



University Slough south of Clark Road Bridge reopened to public after King County completes cleanup

Public Health – Seattle & King County confirmed University Slough water quality south of the Clark Road Bridge is safe for public use, effective Friday, June 13, 2008. King County completed cleanup of wastewater sediments in University Slough on Tuesday, June 10.

King County's Wastewater Treatment Division implemented aggressive cleanup measures after an accidental wastewater release into University Slough was discovered on May 23. Crews reduced water levels between Northeast 45th Street and Clark Road Bridge and vacuumed accumulated sediments from the slough bed. Sediments were returned to the county wastewater treatment system.

Restoration of the cleanup area is being coordinated with University of Washington staff. The waterway between Northeast 45th Street and the Clark Road Bridge will remain closed to the public while restoration planning and water quality monitoring around the work site continue.

Ravenna Creek was rerouted from the King County sanitary sewer system to the drainage canal on the University of Washington campus in 2006. The drainage canal flows through territory that served as a landfill for 40 years before being capped in 1966 and incorporated into the Urban Bay Natural Area.

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