### 2021 Combined Sewer Overflow Annual Snapshot

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#### 2021 CSO Outfall Statistics

- **19** controlled outfalls
- **13** uncontrolled outfalls
- **39** King County CSO outfalls

#### 2021 RainWise Program Accomplishments

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- **$3,685** average home rebate
- **71** rebated projects in King County CSO basins in 2021
- **79,430** square feet of roof area captured (17 basketball courts)