Duwamish River Festival/SOPASUPA Event Summary

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Project Overview

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is preparing to build a wet weather storage tank to reduce water pollution from the South Park and Highland Park drainage basins into the Duwamish River. The storage tank will be near the First Avenue South Bridge at the southeast corner of Southwest Michigan Street and Second Avenue Southwest.

With construction expected to start later this year, the project team is planning to attend more community events in South Park and Highland Park to share more about project activities and upcoming construction.

Event Format

The Duwamish River Festival partnered with Cultivate South Park's SOPA SUPA (South Park Summer Party) to celebrate community, connection, and the shared vision for the future of the Duwamish Valley. The event gathered neighbors, families, youth, elders, musicians, and community organizations. The festival honors the river that has shaped our history and continues to connect us today.

The project team hosted an information booth on August 8th from 12 - 5 p.m. The event provided an opportunity to share information about the West Duwamish Wet Weather Storage project, upcoming construction, and King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) workforce development opportunities. The booth also included project information about the Mouth of the Duwamish CSO.

Project booth at the Duwamish River Festival

The project team shared project fact sheets, FAQs, giveaways, and workforce development handouts. Event staff engaged with attendees in both English and Spanish, and distributed materials in both languages.

Engagement summary

The project team engaged with **248** attendees at the event. Generally, participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to connect with the project team, and shared excitement about the project goals. Several people expressed appreciation for the workforce development. Additionally, attendees appreciated the project information being available at the project booth in both English and Spanish. Participants also asked questions about the following topics:

- The project timeline and site location.
- Other efforts to clean up the Duwamish River.
- Opportunities for professional development with King County.
- MDCSO and other wastewater projects led by King County.

Project team interacting with the community