

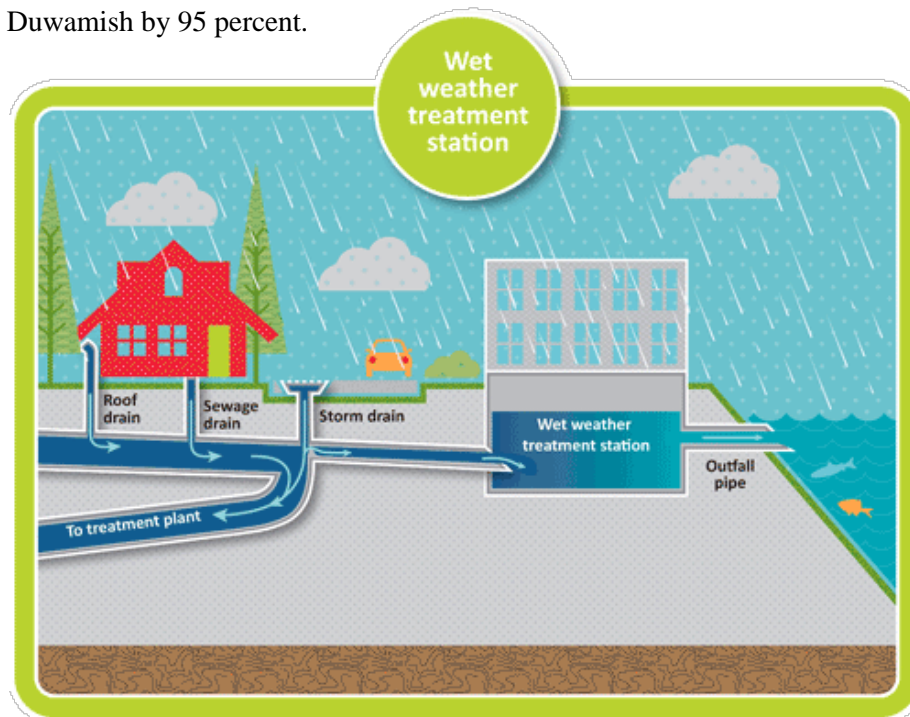
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## Working for a cleaner Duwamish

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.



## Project Schedule

The facility is being designed now. The project team has made decisions about the equipment needed to clean the water and how the buildings should be placed on the site. We expect design to be complete by early 2017.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, or if you want to share your ideas, contact Kristine Cramer at [Kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov) or 206-477-5415. Leave a message with your telephone number and indicate your language, or tell Kristine what language you speak. An interpreter will be provided at no cost to you.