

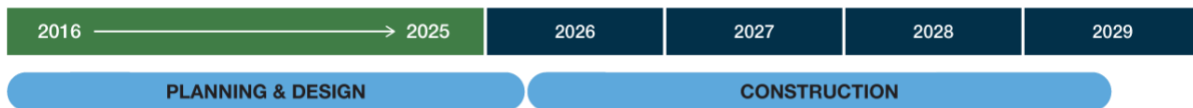


West Duwamish Wet Weather Storage

Storage tank construction expected to begin in spring 2026

King County Wastewater Treatment Division is getting ready to build an underground storage tank in South Park. This new facility will help keep pollution out of the Duwamish River. It will hold untreated stormwater and wastewater during heavy rain.

We expect construction to start as early as spring 2026. Keep reading to learn more about the project and what to expect!



West Duwamish Wet Weather Storage project timeline.

Protecting public health and ecosystems

Our goal is to improve water quality in the Duwamish River and Puget Sound. One important part of this work is reducing combined sewer overflows (CSOs). CSOs happen when too much water enters our underground pipes during large rainstorms. Outfall pipes release extra water into rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound. This older system was designed to prevent sewage from backing up into homes and onto streets. King County is required by federal and state law to reduce CSOs.

This project will reduce CSOs from two outfall pipes in the Duwamish River. The storage tank will only be used during rainstorms. When operating, it will store up to 1.25 million gallons of stormwater and wastewater. The water in the storage tank will then flow to West Point Treatment Plant for treatment. This will support a healthier Duwamish River for people and wildlife.

Climate change is already affecting our region. Rainstorms are getting more intense and happen more often. This project will help prepare our system for larger and more frequent storms.



King County is building new clean water facilities in South Park. There will be a new storage tank near the intersection of Highland Park Way Southwest and Second Avenue Southwest.

What to expect during construction

Construction projects can be disruptive. We will share information about what you can expect at every step of the way. This includes notices for any night work, weekend work, or new traffic impacts.

Here is what you can expect during construction:

- Noise and vibrations
- Large trucks and equipment moving in and out of the project area
- Ongoing traffic impacts on these roads
 - Second Avenue Southwest
 - Southwest Michigan Street
- Short-term traffic impacts on these roads:
 - Highland Park Way Southwest
 - West Marginal Way Southwest
- Crews directing vehicles and bicyclists around work areas
- Sidewalk closures with detours
- Maintained access for people biking, walking, and rolling
- Work on weekdays during daytime work hours

Creating good jobs

Large projects like these need a strong and diverse workforce! We are working with [Villa Comunitaria](#) to promote King County jobs programs. Villa Comunitaria is a group in South Park that supports community building. Together, we are connecting families and students to internships and job training programs.

We are also working with an engineering firm, HDR, and a contractor, Ceccanti, to build this project.

[Learn more about how King County is supporting local jobs and small businesses.](#)

Working with you every step of the way

We want to keep you in the loop! We will provide regular updates during construction in these ways:

- Briefings to community and neighborhood groups
- Construction notices delivered directly to near neighbors
- Email list updates
- Newsletter mailings for major milestones
- Project team members at community fairs and festivals
- News releases
- Social media updates
- Temporary informational signage on the project site
- Webpage updates

Be ready! Sign up for email updates

Visit tinyurl.com/KCsubscriptions to sign up for our email list. This is the best way to stay up to date as we head into construction.

Questions?

Have a question or want to report something during construction? **Call our construction hotline at 206-494-0033.** You can also email us at WestDuwamishProject@kingcounty.gov.

[Visit the project website for more information](#)

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