



Project Spotlight: South Park Pump Station

Seattle Public Utilities began construction in late August on the new South Park Pump Station, to improve chronic flooding and drainage issues in the northern industrial area of Seattle's South Park neighborhood. This area experiences chronic flooding for a few main reasons:



- Stormwater can't drain during high tide**
 South park is located along the Lower Duwamish Waterway. When it rains, stormwater (rain that runs off roofs, streets, parking lots, and other hard surfaces) is transported through a main pipe into the Duwamish Waterway. To protect the drainage system from river water, a valve closes when the tide is high. When that valve is closed, stormwater can't drain out to the waterway, so water backs up, sometimes flowing out of inlets and catch basins and flooding the neighborhood.
- Some streets in the area don't have a drainage collection system**
 When there's nothing for stormwater to drain into, it floods the streets instead.
- Many private properties don't have drainage pipes connected to the main system**
 Stormwater on these properties has nowhere to go, so they end up flooding.

The South Park Pump Station is a key first step in addressing these problems. The pump station will help move stormwater to the Waterway when the tide is high and the main pipe can't drain by gravity. In doing so, the pump station will reduce flooding on roads that have a formal stormwater collection system (including pipes, catch basins, and inlets).



Community Workforce

We're committed to creating jobs and career path opportunities for individuals from low-income communities.

The South Park Pump Station project uses a Community Workforce Agreement to implement prioritized hiring for Seattle and King County residents living in economically distressed ZIP codes, with an emphasis on hiring pre-apprenticeship program graduates, women, and people of color.

To learn more about these priorities, go to seattle.gov and search for "CWA."

What's Next?

The South Park Pump Station is part of a trio of projects that will work together to improve stormwater-related flooding in South Park and help improve water quality in the Duwamish. The other two projects are the South Park Drainage and Roadway Partnership, in which SPU and the Seattle Department of Transportation will improve streets and construct a drainage system in roadways that don't have one; and a new Stormwater Quality Facility to treat stormwater from the system before it flows into the Waterway.

New Features on the Utility Services Website!

Need to schedule a special item pickup? Headed out of town for 60 days or more and want to put your solid waste service on hold? You can do both with just a few clicks on the City of Seattle Utility Services Website!

To log in or sign up, go to myutilities.seattle.gov.



Special Item Pickup



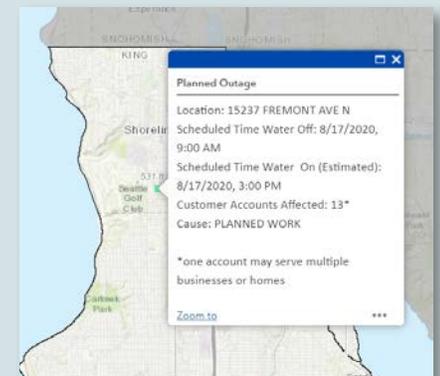
Vacancy Rate Setup

No Water? Check the Water Outage Map

Whether it's due to planned maintenance or emergency repairs, water outages are sometimes necessary to keep Seattle's regional drinking water system delivering clean, safe, great-tasting water to more than 1.5 million people in and around Seattle.

Now you can get the most up-to-date information on planned and emergency outages, including when water service will be restored, using our new water outage map!

Check it out at seattle.gov/utilities/water-outages.



Learn more about the Pump Station Project and other work in South Park at seattle.gov/spps.

Waste-Free Community Grant Recipients 2020-21

As a national leader in waste prevention, Seattle Public Utilities is committed to supporting community-led efforts to create less waste and bring us all closer to a Zero Waste future.

We developed the Waste-Free Communities Matching Grant to support community and business leadership and innovation around preventing waste, increasing community access to waste prevention benefits and opportunities, reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, conserving resources, and reducing the amount of materials that go to waste in Seattle.

Each year we award up to \$20,000 per grantee from an annual fund of \$100,000 to some of the most inspiring and innovative community-led waste prevention projects happening in our region.

Congratulations to the 2020-21 Waste-Free Communities Matching Grant Recipients:

Blue Daisi Consulting – helping small businesses identify ways to save money through implementing waste prevention practices

Cham Refugees Community – training youth to collect, repair, repurpose, and resell clothing and household goods

Eco Collective – expanding their store’s bulk bar where customers can bring their own reusable containers to fill with personal care and cleaning products

Neighborhood Farmers Markets – increasing the use of reusable produce bags at farmers markets

Rainier Valley Food Bank – increasing capacity to rescue more food to distribute to low-income and unsheltered residents in Seattle

Rebuilding Together Seattle – implementing a home repair/rehab demonstration project using primarily reclaimed and reused building materials

Refugee Artisan Initiative – creating sustainable employment for immigrant and refugee women through turning unwanted fabric waste into new products to sell

University of Washington Food Pantry – increasing capacity to rescue more food to distribute to low-income students and staff at the University of Washington

Zero Waste Washington – providing mini-grants to help businesses and organizations install water refill stations



Refugee Artisan Initiative (RAI)

This 2019 grantee works to transform the lives of refugee and immigrant women with sustainable employment. RAI provides its artisans with free training and equipment to up-cycle donated fabric waste into store-quality home goods. With support from SPU’s Waste-Free Communities Matching Grant, RAI began selling its upcycled products in local stores.

Fall is Coming: Remember to Rake Your Leaves!

During the stormy fall season, fallen leaves can clog street drains, causing water to back up and flood our streets and sidewalks. We need your help to prevent clogged storm drains in your neighborhood!

- Rake leaves that fall in your yard or on your sidewalk or parking strip.
- Use the raked leaves for mulch or dispose of them in your food and yard waste cart. No room in your yard waste cart? Place extra yard waste in a paper yard waste bag and set it out next to your cart on collection day.

FREE Extra Yard Waste Pickup November 1-30

As a thanks for raking your leaves, we won’t charge extra yard waste fees in November.

For more information go to bit.ly/SPU_leafpickup.



Utility Discount Program Online Enrollment

We know that COVID-19 has made it much harder for some of our customers to afford essential utility services. We’re here to help.

It’s now easier than ever to apply for the City of Seattle’s Utility Discount Program. Income-eligible residential customers can access 60% off their Seattle City Light bill and 50% off their Seattle Public Utilities bill by filling out a short online form.

Go to seattle.gov/UDP and click on “Apply Online.”



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