

SUMMARY

FILE NO. 2423
ENTITY: VASHON SEWER DISTRICT
ACTION: RESOLUTION - WITHDRAWAL OF TERRITORY
TITLE: SPRING BEACH WITHDRAWAL OF TERRITORY

DEEMED COMPLETE DATE: 3/27/2026
DISTRIBUTED: 4/3/2026
EXPIRATION 45 DAYS: 5/11/2026
BOARD MEETING: 4/9/2026

NOI Link: <https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/independent/governance-and-leadership/government-oversight/boundary-review-board/docs/nois/2423.pdf?rev=c36ddb660db48a8b70374a10c45960f&hash=67E3A4A18DC36B4368F051D13F7E4809>

Introduction	The proposed action would remove territory from the Vashon Sewer District.
Location	The proposed territory to be withdrawn is located in the southwest part of Vashon Island. The area is located in Sections 34 and 35 of Township 22 North, Range 2 East, Willamette Meridian.
No. of Parcels:	23
Parcel Nos.	7930000285, 7930000280, 7930000275, 7930000220, 7930000215, 7930000210, 7930000200, 7930000180, 7930000170, 7930000160, 7930000156, 7930000155, 7930000150, 7930000135, 7930000130, 7930000120, 7930000116, 7930000110, 7930000100, 7930000085, 7930000005, 3522029023, 3422029003
Land Area	Approximately 67 acres
Existing Land Use	The area is zoned as RA 2.5 by King County and is comprised of several single-family homes, shoreline and a natural area owned by King County Parks (Spring Beach Natural Area.)
Population	Approximately 34
Assessed Valuation	\$7,999,000
District Comprehensive Plan/Franchise Agreement	The Vashon Sewer District originally adopted its current Sewer Comprehensive Plan in 1992 and then amended it in 2010. The King County Council adopted the amended plan via its Ordinance No. 17049 on March 25, 2011. The Vashon Sewer District is currently in the process of updating said plan, and King County requested that this withdrawal of territory be completed as part of that effort. The Vashon Sewer District does not have a franchise agreement for the territory proposed for withdrawal as it does not provide service in the area.
Urban Growth Area (UGA)	The proposed annexation area is located outside the UGA as identified under the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and the King County Comprehensive Plan.
SEPA Declaration:	The Vashon Sewer District prepared a SEPA environmental checklist and made a Determination of Nonsignificance on January 15, 2026.



ENTITIES/AGENCIES NOTIFIED:

King County Councilmember:	Teresa Mosqueda, District 8
King County Departments	KCIT, King County Council, Department of Assessments, Department of Community and Human Services, Department of Executive Services, Department of Local Services, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, King County Elections, King County Executive's Office, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Public Health Seattle & King County
Cities/Towns:	Burien, Normandy Park, Des Moines, Federal Way
Fire Districts/Regional Fire Authorities:	Vashon Island Fire & Rescue, King County Fire Protection District No. 2, South King Fire
Water Districts:	King County Water District 19, Highline Water District, King County Water District 54, Lakehaven Water & Sewer District
Sewer Districts:	SW Suburban Sewer District, Midway Sewer District
School Districts:	Vashon Island School District, Highline School District, Federal Way School District
Hospital Districts:	Public Hospital District No. 5
Other:	Puget Sound Regional Council, Puget Sound Energy, Washington State Department of Ecology, Sound Transit, Port of Seattle, King County Library System, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

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The Vashon Sewer District "the District" proposes to withdraw approximately 67 acres from the District's current boundary for purposes of sewer service. This area is not contiguous to the larger portion of the District's territory which is located in and near the Rural Town portion of Vashon Island. Rather, this area is located in the southwest portion of the island in and near the Spring Beach Natural Area. The District initiated this withdrawal of territory pursuant to RCW 57.28.035 (Withdrawal of Territory) which permits withdrawal of territory by resolution of the District Board of Commissioners. A Resolution for Withdrawal of Territory was approved by the District on March 17, 2026. The District held a public hearing regarding the proposed removal of territory on September 16, 2025.

This proposed 67-acre area to be withdrawn from the District "the Territory" is comprised of 23 parcels and is zoned RA-2.5. The Territory is located outside the Urban Growth Area as identified under the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and the King County Comprehensive Plan. Of this area, approximately 54 acres are owned by King County Parks and is known as the Spring Beach Natural Area. The remaining area is developed with single family residences. There is also a substantial length of shoreline in the Territory. The owners of the single-family residences formed and operate a Homeowners Association (HOA.) The District reports that with the support of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks Wastewater Treatment Division, this HOA and individual property owners recently installed septic systems that provide service to the residences and that the residences no longer discharge untreated wastewater into Puget Sound. The District adds that despite adding the Territory to its corporate boundary upon King County's request, it never provided service to the Territory as it found that it was unable to construct facilities in the Territory needed to provide wastewater treatment in what it considered to be a cost-effective manner. Further, the District states that due to the installation of the septic systems and the cessation of discharge of untreated wastewater into Puget Sound, it no longer plans to provide any future sewer service to the Territory. Finally, The District states that King County requested that the District withdraw the Territory as part of its preparations to update its Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The District's current Sewer Comprehensive Plan was approved by the District's governing body in 1992. The District then amended the plan in 2010 via its Resolution No. 453. The King County Council approved this amendment via its Ordinance No. 17049 on March 25, 2011.

The District reports that the withdrawal of the Territory would not affect the Spring Beach Group B water system that serves the Territory or fire protection service provided to the Territory by Vashon Island Fire & Rescue. The District further states that the withdrawal of the Territory would not affect the finances of King County or Vashon Island Fire & Rescue.

District representatives report that the proposed action is consistent with the following applicable provisions of the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.020), the King County Comprehensive Plan and King County Countywide Planning Policies.

King County Comprehensive Plan

RP-119 Functional plans for facilities and services:

- a. Shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and subarea plans;***
- b. Shall be consistent with service levels that are appropriate for the Urban Growth Area, Rural Area, and Natural Resource Lands;***
- c. May provide standards for location, design, and operation of public facilities and services;***
- d. Should specify adequate, stable, and equitable methods of pay for public facilities and services;***
- e. May be the basis for scheduling needed facilities and services through capital improvement programs; and***
- f. f. Should plan for maintenance of existing facilities.***

F-101: King County shall seek to identify the needs and propose strategies for public facilities and services, including physical infrastructure and health, human, and public safety services necessary to support all communities at appropriate urban and rural service levels.

F-306: If a service provider declares, through their capital facilities plan, an inability to accommodate projected service needs inside their service area, King County and the service provider shall remedy the deficiency through a joint planning process

addressing capital improvement programs, long-term funding strategies, or other appropriate corrective actions. If those actions cannot resolve the deficiency, King County shall not allow for expansion of the service provider's service area and shall consider regulations to mitigate the effect of the deficiency.

F-402 In the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands, services provided by agencies shall support a rural level of development and support service that meets the needs of the community and not facilitate urbanization.

King County Countywide Planning Policies

DP-49 Limit the extension of urban infrastructure improvements through the Rural Area to only cases where it is necessary to serve the Urban Growth Area and where there are no other feasible alignments. Such limited extensions may be considered only if land use controls are in place to restrict uses appropriate for the Rural Area and only if access management controls are in place to prohibit tie-ins to the extended facilities.

FILE NO. 2423 –Vashon Sewer District – SPRING BEACH WITHDRAWAL OF TERRITORY MAPS

Links to Unmarked Assessor's Office Maps

SE 34-22-02 - https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/assessor/emap/InternetPDF/qs_SE342202.pdf

SE 35-22-02 - https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/assessor/emap/InternetPDF/qs_SE352202.pdf

