



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Wastewater Treatment Division

North Beach Pump Station repair next steps February 19, 2020

This week, King County's response team will finish work on the site of the force main pipe repair and there will be no work over the weekend. We will keep the construction fencing up around the south part of Blue Ridge Park pending park restoration. The north part of the park remains open.

The beach directly below the park and pump station remains closed. When the problem began, Public Health - Seattle & King County, recommended temporarily closing the beach due to high bacteria counts in the water. King County is monitoring water quality at the beach shore daily. Since King County completed repair of a damaged section of pipe at the site on February 13, we are seeing improving trends in the data. While most measurements are meeting standards, there are higher readings in the nearby stormwater system. Public Health will use the data to determine when to open the beach. Until then, beach closure signs will remain posted.

King County's response team appreciates the community's patience and support while this work is completed. We will continue to keep you up to date as construction and vegetation restoration continues.

What neighbors can expect

- The County's Environmental Lab will access the beach to take water quality samples. Neighbors may see employees in safety vests and hard hats crossing the park and accessing the beach during the day and after hours.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Monica Van der Vieren at 206-477-5502 or monica.vandervieren@kingcounty.gov or Erika Peterson at 206-477-5525 or erika.peterson@kingcounty.gov

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The North Beach Pump Station and force main were built in the 1960's to carry wastewater from the North Beach/Blue Ridge area to Carkeek Wet Weather Treatment Facility. From Carkeek, the wastewater travels to West Point Treatment Plant.

King County added a storage tank and odor control to the existing North Beach Pump Station to reduce overflows of untreated stormwater and sewage into Puget Sound during large storms. Those facilities went online in 2015 and continue to operate.

For more information:

To learn about the facilities at North Beach, visit the Web:

www.kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wtd/capital-projects/completed/north-beach-cso-control.aspx

Map of North Beach Pump Station area with City and County facilities



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