

Haller Lake Outfall Maintenance and Replacement

SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Description of Proposal

SPU proposes to maintain and potentially replace an existing stormwater drainage outfall discharging to Haller Lake. The project area is in unimproved right-of-way (ROW) for Meridian Ave N extending from a paved cul-de-sac to the shoreline of the Lake. The project would be implemented in up to two phases. Phase 1 includes removal of root intrusion and debris from approximately 140 linear feet (LF) of an existing 18-inch diameter stormwater drainage mainline using mechanical cutting and hydraulic jetting, relocation of a fallen tree near the outfall, and CCTV inspection of the pipe to assess structural condition. If the inspection determines the pipe is structurally compromised, Phase 2 would replace up to 140 LF of the existing reinforced concrete pipe with new 18-inch diameter ductile iron pipe along the existing alignment using open-cut trenching in an isolated work area.

Construction activities would include temporary installation of turbidity curtains and a cofferdam, fish exclusion and relocation, temporary equipment access using swamp mats or geotextile and quarry spalls, and removal of a chain-link fence encroaching in the ROW and below the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of Haller Lake. Following construction, disturbed areas in the ROW would be stabilized and replanted with native vegetation.

The project would restore unobstructed stormwater conveyance from the approximately 194-acre upstream drainage basin into Haller Lake and reduce localized flooding associated with blockage of the existing outfall.

Proponent

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Location of Proposal

The Haller Lake Outfall is in unimproved ROW between 12555 and 12556 Meridian Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133. The exact location of the outfall is: 47°43'15.4"N 122°20'03.1"W.



Lead Agency

Seattle Public Utilities, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the issuance date below. A copy of the environmental checklist is available online at:

<https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/construction-impacts>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by April 23, 2026 and must be sent by email to:

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Signature: _____ Signature on File _____

Issue Date: April 9, 2026

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Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$120 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: <https://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner>