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**GEORGETOWN**  
 Wet Weather Treatment Station

King County  
**Protecting Our Waters**  
 Doing our part on rainy days

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## Working for a Cleaner Duwamish

In Georgetown and other parts of King County, underground pipes carry both sewage and stormwater to the West Point Treatment Plant in Magnolia to be cleaned. The pipes and treatment plant help keep us healthy and make for cleaner rivers, lakes and Puget Sound.

During large storms, more rainwater enters the pipes than the sewer system can handle. Currently, in Georgetown, that excess water mixes with sewage and is released into the Duwamish River without being cleaned. We call this a combined sewer overflow, or CSO. CSOs are important safety valves for the sewer system. They prevent sewer backups in our homes and streets. However, CSOs are also harmful to the environment and public health. King County is working to reduce the number of CSOs into our local water bodies.



In Georgetown, King County will build a wet weather treatment station to help protect the Duwamish River from CSOs. During heavy rainstorms, the new station will clean excess sewage and stormwater before it enters the Duwamish River. The new facility will reduce the amount of untreated wastewater entering the Duwamish by 95 percent.

### Site selected for treatment station

King County recently selected a site for the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station (see map). The site is located north of South Michigan Street between East Marginal Way South and Fourth Avenue South. The site was carefully chosen for several reasons.

- It is near existing sewer pipes.
- It is close to the Duwamish river where a new outfall structure will release cleaned water.
- The proximity to the sewer system and the river means less new pipes in the ground. This shortens construction time and reduces street disruption.



King County will be purchasing four properties to acquire the site needed for the treatment station. The County real estate team is working closely with each property owner to address their needs and concerns while following County policy and State law.

Environmental review of the proposed project is expected in the first quarter of 2016.

The selected site is north of South Michigan Street between East Marginal Way South and Fourth Avenue South.

### Join us to learn more about the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station!

#### Look inside for the latest news:

- Treatment station location
- Design advisory group update
- Upcoming community events and opportunities to share your thoughts

## We want to hear from you!

### Want to learn more about the project?

For questions, comments, to request a project briefing, or information on the design advisory group, please contact:

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Este texto brinda información sobre la estación de tratamiento Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station. Para obtener más información, llame al 206-477-5415, deje un mensaje con su número telefónico e indique su idioma. Se le proporcionará un intérprete de forma gratuita.

该文披露, “乔治城潮湿天气应对工作站 (Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station) 已经选定在乔治城附近。如需更多信息, 请拨打 206-477-5415 留言, 留下您的电话号码和您的语言。将提供免费翻译。

## Design Advisory Group Update

King County has brought together a group to help guide the design of the new station. The group is:

- Reviewing project information to understand what is needed at the station
- Providing input on the character of the site
- Advising on the look and feel of the station to help it fit more closely into the community

The advisory group includes members who are connected to the Georgetown community and represent diverse experiences, areas of expertise, and interests.

The advisory group has met four times since January. In January, the advisory group learned about the project. In February, the group worked with the County to create guidelines that will help our team design a facility that fits into the unique Georgetown neighborhood. The advisory group met again in May to finalize the design guidelines and get updates on the selected site. At their meeting on June 18, the advisory group reviewed design concepts of the facility developed by King County and provided feedback.

**Provide your feedback on these concepts at our online open house:**

**<http://georgetownWWTS.publicmeeting.info>. If you want to provide input and do not have computer access, call Kristine (206-477-5415) to get a paper copy of the conceptual designs and survey.**

The project team will update design concepts for the new facility based on feedback from the community and the design advisory group. The advisory group will review those updated concepts at their July 30 meeting.

## Environmental Review

In early 2016, King County plans to conduct an environmental review of the project under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). SEPA is an environmental review process regulated by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The County will complete a SEPA environmental checklist. The checklist will describe the project and identify possible environmental impacts. Once complete, the findings from the checklist will be available for public review and comment.

## Project Schedule

Design of the facility has just begun. The project team has made decisions about the equipment needed to clean the water. They are now deciding how the buildings should be placed on the site. We expect design to be complete by early 2017.

King County is committed to working closely with the community throughout the project. In 2014, our project team:

- Hosted three project drop-in sessions
- Attended the Duwamish River Festival and Georgetown Garden Walk
- Briefed community organizations, including the Georgetown Community Council, Georgetown Merchants Association, Manufacturing and Industrial Council, and Greater Duwamish District Council



## We Want to Hear from You!

The Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station project team has been out in the Georgetown neighborhood this summer. We have been sharing project information, answering questions, and have started to gather input on design concepts for the new facility. If you have missed us, come find us at the following events:

- **Georgetown Art Attack – July 11**
- **Georgetown Garden Walk (near the Carleton Grocery) – July 12**

Share your thoughts on the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station design concepts for the new facility through a survey in our online open house. The online open house will walk you through the project, the design advisory group, the design guidelines and concepts, and next steps. If you need help accessing the open house, or you want to hear about the project in person, contact Kristine Cramer at 206-477-5415.



### Design Advisory Group Meeting

**Thursday, July 30, 2015**

**6 – 8p.m.**

South Seattle College Georgetown Campus  
6737 Corson Ave. S., Seattle  
Building C, Room C110/C111

The meeting is open to the public.

### Online Open House

**June 22 – July 15**

[georgetownWWTS.publicmeeting.info](http://georgetownWWTS.publicmeeting.info)

The design team will update the design concepts based on your feedback and share updated concepts with the advisory group in July.

## Other ways to get involved:

- Check the project website: [www.kingcounty.gov/GeorgetownWWTS](http://www.kingcounty.gov/GeorgetownWWTS)
- Ask us to speak at your community group meetings
- Join our mailing list to ensure you receive project newsletters and meeting announcements

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