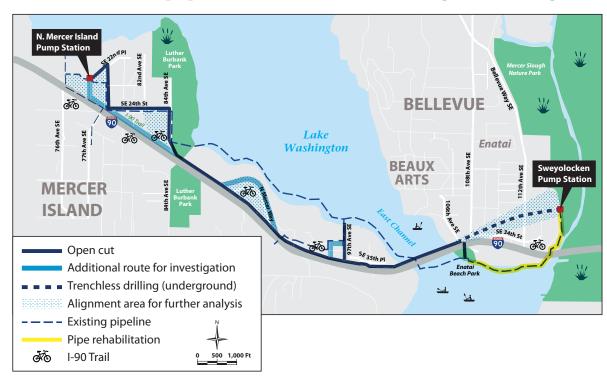
Alignment for new sewer pipe will be finalized by end of year

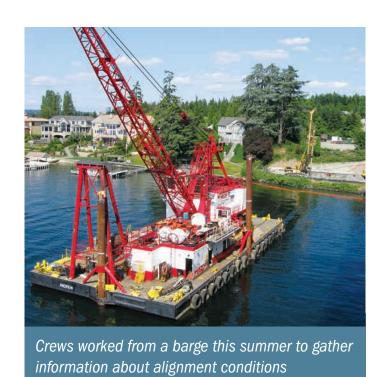
King County is upgrading the sewer pipes that serve north Mercer Island. southwest Bellevue near Enatai Beach, and the Town of Beaux Arts. These pipes were installed in the 1970s. To maintain efficient, reliable sewer service. King County needs to replace and upgrade the pipeline that runs between the North Mercer Pump Station on Mercer Island and the Swevolocken Pump Station in Bellevue.



The project team is in the process of finalizing the alignment for the new sewer pipe. While the existing pipe is located in the water, the new pipe will be built on land to minimize impacts to sensitive environmental areas, fish and wildlife habitat and existing structures. Where there is no other feasible option (such as crossing the East Channel) the pipe will go through the water. The team continues to gather information to determine exactly where to place the new pipe.

Since last spring, the project team has been:

- Meeting with permitting agencies, cities, and community groups – to understand the challenges and opportunities for the new sewer alignment
- Assessing surface features and soil conditions along the potential routes for the new pipe
- Identifying underwater utilities, surveying the lake bottom and taking soil samples in the East Channel of Lake Washington



This fall, the project team will continue geotechnical and site analysis. We expect to make a final decision about where the pipe will be placed by the end of the year. Early next year, we will be out in your community to share information, gather your thoughts and hear your input.



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OPEN HOUSE IN EARLY 2017! Watch for an invitation to an open house to learn more about the final alignment.

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Open houses planned for early 2017

We'll present the final alignment at an in-person and online open house in early 2017. Stay tuned for a postcard with more detail and an announcement on the project website.

We'll be with you every step of the way

King County is committed to working closely with affected neighbors throughout the life of the project. The project team is available for meetings, briefings and events. Feedback from residents in Mercer Island and Bellevue will continue to help King County learn about the community and how best to work with residents throughout the project.

Interested in having King County present at your next community meeting? Contact **Kristine Cramer**, **206-477-5415** or **kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov**

For more information:

- · Visit the project website at www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer
- Sign up for text alerts
- For Mercer Island, text KING MERCERSEWER to 468-311
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