

Georgetown Carnival Event Summary

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King County is working to control five Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) outfalls in the area around the mouth of the Duwamish River. The outfalls (called Chelan, Hanford #2, Lander, Kingdome, and King Street) are located in the east and west waterways of the Duwamish River on both sides of Harbor Island and along the Seattle shoreline of Elliott Bay in the SODO neighborhood. This work fulfills the [legal requirements](#) of a consent decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The Mouth of the Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities team hosted an information booth at the Georgetown Carnival on Saturday, June 8, from noon – 6 p.m. to raise awareness of the work and to promote a recently launched Online Open House and survey.

Event Format

The Georgetown Carnival, organized by the Georgetown Business Association, gathers families in the Georgetown neighborhood for a day of carnival games, live performances, music, arts and crafts, and vendors.

The outreach team hosted an information booth at the event with King County branded giveaway items and Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather facilities materials, including iPads with the online open house content, a recent newsletter, and a postcard mailing. Staff invited participants to sign up for the email list to stay informed as planning progresses.

Informational materials included Spanish, Khmer, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, and Vietnamese translations. The outreach team for this event included Spanish language services specialists.



Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities team hosts an information booth at the 2024 Georgetown Carnival event.

Engagement summary

During the event, the outreach team engaged with approximately 102 attendees, eight of whom signed up for the email list. Two community members completed the online open house survey during the event. Many attendees shared that they lived in Georgetown or the surrounding neighborhoods. All community members who engaged with the outreach team used English.

Attendees expressed appreciation for the goals of the effort and the work of King County Wastewater Treatment Division. Community members asked questions about the Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities goals, timeline, and related volunteer opportunities.

Several community members asked whether Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities are related to flooding in South Park. While this effort does not address flooding in South Park, King County and Seattle Public Utilities are advancing short-term and long-term solutions to reduce the risk of wastewater backups and flooding in South Park through other efforts. More information is available on the [South Park Flooding](#) and the [South Park wastewater backup protection](#) websites.