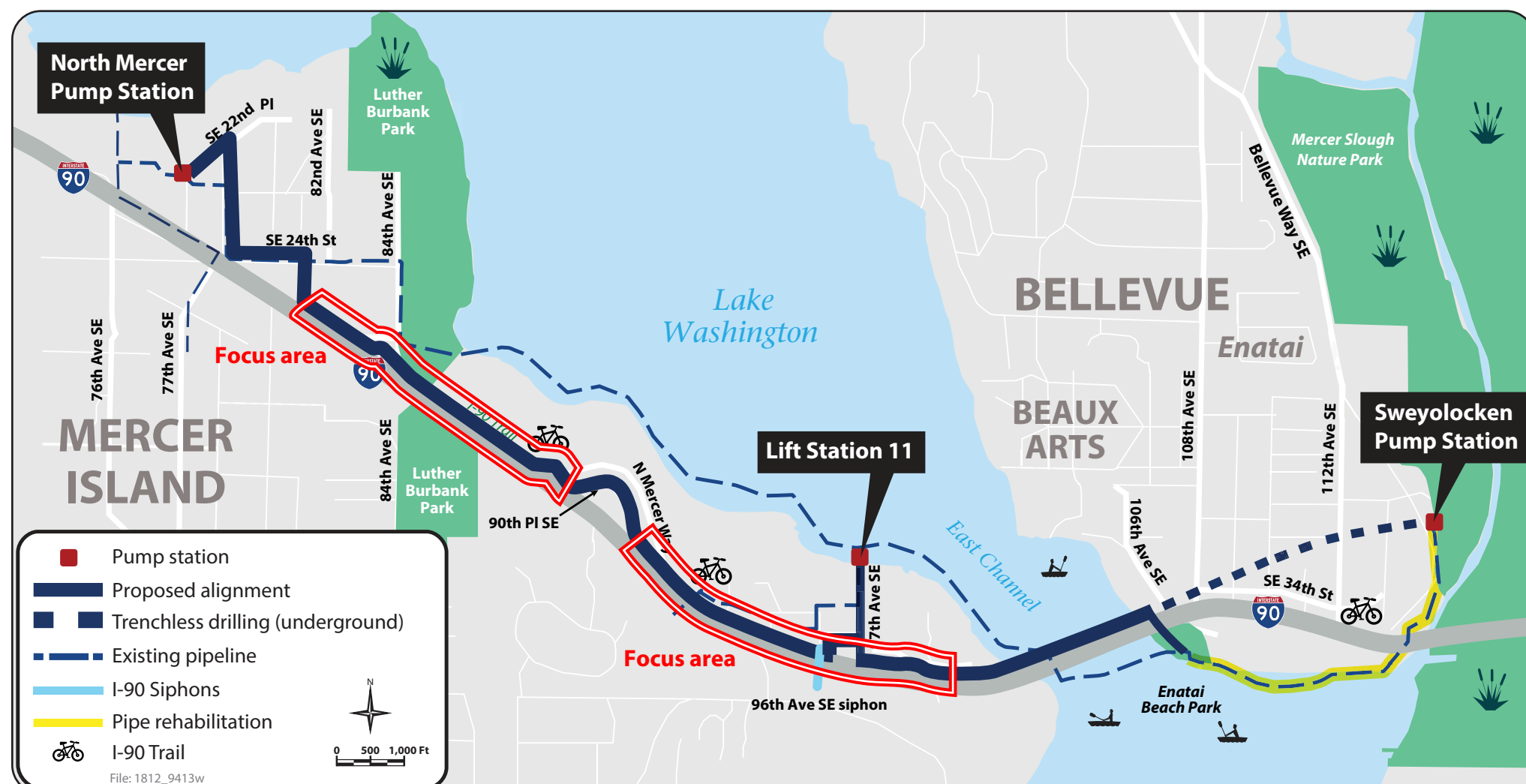




NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

I-90 Trail After Construction - Mercer Island



Future trail near Covenant Shores Retirement Community.



I-90 Trail Restoration

The restoration plan for the I-90 trail on Mercer Island emphasizes the aesthetic character of the trail and surrounding neighborhood.

When construction is finished and trail restoration is complete, the I-90 trail will have several improvements from its current condition:

- Wherever site conditions allow, on **Mercer Island** the restored trail will be 12 feet wide with 2 feet of gravel on either side to meet WSDOT trail restoration standards. This will generally increase the width, which is currently 10 to 12 feet in most places, and less than 10 feet in some places.
- Restoration will repair all trail surfaces in the work area that currently have tree-root or other damage.
- Upgrade signage and improved surface conditions will increase safety at the trail's intersections with roadways.
- Affected access points will be improved to full compliance with ADA requirements.
- The plan for tree removal and replacement will provide increased sight distances and clear zones for users.
- **We will only restore trail sections impacted by the project.**

The Plan for Trees

In order to safely install the new pipe, our crews will need an area approximately 26 feet wide along the I-90 trail. We expect to remove several hundred trees and plants along the route.

When work is complete, we will replant at least one tree for every mature tree that is removed. Tree replanting standards are set by the Washington State Department of Transportation, City of Mercer Island, or City of Bellevue, depending on where the tree is located.

King County is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment. Restoration on this project will provide benefits, including:

- The size, species, and placement of replacement trees will be chosen to reduce tree impacts on the trail and its users.
- Root barriers along the edge of the trail will help prevent future root damage to the trail.
- Finished tree placement will provide a greater clear zone for users along the sides of the trail.
- As part of the project, the County will also plant new trees within the I-90 corridor on Mercer Island beyond the area impacted by the pipe installation.



Example site before construction



Example site during construction



Example site after construction