

Connections

July/August 2022



The Value of S.E.R.V.I.C.E.

Part six: Valued Partners Continued

Join us in part six of this series as we explore the District's commitment to its values of S.E.R.V.I.C.E. We'll continue to explore how the District meets the needs of our community through valued partnerships.

Partnerships with local and state agencies, regulators and legislators allows the District to find the best solutions to address the needs of our customers. This helps us improve the lives and livelihoods of our community through the delivery of services we provide.

In this issue, we'll take a closer look at the Curtin Creek Septic Elimination Program (SEP) as a real-life outcome of the District's commitment to partnering at local, state and federal levels.

Curtin Creek SEP

The District recently secured more than \$1.5 million in both state and federal grant funding to complete the Curtin Creek Phase 1 SEP project. There are approximately 1,500 septic systems in the District's service area, and many are approaching the overall end of their design life which poses an environmental risk. SEP provides a pathway to enabling customers to move away from septic systems and connect to the community's safe and reliable wastewater infrastructure.

This project will accelerate the elimination of septic systems for 72 properties in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood with environmental concerns due to failing septic systems, while providing additional financial assistance to homeowners when they connect to sewer.



The Curtin Creek SEP project area.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Weekends
and Holidays

Emergency?

Call 24/7:
360-750-5876

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Curtin Creek SEP (cont.)

Through the District's partnership with U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell and State Representatives Sharon Wylie and Monica Stonier, the District will receive \$800,000 apiece from both state and federal sources. After administrative costs, net funding for the project is roughly \$1.5 million. Thanks to the support of the legislators, property owners in the SEP project will save on average more than \$20,000 when they connect to the public sewer.

The District thanks Senator Cantwell and State Representatives Wylie and Stonier for their tireless work to secure this funding to better our community.

Low-Income Senior Discount Program

People aged 62 or older who own and live in their homes year-round may qualify for a low-income discount. Currently, this program supports more than 250 households at a cost of approximately one nickel per month to all District customers. Contact us today to find out if you qualify. For more information, call (360) 993-4001 or visit: crwwd.com/senior-discount.

Legislative Priorities

The District and the Discovery Clean Water Alliance serve customers in the 17th, 18th, 20th and 49th legislative districts. The District and the Alliance create a legislative agenda to focus their advocacy efforts on behalf of their customers and community. In addition to SEP funding, the District and the Alliance are actively working on the following legislative priorities:

- Restoring the public works assistance program
- Helping customers with past-due bills
- Advocating for fair and equitable municipal wastewater discharge fees

Learn more at: bit.ly/crwwdpriorities

NE 20th Avenue Sewer Pipeline Construction Starts This Fall

The District recently awarded a \$4.75 million contract to Rotschy, Inc. to complete the NE 20th Avenue Sewer Pipeline Project. Crews will install just over a half mile of new 30-inch diameter sewer pipe in NE 20th Avenue between NE 139th Street and NE 154th Street. This project is needed to support planned future growth and economic development in the District's service area. Construction is scheduled to begin in Fall 2022 and finish in Spring/Summer 2023. Customers and the traveling public can expect traffic impacts during construction. Learn more at:

bit.ly/crwwdpipeline



NE 20th Avenue Sewer Pipeline project area.