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ON DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**



Teufel Nursery and  
Lakeside Community during  
January 1996 flooding.



# **LOWER GREEN RIVER CORRIDOR FLOOD HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Draft Programmatic Environmental  
Impact Statement (PEIS) Fact Sheet**

March 2023

## FLOOD RISK IS REAL

The Lower Green River is at risk of severe flooding. Floods are dangerous and destructive. They threaten our safety, block the movement of people and goods, harm the environment, and cause severe damage.

The King County Flood Control District (District) protects people, property, and communities from the harmful impacts of floods. The District wants to make sure the Lower Green River Corridor is a safe place to live, fish, work, farm, and play for generations to come.

Flooding puts at risk approximately 14,600 housing units, 42,200 jobs, warehouses, farms, parks, and natural areas that sustain threatened salmon.



Flooding at Horseshoe Bend in 2006.

## DRAFT PEIS BENEFITS AND IMPACTS

All three alternatives would substantially reduce flooding in most areas during a major flood. Because flooding is a natural process that cannot be eliminated, flooding would continue, although it would be lessened.

The key environmental issues addressed in the draft PEIS involve potential impacts from new or improved flood management facilities, providing opportunities to improve habitat for salmon, understanding impacts on various land uses, and protecting agricultural areas.

Additional information is available at [LowerGreenSEPA.org](http://LowerGreenSEPA.org)



## LOWER GREEN RIVER CORRIDOR DRAFT PEIS ALTERNATIVES

### 1 PROJECT-BY-PROJECT MULTI BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION

- No area-specific Flood Hazard Management Plan
- Considers projects case by case; does not take a corridor-wide approach to reducing flood risk
- Minimizes impacts to neighboring properties
- Projects could benefit communities and the environment

### 2 SYSTEMATIC MULTI BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION

- Develops a new area-specific Flood Hazard Management Plan
- Takes a corridor-wide approach to planning projects
- Projects could impact some neighboring properties to provide flood protection and other benefits
- Shows how to implement projects resulting in benefits to communities and the environment, including conserving and restoring habitat along the river
- Could use flood proofing to reduce damage

### 3 ENHANCED MULTI BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION

- Develops a new area-specific Flood Hazard Management Plan
- Takes a corridor-wide approach to planning projects
- Projects could impact more neighboring properties while providing flood protection and other benefits
- Shows how to implement projects resulting in more benefits to communities and the environment, including more habitat conservation and restoration along the river
- Could use flood proofing to reduce damage and possible acquisition to preserve flood storage

## PROTECTION TAKES PLANNING

The District is considering developing a Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan that would guide future investments to reduce flood risks over the next 30-50 years. To inform a plan, a draft **programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS)** was prepared, and it is available for review and comment. The study analyzes three different approaches to reducing flood risks in the Lower Green River Corridor while providing other important benefits:



Environmental Justice



Equity and Social Justice



Habitat Protection and Salmon Recovery



Jobs and Sustainable Livelihoods



Open Space Conservation



Productive and Viable Agriculture



Recreation and Nature



Resilient Communities and Ecosystem



Sustainable and Clean Water



Sustainable Development

2019

INITIAL SCOPING

- PEIS begins
- Initial scoping
- Comments provided on initial alternatives

2020

REVISED ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPED

- District sets direction on alternatives and prioritizes multibenefit projects
- Prepare for additional scoping period

2021

ADDITIONAL SCOPING PERIOD

- Comments provided on revised alternatives

2022

PREPARE DRAFT PEIS

- Analysis to determine the potential impacts of each alternative
- Describe possible multibenefits

DRAFT PEIS REVIEW

- Draft PEIS released for public review
- Public can provide comments on the analysis conducted on revised alternatives

2023

FINAL PEIS

- Comments on the Draft PEIS are addressed and the evaluation is refined as warranted
- Final PEIS issued

BOARD CONSIDERATION

- Potentially:
- Confirms preferred alternative
- Directs Plan development

**PROJECT CORRIDOR**

The project corridor includes approximately 21 miles of the Green River and its floodplains, including portions of Auburn, Kent, Renton, SeaTac, Tukwila, and unincorporated King County.



Near Dykstra Park during February 2020 flooding.



Downey Farmstead and Signature Pointe Development.



**LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!**

Your comments will help shape flood protection planning. For more information **call (206) 263-0602.**

Please share your thoughts!

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