

THE PACIFIC RIGHT BANK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

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In 2009, the White River overtopped its banks, flooding dozens of homes, businesses and a park in the City of Pacific. The flood alerted local and regional planners and floodplain managers to the changing state of the river, which was slowly losing capacity to sedimentation.

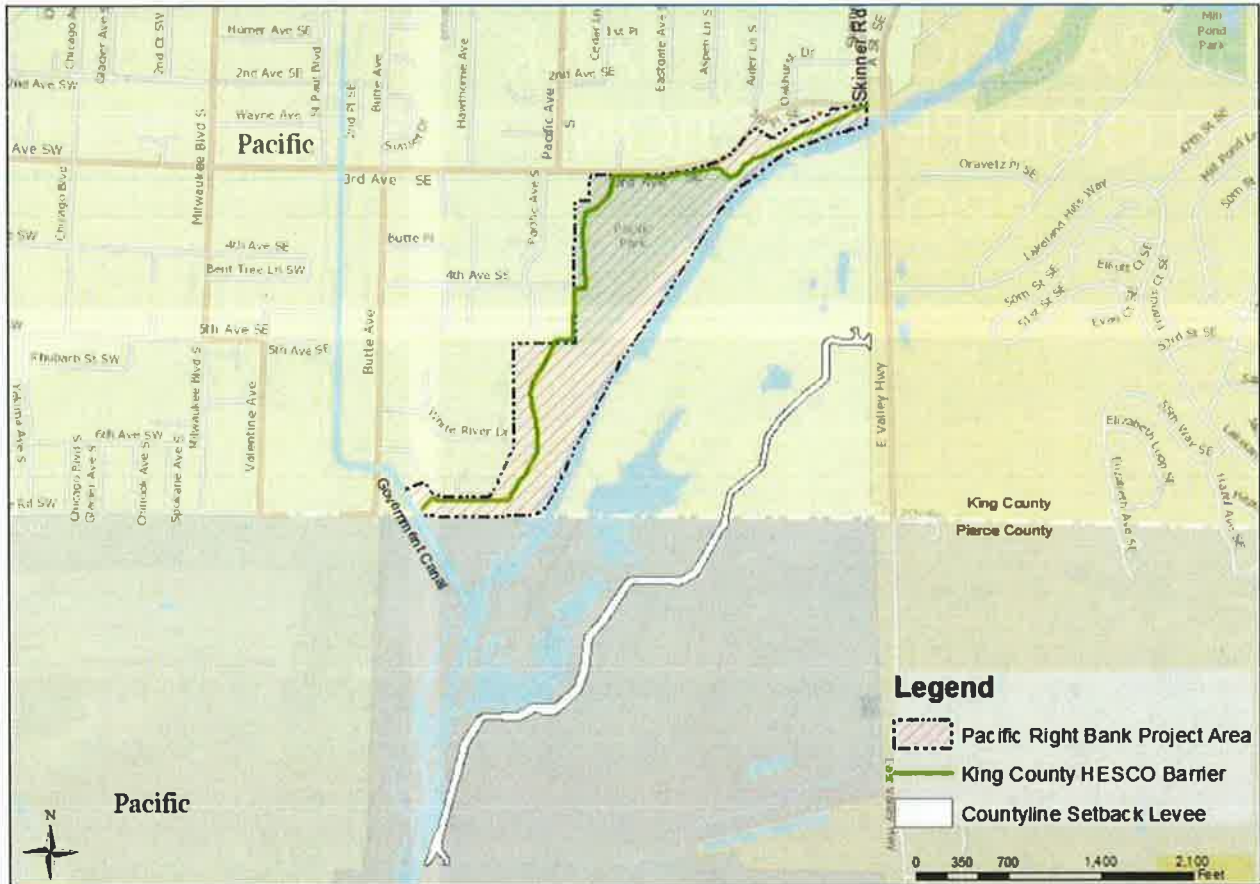
The King County Flood Control District and its service provider, the King County Water and Land Resources Division, are launching the Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project to help address this problem. The project will be designed to reduce the flood risk to homes and properties along the river's right (or northwestern) bank in the City of Pacific. It will also improve the ecological health of the river, which provides habitat for threatened Chinook salmon.

The project is the second of two along the Countyline reach of the White River. The first project, the Countyline Levee Setback Project, was completed in 2017; it reconnected the river to 121 acres of its historical floodplain, reducing flood risk by providing more room for the river to spread out.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for the Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project. The EIS will provide information to the Flood Control District, enabling the District to select the best alternative for the site. The EIS is a public process. For more information, or to get onto an email list, visit kingcounty.gov/pacific-right-bank. Or call Monica Walker, King County White River Basin Coordinator, at 206-477-4843.



Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project Area



The location of the flood protection structure within the project area will be determined by the Flood Control District.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located on the right bank of the White River in the City of Pacific, adjacent to Pacific City Park. From north to south, the project will likely begin at the BNSF railway embankment by Skinner Road, extend along 3rd Place S.E., continue along Pacific City Park to White River Estates, and terminate at Government Canal.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- The project will replace the temporary HESCO barriers with a permanent solution that will provide long-term flood protection along the project reach of the White River.
- The project will address contaminated waste at the former dumpsite located beneath Pacific City Park.
- The project will potentially enhance public access to the river.
- The project will provide off-channel habitat for Chinook salmon, a listed species under the Endangered Species Act.

