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# NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

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## Sewer Upgrade Project Moves Forward

King County Wastewater Treatment Division is upgrading three miles of sewer pipeline from the North Mercer Pump Station on Mercer Island to the Sweylocken Pump Station in Bellevue.

Project engineers began design of the new pipeline and pump station upgrades in 2016. Construction is expected to begin in late 2020 and be complete in 2024. When complete, the new pipe and upgraded pump stations will provide safe, reliable service for 50 years or more.

In addition to the new sewer pipeline, King County will upgrade the County's North Mercer Pump Station, as well as the City of Mercer Island's Lift Station 11 at Fruitland Landing. The pipes, installed in the 1970s, serve north Mercer Island, southwest Bellevue near Enatai Beach, and the town of Beaux Arts.



**King County sewer upgrade project moves forward!**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD APPROACHING**

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## Talk to us!

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- For Mercer Island updates, text **KING MERCERSEWER** to **468-311**
- For Bellevue updates, text **KING ENATAISEWER** to **468-311**
- To learn more about the project, visit: [www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer](http://www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer)



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## Working with community and agency partners

Thank you to everyone who reached out to us through phone calls, emails, and attendance at meetings. Your engagement makes our project better.

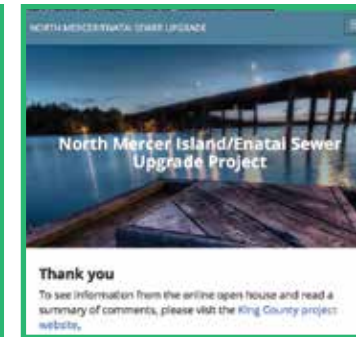
In 2018, we talked to hundreds of neighbors!



**7** community briefings and street walks



Booths at **2** community events



Online open house visited by more than **160** people

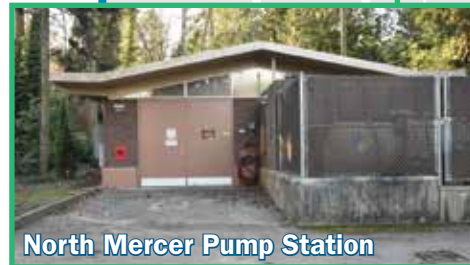
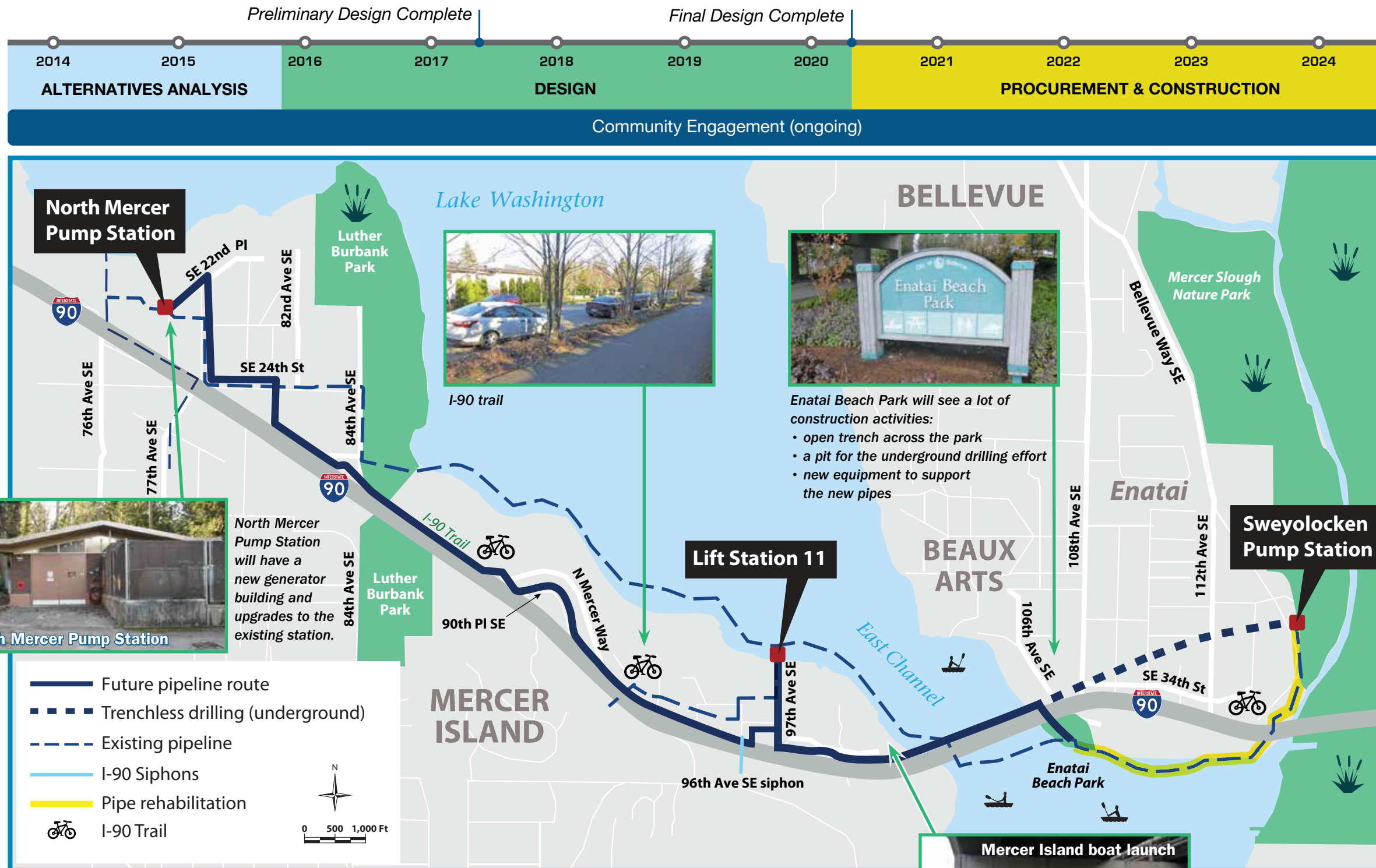


Phone, email, and in-person conversations with hundreds of people

The King County project team has been working with the City of Mercer Island, City of Bellevue, Washington State Department of Transportation, and Sound Transit to reduce construction impacts on the community. Here are a few examples of how our coordination will benefit you.

- Sound Transit and King County have coordinated closely to reduce impacts to overlapping construction areas.
- Mercer Island will install new fiber optic cable in the sewer pipe trench, avoiding a second construction project.
- King County will incorporate aspects of the Aubrey Davis Master Plan while restoring work locations along the I-90 trail.
- King County and City of Bellevue are working together to design the sewer upgrade and allow for the future Enatai Beach Park Master Plan.

**Construction will occur** in roads, trails, parks and the East Channel of Lake Washington from North Mercer Island to Bellevue (see map and project timeline below). Construction is expected to begin in 2020 and be complete in 2024. Construction may impact your daily routine. The project team will share more about construction before work begins.



North Mercer Pump Station will have a new generator building and upgrades to the existing station.

North Mercer Pump Station



Enatai Beach Park will see a lot of construction activities:

- open trench across the park
- a pit for the underground drilling effort
- new equipment to support the new pipes



The sewer pipe will be installed under the lake bed across the east channel.

## What's Next?

The project is in the final design stage. The project team is working with the City of Mercer Island, City of Bellevue, Sound Transit, Washington State Department of Transportation and other agencies to coordinate efforts, obtain necessary permits, and ensure a smooth transition to construction.

The project team expects to finish design of the different project elements in early 2020. Between now and then, our team will be in your community ensuring that neighbors know what to expect during construction and beyond. Here is what you can expect from us this year:

- Attendance at community events such as Mercer Island Summer Celebration and Bike Everywhere day
- Project newsletters, fact sheets, and field work notifications
- Monthly project web updates
- Online and in-person open houses in the fall
- Briefings for interested community groups

We are also always available to talk to you and your neighbors at small group meetings, in living rooms, and at stops along the future pipeline. Just let us know!

## Public comment period approaching

King County must perform an environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The SEPA review process evaluates the project's impacts on the environment and community. There is a public comment period associated with SEPA. Currently, the comment period is expected in early spring, and we will let you know when that comment period opens. Beyond SEPA, the team will be submitting permit applications to the Cities of Bellevue and Mercer Island. There are public comment periods associated with these applications.

**Watch for more detailed information about specific work that will happen in your neighborhood this spring.**