



## **City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing Statement on Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site Consent Decree with EPA and Ecology**

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The City of Seattle, King County, and The Boeing Company (Boeing) are pleased to announce the signing of the proposed consent decree for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site cleanup by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing — members of the [Lower Duwamish Waterway Group](#) (LDWG) — and other potentially responsible parties negotiated the proposed consent decree with the EPA and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). The proposed consent decree governs the sediment cleanup of the five-mile Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site, including long-term monitoring and maintenance of the cleanup area.

The City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing are performing the work and are among more than 40 parties who have signed the proposed consent decree and settlements for those parties' fair share of cleanup costs.

The LDWG members, under EPA oversight, have been investigating and developing cleanup alternatives since the early 2000s, including cleanups of “early action areas” with some of the highest contamination levels. Following EPA’s Record of Decision in 2014, LDWG began implementing EPA’s remedy plan.

The waterway has been divided into three reaches (upper, middle, and lower) for cleanup design and construction. The upper reach design was completed in early 2024 and construction began in fall 2024. Cleanup crews have completed the two seasons of upper reach construction, and the third season is scheduled to begin in October 2026. Beginning in fall 2028, cleanup construction will move to the middle reach followed by the lower reach of the waterway. In-water construction for this site is only allowed from October through February to protect certain fish species such as migrating salmon.

To date, construction work has been accomplished under a [unilateral administrative order](#). Once the consent decree is approved by the court, it will govern future cleanup processes for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site.

Advancing the restoration of this vital waterway is critical to protecting its ecosystem and those who use the river. The Lower Duwamish Waterway has supported Seattle's economy for more than 100 years. The City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing look forward to continuing to work with the EPA and Ecology, as well as with Tribes and community partners. Prior to the court's approval, the proposed consent decree will undergo public review and a 30-day comment period.

For more information about the upcoming cleanup work, visit our [Construction News page](#).