



## Duwamish River Festival 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 and West Seattle neighborhoods. 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 Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities team attended the West Duwamish River Festival, an annual community event in South Park, on Saturday, August 3, from noon to 5 p.m. to raise awareness of the work and to promote a recently launched Online Open House and survey.

### Event Format

The Duwamish River Festival, hosted by the Duwamish River Community Coalition, creates opportunities for South Park and Georgetown community members to come together to celebrate diversity and the cleanup and restoration of the Duwamish River. Attendants participate in family-friendly activities, arts, culture, and entertainment.

The project team hosted an informational booth at the event which also included representatives of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, RainWise, and the West Duwamish Wet Weather Storage project. The booth included maps of the Mouth of Duwamish project area, project newsletters, printed copies of the Community Values Survey, and giveaways.



*Attendees engaged with information about the West Duwamish Wet Weather Storage Facility project and other clean water initiatives.*

Project event staff engaged with attendees in both English and Spanish and distributed project materials in both languages.

## Engagement Summary

During the event, the project team engaged with 194 attendees. Participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to connect with the project team and excitement about the work. Some participants asked questions about outfall prevention initiatives and other efforts to clean up the Duwamish River. Many noted familiarity with the RainWise program, as well as Mouth of Duwamish Wet Weather Facilities. Additionally, attendees expressed appreciation for WTDs workforce development initiatives.