



NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

Mercer Island Summer Celebration Tabling Summary

Dates: Saturday, July 15, 2023

Time: 10:15 PM- 4 PM

Location: near Mercerdale Park on SE 32nd Street, Mercer Island, WA, 98040

Attendance

The North Mercer Project team interacted with approximately 465 people, most of whom live on Mercer Island.

Event Purpose

The Mercer Island Summer Celebration provided a unique opportunity to reach many Mercer Island residents at a community event. The King County Wastewater Treatment Division community relations team hosted a booth to share information and answer questions about the North Mercer Island/Enatai sewer upgrade project and educate booth visitors about wastewater treatment.

Booth Format

The project staff set up a tent and table displaying boards with maps of the project alignment, one of the A-Frame inserts, project materials, and the emoji pillow. The project team handed out the latest project updates, informational fact sheets on relevant topics, magnets, hotline cards, foldable hand fans, and coloring sheets. Staff encouraged booth visitors to sign-up for the general or area-specific email listserv to receive timely project updates.

Summary of feedback

The community outreach staff shared an overview of the project purpose and sewer alignment, a project timeline, and a map showing the wastewater network within King County. Overall, visitors responded positively to the project and understood the need for the sewer upgrade. Most people understood the project due to outreach efforts, and some said they had been receiving project mailings. Most questions were regarding:

- project timeline
- restoration plans
- paving plans

When will construction end?

Construction began in the spring of 2022 and will take approximately four years to complete. Depending on the contractor's schedule and other factors, crews will be in and out of different areas, spending about 8-12 months in each area.

When will work on North Mercer Way be complete?

Installation of the pipe and paving on North Mercer Way is complete. Final restoration pieces such as installing pedestrian buttons and other checklist items are in progress before pedestrian and bike detours will be removed.

What is in the water?

This past weekend, our project's work in the East Channel began. You will see barges with construction equipment to assist in installing pipes through early 2024. For more information, check out our [latest listserv](#).

When will paving in X location happen?

The approved paving window for the City of Mercer Island begins in July and ends in October. It is our goal to complete permanent paving for locations where pipe installation completed during this year's window. We will communicate the schedule and any traffic changes via our listserv.