



# NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

May 18, 2022

## Construction equipment and activity coming to the Sweyolocken Boat Launch in June

**The boat launch will be closed to vehicle, foot and boat traffic for up to a year**

Construction materials and equipment will soon arrive at the Sweyolocken Boat Launch to prepare for the construction of the Enatai Siphon. Before crews mobilize at the boat launch, they will remove about 30 trees to make room for a staging area. Tree removal will begin in June. Learn about tree restoration below. Read more about this construction area on our [Storymap](#).

### Tree removal, restoration, and maintenance

King County works to protect sensitive environments and trees when doing large projects like this one. Due to construction constraints, construction crews must sometimes remove trees to complete their work.

As a part of this project, we will plant 50 new trees across Bellevue to replace the nearly 30 trees we remove during the project. Our goal in planting the trees is to contribute to a tree canopy equal to or better than what exists today on Bellevue.

### What to expect during tree removal:

- Work will occur within permitted hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.
- Crews will mark trees for removal.
- Intermittent/continuous noise/vibration during tree removal and stump grinding.
- Increased construction equipment and trucks hauling materials on roads near the boat launch.



*Sweyolocken boat launch and pump station site during construction of the Enatai Siphon connection*

## How we will improve tree canopy health:

- Planting a wide variety of species, including conifers and broadleaf trees that adapt well to the local climate.
- Planting during times of the year to start the landscape on a healthy path to recovery.
- Improving soil conditions so that trees stay healthy through time.
- Implementing a warranty period where the contractor will maintain the plantings by watering, weeding, and replacing plants that do not survive.

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## Road closures near the Sweyolocken Boat Launch

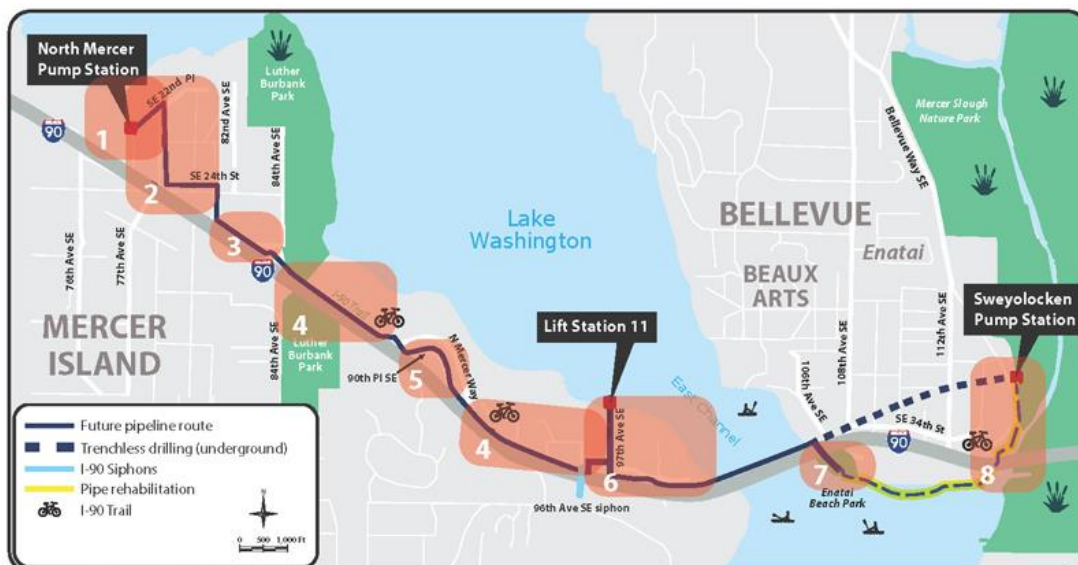
We will need large amounts of equipment and materials for the work at the Sweyolocken pump station. To make room for storage of these items and to keep people safe, we will close the access road from Bellevue Way SE to the Sweyolocken Boat Launch. The area south of the pump station will be closed as well.

The I-90 Trail will be closed to the east and southwest of the Sweyolocken Pump Station during construction. Detours for trail traffic will be alongside streets near the South Bellevue Park & Ride to the I-90 Bike Trail near 108th Avenue SE.

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## Learn more

- Visit the project website (scan QR code to access) [www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer](http://www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer).
- Sign up for the lists you care about most by [clicking this link to our construction homepage](#). Changes to email and text preferences must be done using an internet browser. Changes submitted via text to KING MERCERSEWER at 468-311 will not be applied.
- Read our [Plan for Trees](#), [Enatai Beach Park](#), and [Mercer Slough](#) factsheets in our project library – click on “Library” and then “Fact sheets” and look for the information you care most about.
- Contact the community services team at 206-477-5415 or email [NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov)



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