



**King County**

Department of  
Natural Resources and Parks  
**Wastewater Treatment Division**

# Vashon Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update

April 2004

## **Construction scheduled to begin in June**



To protect public health and water quality, construction of a new Vashon Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to begin in June 2004. Construction will take place next to the existing treatment plant on the south side of Southwest 171st Street, immediately northeast of the island's commercial area. The work will involve excavation and clearing, construction of several new structures, and a new marine outfall. All work will be done under approved permits and environmental controls.

### **Project background**

Vashon Sewer District contracted with King County in 1999 to treat the wastewater of its customers. Then, the system was experiencing many violations. King County's expertise in wastewater treatment and financing was needed to solve serious problems.

The county carried out many interim steps to improve the plant. Because of these fixes, the plant has not had a permit exception in a year, quite an accomplishment considering its record. While the existing plant is now doing an adequate job, it is at capacity for the amount of incoming waste. The existing plant has no backup systems. If one piece of the system malfunctions, the quality of treatment will be jeopardized.

The new plant will increase capacity, add backup systems and move the marine outfall farther out in the Puget Sound. These improvements are needed to meet regulatory requirements and will protect human health and the environment.

During the past two years, King County held public meetings and asked for comments on the proposed architectural and landscape design and public art for the project. The county considered those comments in the final design. Nearly all necessary permits have been obtained, and construction will begin in June.

## **Meeting on construction impacts for neighbors of the facility on April 27**

**When:** April 27, from 6 to 8:15 p.m.

**Where:** Vashon Public Library  
17210 Vashon Highway S.W.

**Why:** Discuss construction impacts

### **Agenda**

**6:00** Open house

**6:45** Presentation

- Project background
- Construction details
- Plans to minimize construction impacts such as noise, odor, lighting and traffic

**7:30** Question and answer session

### **Project schedule**

Final design completed

Permitting--Spring 2004

Construction starts--June 2004

Complete construction--Late 2005

### **For more information:**

- Contact Jo Sullivan by phone at 206-296-8361 for more information and answers to your questions and concerns.
- Request e-mail updates by sending a message to [jo.sullivan@metrokc.gov](mailto:jo.sullivan@metrokc.gov)
- Call the 24-hour hotline at 206-205-9181.
- Project information is also available on the Web: <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/vashon/>



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The King County Wastewater Treatment Division will be holding a meeting on construction impacts the evening of April 27, 2004.

Please see inside for details.

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