer to the start of construction.

All conversations conducted by outreach staff at this event were held in English.

Questions and comments:

- When is construction expected to start?
 - Construction is anticipated to begin as early as 2026.
- Why does the sewer need to be upgraded?
 - As the area grows in population, the wastewater system will have to account for much higher levels of wastewater. This means the pipes would be much more likely to overflow into local bodies of water, including Lake Sammamish. To mitigate environmental risk and ensure safe and reliable sewer service, this upgrade will account for population growth over the next 50 years and greatly reduce the likelihood of a system failure.
- How long will construction last?
 - Construction of the 4.5-mile project alignment is expected to take approximately three years to complete. The alignment will be built in segments and will likely have multiple crews working simultaneously. We



Community engagement staff presenting project information to moviegoer.



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will share a more detailed construction schedule after we complete the permitting process in early 2025.

- Will the bike lanes added during the construction detour become permanent infrastructure along West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE after the project is complete?
 - The bike lanes installed along West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE will only be used to detour the Sammamish River Trail during construction. Once the project is complete, the detour infrastructure will be removed.
 - One community member was happy about the inclusion of temporary bike lanes during the detour and hoped that King County would listen to bikers' interests when considering detour plans on future projects.
- What other projects are happening in the area?
 - Separate projects happening nearby include: [Sammamish Plateau Diversion \(link to project website\)](#), East Lake Sammamish Trail ([link to project webpage](#)) and Lake Hills Sewer Relining project ([link to project webpage](#)).
- Where can I learn more about how the water treatment process works?
 - You can learn more about WTD and our water treatment centers [on our website](#). You can also take a tour of our Brightwater Treatment Center to learn more about the process of water treatment in your area.