



**Kent-Auburn  
Conveyance Systems  
Improvement Project  
Phase A**

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***New regional wastewater facilities to serve the growing population***

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division is planning to construct new sewers to serve the rapidly growing population in south King County. The first phase consists of two new pipelines:

- Kent East Hill Diversion in Kent
- Stuck River Trunk in Auburn

Construction of these projects is planned in 2010 – 2011.

**Kent East Hill Diversion Sewer in Kent**

Short term capacity needs in Kent can be met if a section of new pipe is constructed on the Kent East Hill to transfer flows out of the Mill Creek Interceptor pipeline that is near capacity to the 277<sup>th</sup> Interceptor pipeline with available capacity. A new pipe (called Kent East Hill Diversion), located near the Kent Phoenix Academy, will provide the necessary transfer of flows. County staff has been working with the Kent School District and the City of Kent to determine the preferred alignment in this area.

**Stuck River Trunk in Auburn**

This pipeline improvement will address capacity limitations in the existing M Street Trunk in east Auburn, which is projected to reach capacity by 2010. A new sewer, called the Stuck River Trunk, will be constructed from K Street SE, west along 17<sup>th</sup> Street SE, beneath the BNSF Railway tracks to C Street SW, where it then connects to one of the county's existing sewer called the Lakeland Hills Gravity Trunk.

***Environmental review***

The State Environmental Policy Act, or SEPA, provides a way to identify possible environmental impacts that may result from proposed projects. King County has prepared a SEPA environmental checklist for the Kent-Auburn Conveyance System Improvement Project Phase A. It addresses potential impacts of the project on the natural and built environments, including earth, air, water, plants and animals, environmental health, noise, land use, recreation, light and glare, and aesthetics.

Through this environmental review, King County has determined that this project will not have significant adverse environmental impacts. On September 30, 2008, King County issued an environmental determination of non-significance (DNS), which is a formal announcement of the results of the SEPA process. We are mailing that document to property owners within 500 feet of the proposed project and others on the project mailing list. Copies of both documents are available for review at the Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S in Auburn, and the Kent Regional Library, 212 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N in Kent. If you want a copy of the complete checklist, please contact Katherine McKee at 206-263-3197 or [katherine.mckee@kingcounty.gov](mailto:katherine.mckee@kingcounty.gov) or check the Web site. Public comments on the DNS and checklist will be accepted through October 16, 2008.

***For more information***

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