

CEDAR RIVER SCIENTIFIC SAMPLING JULY 8-9, 2014

The City of Renton Surface Water Utility has hired the services of a consultant team, GeoEngineers and Research Support Services, to provide design and permitting for the Cedar River Maintenance Dredge Project. The consultants will be collecting sediment samples using a 24-foot motorized boat in the Cedar River along the lower 1,800-foot reach of the river near Lake Washington. The work will occur upstream of the Boeing Temporary Bridge over the Cedar River. The boat will be launched and stored overnight in the Cedar River Trail Park.

The sampling work has been coordinated with the Community Services Department, the Renton Airport and The Boeing Company. The required SEPA/Shoreline Exemption, WDFW HPA Permit, and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide Permit were obtained for the work. The samples will be taken as required by the Corps' approved Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan. The sediment sampling is required by the Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch to verify that the gravel material to be removed from the river is not contaminated and to establish disposal options for the material.

The Cedar River Maintenance Dredge Project, also known as the Cedar River Gravel Removal Project, is needed to maintain the flood protection benefits of the Army Corps of Engineers Lower Cedar River Section 205 Flood Hazard Reduction Project that was constructed between 1998 and 2000 by the Corps with the City of Renton as the local project sponsor.

The funding for this project is being provided by the King County Flood Control District with the City of Renton Surface Water Utility responsible for the project management and implementation.

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