

# Equitable Wastewater Futures Program

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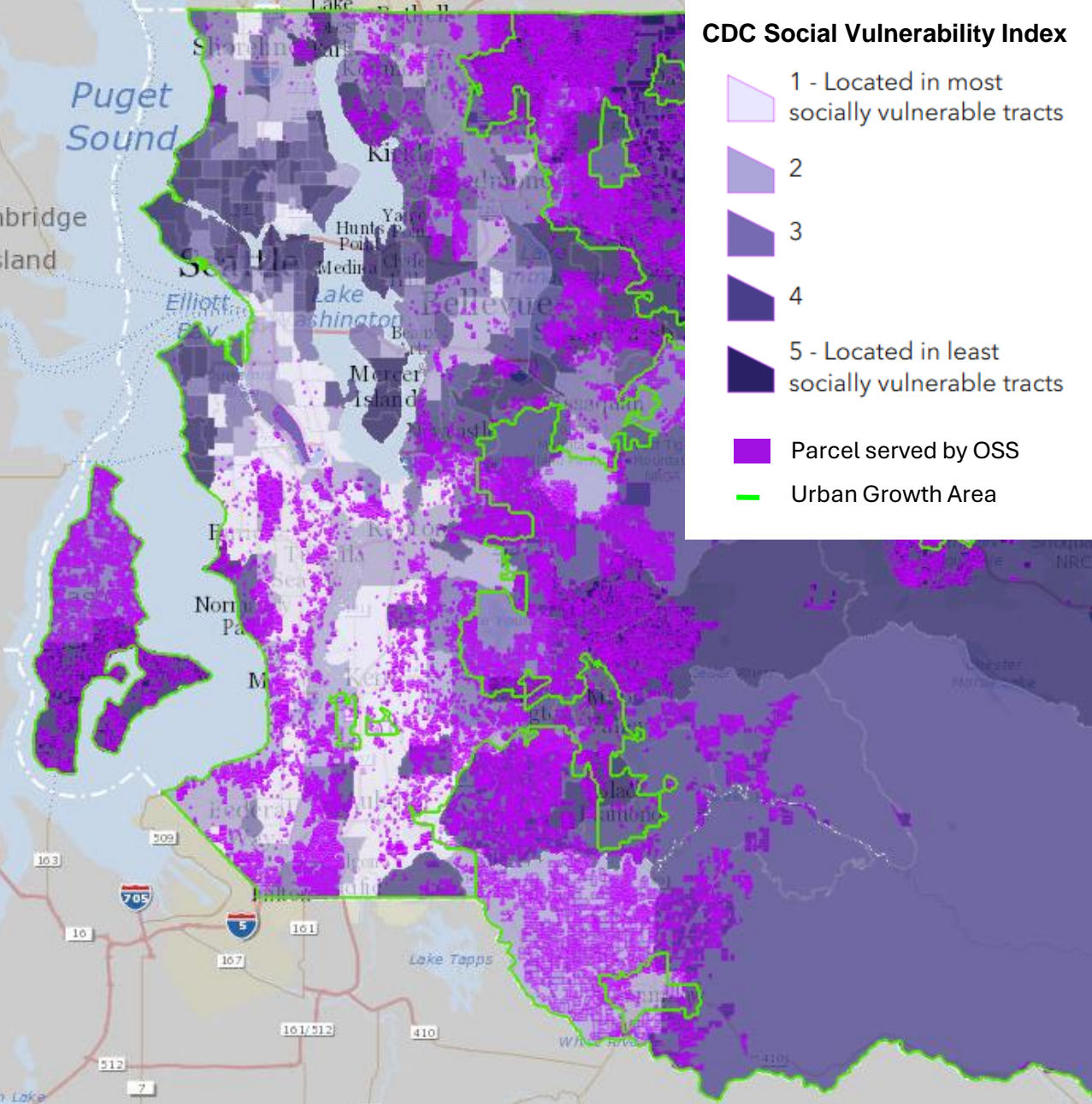
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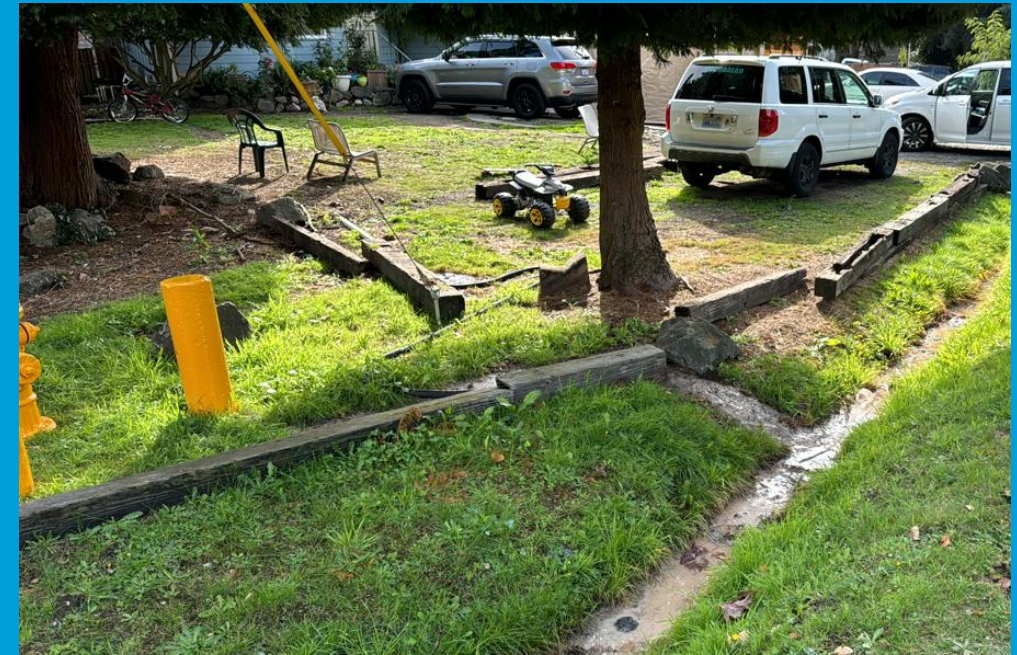






# AGING URBAN OSS

- 37,000 septic systems in urban King County
- Approximately 75% of them are over 30 years old
- Sewer extensions are needed in these areas



Septic Failure in Urban King County





# Costs for Septic to Sewer Conversion Exceed What is Feasible for Individual Property Owners

Project Type	Estimated Cost to Homeowner
Septic repair	~ \$41,000
Sewer connection, stub fronting property	\$25,000 and up
Sewer connection, mainline extension needed	\$84,000 and up



# King County Climate Equity Capital Pool:

## Funded pilot projects that otherwise would be unaffordable

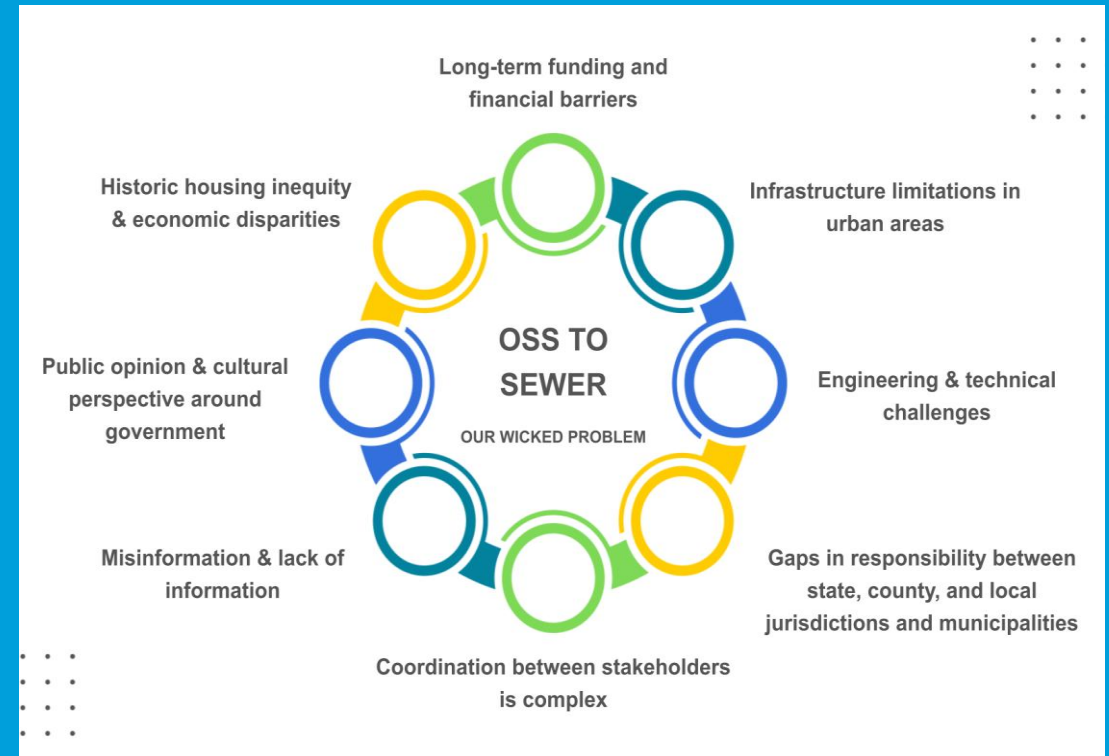




# Public Health Launched the Equitable Wastewater Futures Collaborative



Sewer districts, city planners, community representatives, and King County working together to find solutions to "wicked problem."



# Collaborative Solutions to Wicked Problem

## ISSUE

Lack of awareness of issue  
and responsibility gap



## SOLUTION

Build partnerships to move  
creative solutions forward

Gaps in available information to  
property owners



Property owner education and  
community engagement

Limited funding sources for  
infrastructure expansion



Prioritization and support for  
funding applications

# Panelist Introduction

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# Cross-jurisdictional Public Health Issue Requires Collaborative Problem Solving



Healthy Families



Affordable Housing



Climate Change Mitigation



Clean Water Quality





# Thank you!



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