

Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities



Combined
Sewer Overflow
(CSO) Control
Program

SODO Preliminary Design Survey Summary

King County is working to reduce overflows from five outfalls at the mouth of the Duwamish River. These outfalls are along both the east and west waterways of the river.

Our plan to control these five outfalls includes:



a new wet weather treatment station in SODO



a new outfall for cleaned water



a new storage tank in West Seattle (Industrial District West)



new pipes and supporting facilities to connect flows along the way



Between **July 1** and **August 31, 2025**, we invited community members to take a survey. The survey gathered your ideas about how the new wet weather treatment station in SODO should look. We offered the survey in simplified and traditional Chinese, English, Khmer, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared their feedback!



The project team shared information about the survey with community members at Alki Beach Pride.

How we shared

- door-to-door flyer distribution
- email outreach
- flyer mailing
- email and text updates
- outreach at fair and festival events
- postcard mailing
- social media
- website updates

Outcomes

We heard from **182 participants**. People who responded to our survey mostly travel through SODO, shop or go to events in the area. Some work or live in the area. We also received **more than 500 comments** through the survey.

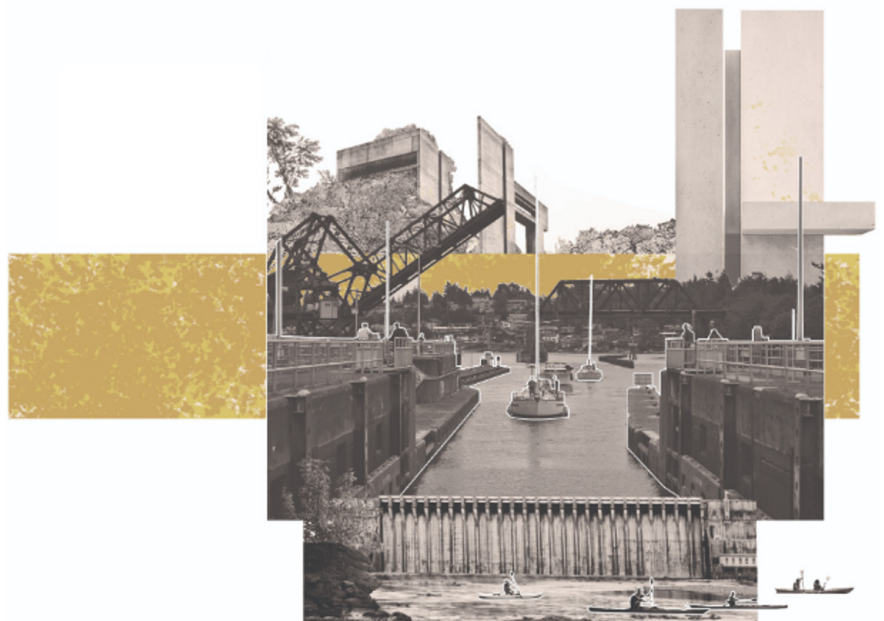
What we heard

- Design should show the history and importance of the Duwamish River. It should include cool colors like blue and green. It should also include materials with natural textures.
- Design should be sustainable. It should include solar panels, rain gardens, and new trees. Plants should be native and support pollinators.
- Facilities should also look nice and help people learn. They should include public art, lighting, and informational signs. Fencing should allow people to see into the facility.
- Construction will impact people who work and own businesses in SODO. It will also impact people who live in SODO. Once built, facilities will impact people who live in SODO and people who use the Duwamish River.
- People want more trees and green gathering spaces in SODO. People also want safer, improved sidewalks and paths around the facility.

How we will use your feedback

Our design theme will reflect the history and importance of the Duwamish River. It will tell a story about our efforts to protect water quality for future generations. We will continue to incorporate your ideas, where possible, during our next phase of design.

We will work to understand impacts to community members who live and work in SODO and people who use the Duwamish River. We will look for ways to improve the area, such as planting trees and fixing sidewalks. This will help people walk, bike, and roll more safely near the future facility.



Collage of design inspiration featuring the Duwamish River.

What's next?

We will continue our work on early design and environmental review. We will also work on an engineering report that must be approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology. This work will continue between now and **early 2026**.

We will also launch a Community Sounding Board that will help us incorporate your input. This group will meet between **October** and **December 2025**.

Contact us

With questions or to schedule a briefing for your organization, please contact Bibiana Ocheke-Ameh at DWetWeaFacilities@kingcounty.gov or **206-477-5604**.