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City of Renton Receives Critical Flood Control Funding

The [King County Flood Control District](#) on Wednesday approved over \$3.5 million in funding for flood mitigation projects in the City of Renton. Metropolitan King County Council Vice Chair Reagan Dunn, who serves as Chair of the Flood Control District, announced the funding after a unanimous vote by the Board of Supervisors to adopt the 2020 budget.

"I am pleased that the City of Renton is receiving the funding they need to address ongoing flooding concerns," Dunn said. "Under this budget, key commercial and residential areas of Renton will be properly insulated from flood risk."

The Black River Pump Station, a critical piece of flood control infrastructure for Renton, received \$2 million in the budget. This funding will provide new engines for three high-use pumps that power the Black River Pump Station. These pumps must function reliably and continuously to protect surrounding areas from flooding caused by high tides and Green River overflow. The station reduces the risk of flooding for 2,800 acres and \$4.4 billion worth of property, including 370 structures in Renton.

"We've very pleased the King County Flood Control District, under Chair Reagan Dunn, has provided funding for maintenance work at the Black River Pumping Station," said Renton Mayor Denis Law. "The Black River station is a key component of our flood prevention strategy."

\$1,470,000 has been designated to analyze replacement options, including upstream and downstream impacts, to address a culvert failure on Madsen Creek. Creek flooding affects multiple properties along SR-169, including the Wonderland Estates development.

\$150,000 in funding will support the next phase of an ongoing plan to manage flooding of the May Creek Basin, which could impact parts of the City of Renton. This funding will allow for the permitting and design of traps that will limit the accumulation of sediment along May Creek.

The approved 2020 Flood Control District Budget is a 9.34% increase from 2019, amounting to \$102,281,831.

The King County Flood Control District is a special purpose government created to provide funding and policy oversight for flood protection projects and programs in King County. The Metropolitan King County Council functions as the Flood Control District's Board of Supervisors, its primary governing body.

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