



## **West Point Capital Improvements**

### **Magnolia Farmers Market**

**Date:** June 14, 2025

**Location:** W McGraw Street & 33rd Ave W in the Magnolia Village

**Attendance:** West Point staff engaged with over 50 families that attended the Magnolia Farmers Market.

### **Purpose of the event:**

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) attended the Magnolia Farmers Market and hosted an information booth to promote West Point with the public and share information about the plant's work. Community members were able to ask questions about career opportunities, projects, and learn about our wastewater system.

Key topics included:

- General education about how our wastewater system works and what not to flush down our pipes.
- Career opportunities offered by WTD workforce development and the Operator-In-Training (OIT) Program.
- Overview of capital improvement projects at West Point Treatment Plant.



### **Event format:**

Visitors to the County booth could receive a giveaway for learning about the wastewater treatment system or playing a waste-sorting game. Giveaway prizes included measuring tape keychains, stress balls (construction hats and toilets), and magnetic clips. They received flyers for the OIT and Workforce Development program, as well as materials with information directing them to the King County jobs page. Additional resources for children's activities included origami and coloring sheets.

### **Summary of feedback:**

People visiting the booth were excited to see King County out in the community and interested in learning about our wastewater system. Most community members were aware of what not to flush but were unfamiliar with how the full wastewater treatment system worked. Another frequently asked question was why West Point Treatment Plant is where it is.

People were also interested in tours, having WTD visiting their workplace or schools, and other educational opportunities with WTD. Some attendees had greater familiarity with the treatment plant, either from going on a tour previously or having worked for King County.



Many people were interested in the workforce development program, in particular the OIT program. A number of people also expressed interest in environmental engineering opportunities with WTD.