



NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

Enatai Beach Park tabling event

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2019

Time: 12-3 p.m.

Location: Enatai Beach Park at 3519 108th Avenue S.E.

Attendance

Project staff engaged with 10 visitors.

Purpose

Enatai Beach Park will be impacted during construction of the North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project. Construction work at Enatai Beach Park is expected to begin in late 2020 and continue intermittently for up to four years. Hosting a project booth at Enatai Beach Park enabled project staff to engage with park users and share project information.

Booth Format

Project staff hosted a table at the REI Boathouse with project information, maps of the alignment and wastewater treatment areas, and plush microbe toys and water samples. The team shared informational materials about odor control, Enatai Beach Park construction and restoration, and GroCo/Loop compost. Staff encouraged attendees to play the interactive iPad game “Let the Poo Thru” and to sign-up for the email listserv.



A community relations staff member sharing project information at Enatai Beach Park.

Advance notification

Notification of the event was emailed to the project listserv on August 16, 2019 and posted on the project website under the “Project Update” section.

Summary of feedback

Booth visitors asked to know more about project construction, Bellevue wastewater treatment services, and the NME project schedule.

Questions received during the tabling event included:

When will construction begin and when will it end?

Construction is expected to begin in 2021 and take approximately three years to complete.

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206-477-5371/ 711 (TTY Relay)



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Can the construction at Enatai Beach Park occur in the off-season?

As much as possible, the project team will try to schedule construction outside the busiest periods of recreation at Enatai Beach Park. Natural resource agencies may require that work in Lake Washington occur during the “fish window,” when migrating fish are less likely to be in the area. We are working with these agencies to protect fish species while minimizing interruption to the parks peak recreational season.

Where is Bellevue wastewater treated?

Bellevue’s wastewater is treated at the King County South Treatment Plant located in Renton, Washington.

How will the pipeline be placed in the East Channel?

The pipe will be installed using a trench dug by barges using “clam shell” excavators on a crane. The contractor will follow environmental guidelines set by regulatory agencies to keep the work area contained. Boat navigability will be maintained at all times.

Why has Enatai Beach Park experienced closures this summer?

Enatai Beach Park was closed for periods of time this summer due to high bacteria levels found in Lake Washington. Public Health - Seattle & King County closed the beach swimming area for the safety of water users. The swimming area is now reopened.

High bacterial counts are often caused by fecal material entering the water. The existing sewer pipeline that crosses the East Channel at Enatai Beach Park is regularly examined for safety and has not contributed to the beach closures.