

Utilities seeks your input on Lake Washington sewer line plans

Bellevue Utilities is developing a management plan for the repair, replacement and maintenance of the Lake Washington wastewater lake line system. The plan will lay the groundwork for future design and construction projects that will support reliable wastewater services, protection of the lake's ecosystem and enjoyment of a clean lake by the community.

The city is conducting a programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) for the management plan, which the community helped inform. The project team used the results of the EIS to develop viable alternatives for the future management of the lake line system. Utilities is now asking residents to provide input on the plan's alternatives.

Utilities will be tabling at local events, parks, and trails within the project area over the next few months to gather community feedback. To find out more about where you can find us, visit BellevueWA.gov/lake-line-project. We look forward to seeing you!

Background about the lake lines

The "lake lines" are pipes that make up a nearly 15-mile-long portion of the city's intricate wastewater system. Lake Line pipes were installed under Lake Washington or on land adjacent to the lake in the 1950s and '60s. They are aging, and the city is planning ahead to maintain services to residents and protect the sensitive lake environment.

How to stay involved

Visit BellevueWA.gov/lake-line-project to sign up for project email or text updates and find more details about the management plan. Questions or comments? Reach out to project manager Angela Chung (LkWaLakeLine@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4320).



Zero Waste Drinking Water Stations are a Success

Bellevue Utilities and Parks staff partnered to help summer event attendees stay hydrated and reduce waste at this year's festivities at the Bellevue Downtown Park by piloting touchless tap drinking water stations. The City's Drinking Water and Water Quality staff made sure the stations were able to connect directly to the city's drinking water lines safely.

The Results

5,000 liters of drinking water was consumed on the 4th of July thanks to this innovative partnership. This is equivalent to reducing over 10,000 single-use plastic water bottles. Bellevue Utilities invested in this partnership to help protect human health, provide equitable access to safe drinking water, and align with our goal of Zero Waste.

Project Team: Erin Hislop (Conservation and Outreach), Michael Pan (Water Quality), Jera Gilmore (Parks)

Be a good neighbor and help keep storm drains clear

Fall is upon us and a good time to remember not to let fall rainstorms flood your street. Keep an eye on storm drains near you and rake them clear of leaves and other debris when you have the chance. Every autumn Bellevue Utilities faces a big job keeping storm drains clear. There are over 20,000 of them around the city.

Tips for clearing storm drains:

- Clear drains only if it is safe to do so.
- Stay out of the street and work from a sidewalk if possible.
- Put all leaves and compostable debris in your organics cart.
- Don't put grass clippings, leaves, or other debris into drains, ditches, creeks, culverts, gutters, or ravines.



If a storm drain appears blocked below the street surface, call 425-452-7840.

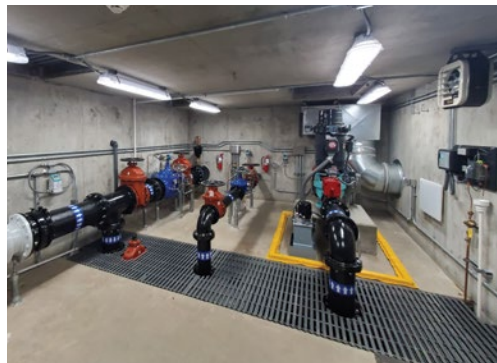
Completed Project: 136th Ave NE Inlet Station and NE 8th St Transmission Main

The 136th Ave NE Water Inlet Station Project was recently completed. As Bellevue continues to grow, Bellevue Utilities prioritizes expanding the capacity of the city's drinking water system. This project offers a new water inlet station with underground vaults and pipes to supply water from the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Tolt Eastside Supply Line. A unique feature includes a hydro turbine that generates electricity from the flow of water through the station. It is estimated that this could save the City up to \$25,000 per year in energy costs.

Project Team: Jay Hummel, Aaron Thress, Adam Warden, Artemis Zafari, and Hien Nguyen

Engineering Design: Consor

Contractor: Interwest Construction, Inc.



2023 Water Quality Report is Available



In accordance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the city provides a water quality report each year to all residential and commercial customers. Bellevue's drinking water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards, and the report contains information about monitoring, testing results, and answers to frequently asked questions. A list of additional compounds monitored for but not detected is also available.

To view the complete report, visit BellevueWA.gov/water-quality.

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24 Hour Emergencies: 425-452-7840
(flooding, water main breaks, no water, sewer overflows, pollutant spills)

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