

# WEST DUWAMISH CSO CONTROL PROJECT



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Fall 2021

## West Duwamish CSO Control Project Environmental Review Opportunity for community input in January

Like many cities around the country, older parts of King County's sewer system use the same set of pipes to carry both sewage and stormwater to a treatment plant. During storms, the pipes can fill with stormwater that runs off roofs, driveways, and streets. When the system is overwhelmed, it is designed to overflow. These overflows are called Combined Sewer Overflows, or CSOs. To keep the sewer system working and to prevent sewer backups, the excess water and sewage is released into our local water bodies through CSOs. However, CSOs can pose a risk to public health and the environment.



Over the past several years, King County has been planning a project to reduce CSOs from the South Park and the Highland Park drainage basins into the Duwamish River. Our requirement is to reduce CSOs to no more than one overflow per year on average. The project is currently in the design phase, developing plans to

build a storage tank to hold stormwater and wastewater during large storms. The tank will prevent raw sewage and polluted stormwater from spilling into the Duwamish River during these storms. After the storm, the wastewater will flow to West Point Treatment Plant for cleaning.

To learn more about the project, visit [www.kingcounty.gov/westduwamish-cso](http://www.kingcounty.gov/westduwamish-cso)

**ALTERNATIVE FORMATS AVAILABLE: 206-477-5371 / 711 (TTY Relay)**

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## Environmental review

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) provides a way to identify possible environmental impacts that may result from governmental decisions. King County is preparing an environmental checklist for this project. It covers potential impacts of the project on elements of the natural and built environments, including: earth, air, water, plants, animals, energy and natural resources, environmental health, noise, land use, housing, aesthetics, light and glare, recreation, historic and cultural preservation, transportation, public services, and utilities.



## Upcoming opportunity to provide input



King County will complete the project's SEPA checklist this fall.

The checklist will be available for public review and comment in January 2022. **We will post the checklist on our project website when it is available. We will also send a postcard to the neighborhood with more information.**