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## UPCOMING EVENTS, Mark Your Calendar!



It's that time of year again!! We're gearing up for Christmas in the Cove and we need your help to make it truly magical! Whether you love to string lights or just have a passion for spreading holiday cheer, we'd love to have you on board!

Contact the Port office for more details - 360-297-3545 or info@portofkingston.org

## About the Port



Executive Director

The Port of Kingston services 6,941 District Voters. The mission of the Port of Kingston is to enhance the economic and social well-being of the Port district residents through economic development, and by providing a waterfront facility for recreation and leisure activities.



Serving what matters today with a view for tomorrow.



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Kingston Regional Stormwater Facility

The Kingston Regional Stormwater Facility Project is working on addressing critical stormwater treatment system deficiencies and creating a state-of-the-art regional water quality treatment facility. This project helps private landowners deal with one of the major costs of development - stormwater.

One of the primary objectives of this project is to enhance water quality throughout our community. Stormwater runoff can carry pollutants and contaminants into our waterways, adversely affecting aquatic ecosystems and the overall health of our local environment. By addressing stormwater treatment system deficiencies, Kitsap County is taking a significant step toward preserving and protecting our water resources.

- A key component of this project is the creation of a regional water quality treatment facility. This facility will cover approximately 48 acres of drainage (out of the 98-acre basin), providing treatment for stormwater runoff from those roads and properties. This strategic investment will result in cleaner and safer water in our cove, which benefits not only the environment but also the community's quality of life.
- This project cost is approximately \$1.2M. Half of the project's funding, which amounts to about \$600,000, comes from a grant provided by the Department of Ecology. The Port Commission passed a resolution and provided a letter of support to secure these funds. The remaining \$600K comes from the Kitsap County Department of Public Works funding. Kitsap County will assess stormwater fees to recoup these funds over the coming years. The stormwater is conveyed through the Port of Kingston stormwater outfalls. The Port has requested that Kitsap County write a letter assigning the environmental mitigation credits to the Port. These credits can be used to offset costs for other in-water projects, such as replacing the float used by the Kingston High School Sailing Team and for sailing lessons for kids in the community that take lessons through Sail Kingston Cove program. That's partnership between the Port and Kitsap County!
- In addition to the water quality improvements, the Kingston Regional Stormwater Project includes infrastructure enhancements that will make our community more accessible and pedestrian friendly. The following upgrades are part of the project:
  - Installation of six underground stormwater treatment vaults on Ohio Avenue, spanning from Central Avenue to Main Street.
  - Addition of new sidewalks on both sides of Ohio Avenue, between Central Avenue and Main Street.
- Construction can be inconvenient, but Kitsap County is committed to minimizing disruptions as much as possible. Here's what you can expect during the construction phase:
  - Ohio Avenue will be closed between Central Avenue and Main Street during the project.
  - There may be intermittent closures at the Central Avenue and Washington Blvd intersection.
  - The road closure schedule will be determined as the contractor progresses, with updates provided to the community.
  - Private parking on properties adjacent to Ohio Avenue will remain open during the project.
  - Periodic traffic delays can be anticipated.
  - Construction noise will be present but managed to comply with local regulations.

### To stay informed or additional information, you can subscribe to updates from Kitsap County Public Works <u>https://kingston-regional-stormwater-project-kitcowa.opendata.arcgis.com/</u>

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