



King County Flood Control District E-NEWS

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The King County Flood Control District provides funding for the maintenance, repair and construction of the county's 500-plus flood protection facilities. It supports major projects and programs that reduce flood risks, enhance public safety, and protect critical public infrastructure and private property.

Our e-newsletters provide information on the Flood District's activities, including updates on major projects, repairs and other efforts to protect the region from flooding.

Emergency repairs completed



Last January's storms caused damage to some flood protection facilities that required emergency repairs. The Flood District revisited the 2009 capital budget and the six-year capital improvement plan to prioritize damaged facilities, and completed emergency repairs at six sites. [Learn more about these repairs...](#)

Repair work continues at Howard Hanson Dam



Repair work continues at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-owned Howard Hanson Dam on the Green River. During a January 2009 storm, the dam held back a record amount of water, and the right abutment to the dam was damaged. The Corps announced in February that storage capacity at the dam would be restricted until engineers could evaluate damage and complete repairs.

While the Corps points out there is no immediate danger to people and property in the Green River Valley, there is an increased risk of flooding within the valley in the event of a major rainstorm or significant snowmelt because of the dam's limited storage capacity.

- [Review the latest updates from the King County Office of Emergency Management: Green River Basin flood plan website...](#)
- [Download the US Army Corps of Engineers Howard Hanson Dam fact sheet \(pdf\)...](#)
- [Download the US Army Corps of Engineers Howard Hanson Dam frequently asked questions document \(pdf\)...](#)

Construction season begins



This year, the King County Flood Control District will tackle 25 capital improvement and repair projects in flood-prone areas throughout the county. Ten will take place in the Cedar River Basin, nine in the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish Basin, and six in the Green River Basin. Among them, four will be in partnership with the Corps.

- [View construction highlights...](#)
- [Read a full project list...](#)

Home elevations and buy-outs successful

As part of its effort to protect people and property in flood-prone areas, King County manages federal grants to help pay for home elevations as well as property buy-outs. These grants helped elevate seven homes above the 100-year flood elevation last year, and will fund the elevation of approximately 30 homes in the next two years.

- [Learn more about home elevations and buy-outs...](#)

About us

The King County Flood Control District is a special-purpose government created to provide funding and policy oversight for flood protection projects and programs in King County.

A Board of Supervisors composed of all nine King County council-members oversees the Flood Control District. The Water and Land Resources Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks develops and implements approved flood protection projects and programs.

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