

Connections

March/April 2019



Expansion Projects Support Education, Economic Growth

Sewer service is especially important for healthy, livable communities. Of course it's crucial for public and environmental health — but not everyone realizes it's also critical for economic growth and development.

A lack of sewer capacity or access to the sewer system can be a physical and financial barrier to attracting development that brings jobs, helps build schools, and provides access to services and affordable housing.

That's why the District recently awarded contracts totaling nearly \$5 million for two sewer expansion projects that support economic development. Both prepare for development that will bring jobs and add education options.

Ridgefield North Junction Sewer Project Supports Clark College

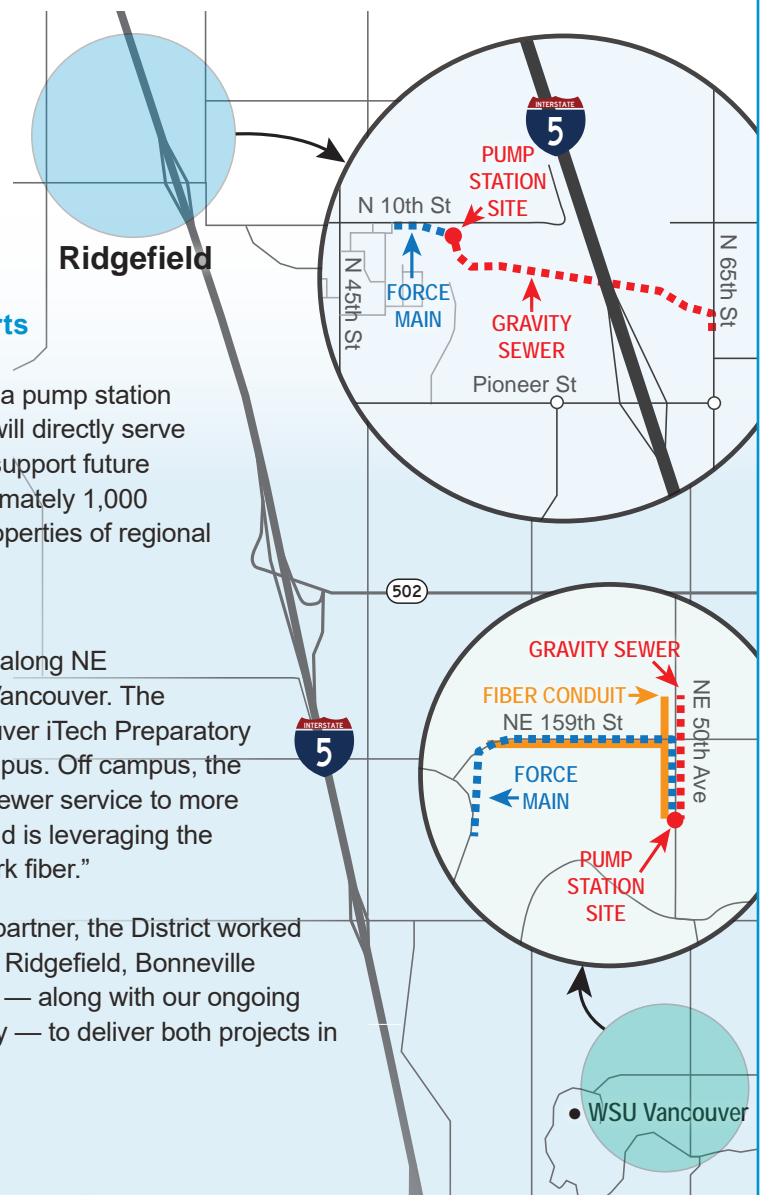
Beginning in April, the District will install sewer pipe and a pump station at Ridgefield North Junction. The sewer improvements will directly serve the future site of Clark College at Boschma Farms and support future development and expansion of sewer service to approximately 1,000 acres at Ridgefield North Junction, including multiple properties of regional significance.

NE 50th Avenue Sewer Project Supports STEM

Beginning in April, sewer improvements will be installed along NE 50th Avenue at and near Washington State University, Vancouver. The improvements will directly serve the forthcoming Vancouver iTech Preparatory School, along with 60 acres of the WSU Vancouver campus. Off campus, the project supports future development and expansion of sewer service to more than 500 acres along NE 50th Ave. The Port of Ridgefield is leveraging the project to save money by installing conduit to house "dark fiber."

Partners for better projects: Serving as a community partner, the District worked with Washington State University Vancouver, the Port of Ridgefield, Bonneville Power Administration and the Vancouver School District — along with our ongoing partnerships with the City of Ridgefield and Clark County — to deliver both projects in a cost-effective and timely manner.

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and Holidays

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Expansion Projects, continued

Growth paying for growth: Funding for both projects comes from the District's System Development Charge revenue — collected from fees paid by new development and not from ratepayers, in keeping with the District's guiding principle of growth paying for growth.

Delivering for the community: "The District has delivered on its commitments to Ridgefield. We have seen rates stabilize for our residents and access provided to wastewater treatment capacity, which has enabled economic development to occur," said Don Stose, Ridgefield Mayor.

For more information about both projects, visit the District's website at bit.ly/CRWWDconstruction.

Our Speakers Would Love to Join You!

Does your neighborhood association, business association or other community group want to know more about the wastewater system? Our staff enjoy visiting community members and explaining how sewer services touch many aspects of our lives, including public health, environmental health and economic development.

If you are interested in having a speaker at one of your meetings or would like to organize a tour of the treatment plant, please contact Kim Thur at (360) 993-8822 or by email at kthur@crwwd.com.

Pay online or automatically

Sign up for e-billing to receive statements by email and make payments through a secure online portal. Or take the worry out of remembering to pay your bill by signing up for automatic payments through your checking or savings account. For more information, visit the District's website at bit.ly/CRWWDpayments.

Klinline Kids Fishing Derby

Come to the Klinline Kids Fishing Derby for a day of fun at Salmon Creek Regional Park/Klinline Pond.

The derby aims to get more kids outdoors, involved in fishing, and aware of our natural environment. Stop by the District booth to learn from Frog and the F.O.G.G. about caring for our water resources!

- **April 12: Special Needs Kids Fishing**
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **April 13: Klinline Kids Fishing**
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Registration is open now. Find out more and register at klinline-kf.org.

Event Calendar

APRIL
12/13
Klinline Kids
Fishing Derby



Frog and the F.O.G.G.

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What's with all the bubbles?
Are we in a Jacuzzi?!

This must be SECONDARY TREATMENT. The bubbles add oxygen to the water like a bubbler in a fish tank.

It's the perfect conditions for bacteria to grow and feed on waste in the water.

Why?

It's a microscopic feeding frenzy in here!

So you guys eat just about anything, huh?

Hardly! Only the finest ORGANIC WASTE for us! We won't touch pesticides, medicine, or pollutants!

Another reason to keep those things out of the sewer!

Indeed! We may be unicellular, but we have STANDARDS!

Jacuzzis and organic food...? ..They're hipsters!