



**King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Wastewater Treatment Division

# NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

August 2023

## Underwater pipe installation continues in Lake Washington's East Channel

### Work will pause for Seafair Festival Weekend.

Work continues in the East Channel to upgrade the sewer pipes serving north Mercer Island and Bellevue. Boaters will have continual access through the East Channel during this work. Crews will work on one half of the channel and then move to the other half once work is completed.

The next step for work in the East Channel is dredging. Crews will remove materials from the bottom of the lake to make room for pipes. Dredging will be completed by divers and equipment like cranes and clamshells, which is shown in the image below. Environmental protections are in place to protect water quality.

In-water construction is planned to last through early 2024. For more details, check out our [latest in-water work notice](#).

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**During Seafair Festival Weekend August 4-7**, work will pause completely.

- There will be no work during Seafair weekend between noon on Aug. 4 and noon on Aug. 7.
- Crews will move construction materials such as environmental protections and barges to the sides of the channel.
- You will see construction materials staged alongside the waterfront.

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### August 7 onwards:

- Work hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.
  - Work outside these hours will be done as approved by local municipalities.
- Barges and small boats carrying equipment and crews.
- Large equipment, such as cranes.
- Environmental protections around the work area to protect surrounding waterways during active construction.
- Lights and other navigation aids such as buoys.



*A barge-mounted crane uses a clamshell to remove materials from the lakebed.*

**Boaters should be aware of navigational aids and use extreme caution while moving through the work area.**

**Talk to us!** For more information or to schedule a meeting, please contact:  
The community services team at **425-305-3578** or **NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov**  
Visit the project web page at [www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer](http://www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer)

ALTERNATE FORMATS AVAILABLE: 206-477-5371 OR TTY RELAY: 711

*The mission of King County Wastewater Treatment Division is to protect public health and the environment by collecting and cleaning wastewater while recovering valuable resources for a thriving Puget Sound region.*