

Fact Sheet

Project Title

City of Mercer Island - Sewer Lake Line Replacement Project

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to replace an approximately 9,000 foot segment (a portion of Reaches 3 and all of Reach 4) of the City of Mercer Island's lake line sewer system and upgrade pump stations along the northwest and north shorelines. The proposed action is required to address pipeline deterioration, capacity, and operation and maintenance problems.

Alternatives considered in this Final EIS include No Action; Alternative 1: Upland Roadway Alignment; Alternative 2: On-shore Alignment; and Alternative 3: In-Lake Alignment (Preferred Alternative). Specifically, the City's Preferred Alternative identified in the Final EIS is Alternative 3b (Dual pipeline).

Location

The project is located along the north and northwest shoreline areas of Lake Washington on Mercer Island. The project area includes upland, shoreline and in lake areas generally located between SE 32nd Street to the west and 80th Avenue SE to the east. A portion of the project area, between Roanoke Way and 76th Avenue SE is not proposed for any changes. The project area is divided into two smaller study areas, identified as "Reach 3 and Reach 4" in this Final EIS.

Proponent/Applicant

City of Mercer Island Maintenance Department

Date of Implementation

Construction is projected to start as early as possible dependent on regulatory approval and acquisition of easements. Dates could range from 2006 to 2010 and beyond. If Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative 3b) is chosen, the timing of construction for in-lake work would be over two construction periods in 2006 and 2007.

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Required Approvals

The following permits and approvals may be required:

City of Mercer Island

Substantial Shoreline Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit

Clearing, grading, demolition, construction, building, right-of-way use (street use permit), electrical, mechanical, side sewer and stormwater permits.

Washington Department of Ecology

NPDES permit

Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Washington Department of Transportation

Agreement to allow development of the pump station on the WSDOT property located at the Interstate 90 Bridge

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Aquatic Land Lease

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Section 404 Clean Water Act Individual Permit

Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act

Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation (Biological Assessment)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Biological Assessment Concurrence or

Section 7 Incidental Take Permit

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

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Date of Final EIS Issuance

February 2005

Date of EIS Hearing

A public hearing on the Draft EIS was held on November 3, 2004. Public comments received during the Draft EIS comment period have become part of the record and are addressed in Chapter 4 of this Final EIS.

Location of Background Information

Background information, such as the referenced feasibility study and City related documents, are available at City Hall – 9611 SE 36th Street.

Copies and Purchase of Final EIS

Copies of this Final EIS can be viewed at City Hall (9611 SE 36th) or the Mercer Island Library (4400 88th Ave. S.E.). Copies can be purchased from the City of Mercer Island through the:

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