

Where does your money go?

Wastewater infrastructure is crucial for protecting water quality and economic vitality, and supporting jobs and growth while maintaining our region's natural assets like beaches, lakes and rivers.

King County's wastewater utility is entirely funded by the ratepayers who invest in our programs and services through their monthly rate and capacity charge bills. We take seriously our obligation to provide the highest levels of service and accountability to our ratepayers.



Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services are leading global financial firms that rate corporate stocks and municipal bonds according to risk profiles. In 2007, the firms assigned a very high rating to the Wastewater Treatment Division's bonds, citing:

- Strong management practices
- Continued positive financial performance
- Strong economy, solid rate base and large service area
- Commitment to a capital improvement plan

Revenues

King County's adopted wastewater budget for 2008 includes about \$234 million in revenue from the sewer rate and about \$28 million in revenue from the capacity charge. The 2008 budget also includes about \$15 million from investments and about \$7 million from other income such as fees for industrial waste and sewage removed from septic tanks.

King County also borrows bonds to fund the cost of construction projects under its capital improvement program.

Expenditures

Of the total revenue (about \$302 million), the Wastewater Treatment Division is budgeted to spend about \$100 million to operate and maintain its facilities and about \$202 million for planning, designing and building facilities.

Our annual budget – \$302 million

Where the revenue goes

