



NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

Mercer Island Summer Celebration Tabling Summary

Dates: Saturday, July 13, 2024

Time: 11 AM- 4 PM

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

Attendance

The North Mercer Project team interacted with approximately 400 people, most of whom live on Mercer Island.

Event Purpose

The Mercer Island Summer Celebration provides 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 King County's regional wastewater treatment system.

Booth Format

The project staff set up a tent and table displaying project information, a board with a map of the project area, and a map of the Obliteride route that runs through the project detour. The project team handed out the latest newsletter, bag clips, reflective bike clips, foldable hand fans, "orcagami", activity booklets, 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, the project timeline, and the latest North Mercer Enatai Sewer Upgrade newsletter highlighting recent project milestones. Overall, most visitors were familiar with the project and had received a copy of the latest newsletter in the mail. 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 is estimated to continue through early 2026. We have installed nearly four miles of pipe, built 13 wastewater structures, and restored over 1.5 miles of roadways. We continue to upgrade the North Mercer Pump Station and Lift Station 11 on Mercer Island. Project plans also include relining the sewer pipe that runs between Enatai Beach Park and Sweyolocken

Pump Station near the Mercer Slough. Once construction is complete, this infrastructure will provide reliable long-term sewer service for your community for 50 years or more.

When will the I-90 trail open?

In 2023, we were able to return a half mile of the I-90 trail on Mercer Island to the community. In 2024, we reopened another section of the trail near the Sweyolocken Boat Launch and Mercer Slough. Two sections of the I-90 trail on Mercer Island remain closed for construction. These sections will reopen once pipe installation and pipe testing are complete. After testing, crews will pave and restore the trail so it is in as good as or better condition than it was before construction began. We will update our website and email the project list serves once we have more details about the schedule for reopening the closed sections of trail. If you would like to stay updated, we recommend signing up for the [I-90 trail email list](#).

When will Enatai Beach Park open?

The swim beach, playground, boathouse, and boat launch remain open at Enatai Beach Park. Construction continues in the closed area behind the construction fence at Enatai Beach Park. The area around the Enatai swim beach will close after Labor Day 2024. Crews will begin work to reline the existing sewer pipes along the Bellevue shoreline. Once construction is complete, crews will restore the entire area around Enatai Beach Park. This includes landscaping and repaving. To stay up to date, we recommend signing up for the [Enatai Beach Park email list](#).

When is paving expected in active construction areas?

The approved paving window for the City of Mercer Island and the City of Bellevue runs from March 15 through October 15. Once construction in a specific project areas is complete, crews will permanently pave the area. We will communicate the schedule and any traffic changes via [our listserv](#).

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Connect with us! For more information or to schedule a meeting, please contact the King County Community Services team at **425-305-3578** or **NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov**. Visit the project web page at www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer

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