



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Wastewater Treatment Division

King Street Center, KSC-NR-0500

201 South Jackson Street

Seattle, WA 98104-3855

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Dear Sunrise Heights and Westwood neighbors:

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer. As Project Manager for the **Barton Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project** I am writing with an update on what the project team has been up to since the April 6, 2011 community meeting and what you can expect as the project design phase officially begins in September 2011. Here are some of the activities that have kept us busy this summer.

- **Selection of design team:** After a very competitive selection process, King County has chosen SvR Design Company as the design consulting firm. They have extensive experience on green stormwater projects including the nearby High Point bioretention swales and have assembled an expert team that is specially qualified to design bioretention swales for CSO.
- **Data collection from groundwater monitoring wells:** We have been collecting data on the groundwater conditions and will continue to do so throughout the winter months. This information will guide the design team as it moves into site selection for the swales.
- **Community outreach:** The community relations team collected survey results from the more than 150 residents who took the time to respond to last spring's survey – thank you to all who participated! The responses and comments are being used to help inform the project design and our continued outreach efforts. We have also conducted several small block meetings with interested neighbors as requested to answer questions and discuss project details.

Next Steps: Field work to determine bioretention swale locations.

In the next few months the design team will continue assessing field conditions in the project area in order to determine the best sites for the bioretention swales. Once we know how many swales are needed to control the Barton Pump Station CSOs and their feasible locations, we will work on the design of the swales with residents on those selected blocks.

Starting in mid-September you may see a variety of field work activities in your neighborhood such as:

- Project team members conducting land and utility surveys, and looking at topography, stormwater and groundwater patterns, existing parking strip uses, trees, driveways, accessibility for residents with disabilities, and other physical features of the project area.
- Geotechnical borings to better understand soil and groundwater conditions.
- Infiltration testing to see how long it takes water to soak into the ground.
- Parking and traffic pattern survey.
- Potential installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells.
- Examination of roof downspout connections/disconnections to the existing combined sewer system.

Residents will receive advance notice of the specific field work scheduled on their blocks.

King County is committed to working closely with project area neighbors and we will continue to keep the community informed and provide opportunities for input as we move forward. Please contact us at anytime for more information, ask questions, voice concerns, or request a block meeting. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Wohleb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mary Wohleb, Capital Project Manager
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For More Project Information:

- Contact Maryann Petrocelli, King County Community Relations, at 206-263-7321 or email maryann.petrocelli@kingcounty.gov
- Visit the project website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Construction/Seattle/BartonCSO-GSI.aspx>
- If you haven't already taken the **community survey**, please do. Go to the project website listed above or request a hard copy from Maryann Petrocelli.

Enclosure