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The Spokane River Forum is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that creates materials, events and activities that promote sustaining a healthy river system while meeting the needs of a growing population.

## City of Spokane Final, and Largest, CSO Tank Goes On-line

Check out this **video** to learn about the 3.2 million gallon Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) tank that lies beneath the popular public plaza along Spokane Falls Boulevard and just north of the Downtown Library. Citizens are reaping more than just the benefits of spectacular Spokane River views.



Called CSO Tank 26, it became operational in August. Essentially, it captures pollutant laced stormwater from rain and snowmelt that use to overflow to the Spokane River when the sewer system was overwhelmed.

Said Kyle Twohig, Director of Spokane City Engineering Services, "In a major storm event, this one line could contribute up to forty percent of the entire amount of flow that would overflow to the river." CSO Tank 26 now captures the overflow before sending it to the treatment plant once system capacity becomes available.

This is the final and largest of 26 CSO tanks installed by the city. Twohig's excitement is contagious as he ponders their "huge impact on the health of the Spokane River."

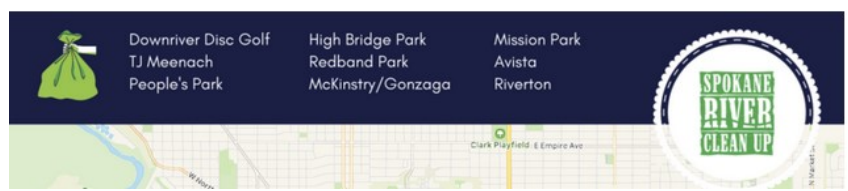
## Our Gem Coeur d'Alene Lake Online Speaker Series

Starting September 15th, The Our Gem Coeur d'Alene Lake Collaborative is sponsoring four, one

hour webinars about the health and future of Coeur d'Alene Lake. The webinars will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **Click here** for flyer. For more information and to register, go to [www.uidaho.edu/OurGem](http://www.uidaho.edu/OurGem).



## Lands Council Sponsoring Virtual Spokane River Cleanup September 19th



Each year, hundreds of volunteers pick up garbage and recyclable materials along the Spokane River. Last year, over 600 volunteers removed over 4 tons of debris from Riverside State Park to High Bridge Park to the University District to Spokane Valley.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state regulations, the Lands Council's annual River Clean-Up is going VIRTUAL. That means:

- The Lands Council will supply trash-bags and gloves.
- You will sign up for your location online.
- Small groups will independently go out and clean-up our river on Saturday, September 19th.
- You will place your garbage at specific locations.
- The City of Spokane will pick up the garbage and haul it away.

[Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up.



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