



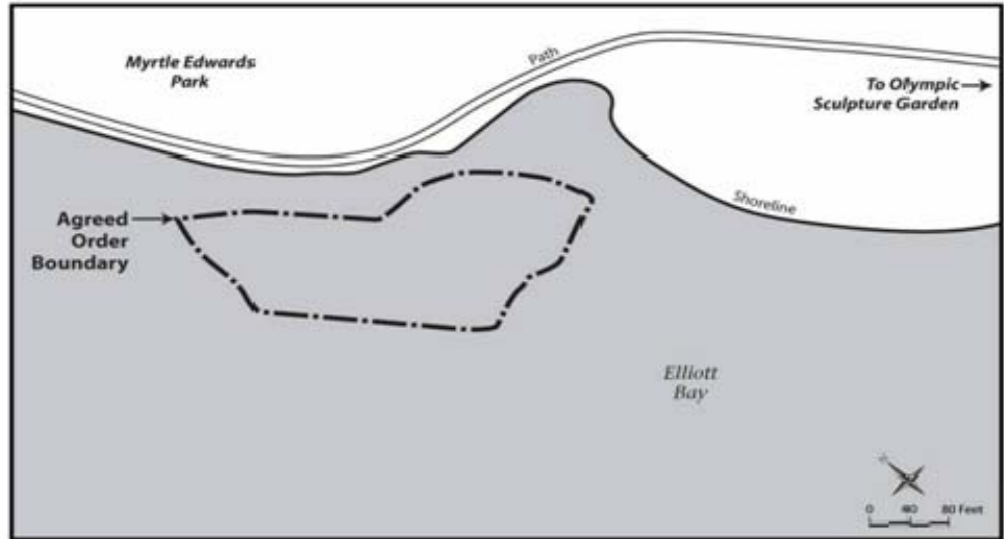
Dredging complete, backfilling begins offshore Myrtle Edwards Park

King County contractors completed dredging about an acre of contaminated sediment just offshore Myrtle Edwards Park in early January. The sediment was contaminated over decades by stormwater and sewage overflows discharging through a wastewater outfall pipe called the Denny Way CSO. The cleanup is part of King County's ongoing efforts to remove contamination from combined sewer overflows (CSO) in local water bodies and restore habitat.

The county contractor completed dredging the site in mid-January. More than 14,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed; enough to fill 1,400 dump trucks. The contaminated sediments were transported by barge and then rail to an appropriate disposal site.

To protect water quality, King County is using real time monitoring buoys to assess conditions on and around the work site.

After reviewing readings taken soon after dredging finished, the Department of Ecology authorized King County to begin backfilling the site earlier this month. Clean sand and gravel is being added to replace the contaminated sediments removed during dredging and improve the site as shallow-water nearshore habitat. King County worked with regulators and stakeholders during the planning process to find the most appropriate replacement materials for the site. Backfilling should conclude in the next few weeks.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Dredging equipment and barges offshore Myrtle Edwards Park.
- Staging equipment, vehicles and workers just north of the King County facilities in Myrtle Edwards Park.
- Dredging work hours will continue to be 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Monday-Saturday.

For More Information:

Call the 24-hour construction hotline: 206-205-9305

Request e-mail updates by sending a message to: doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov

Visit project web sites:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/denny_way/dw_hp.htm

<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/sediment/denny>

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