

Improving Our Communities with Natural Drainage Systems

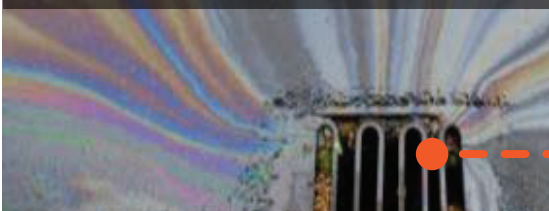
What Are They and Why Do We Need Them?

When it rains in this part of West Seattle, pollution from our streets runs into Longfellow Creek untreated. This is not healthy for the creek or for people. **The good news is: there is something we can do.**

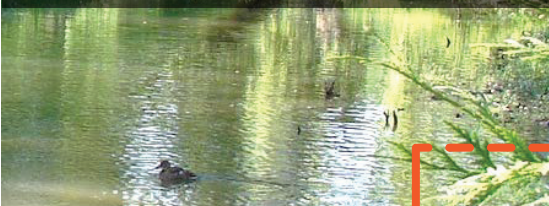
Natural drainage systems capture and clean pollutants before they can reach the creek. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is planning to build natural drainage systems in your neighborhood in 2019.

These systems are built in the public right-of-way between the street and property line. They capture, clean, and slow down stormwater.

Pollution from the street



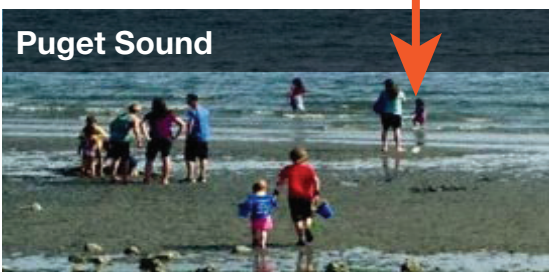
Longfellow Creek



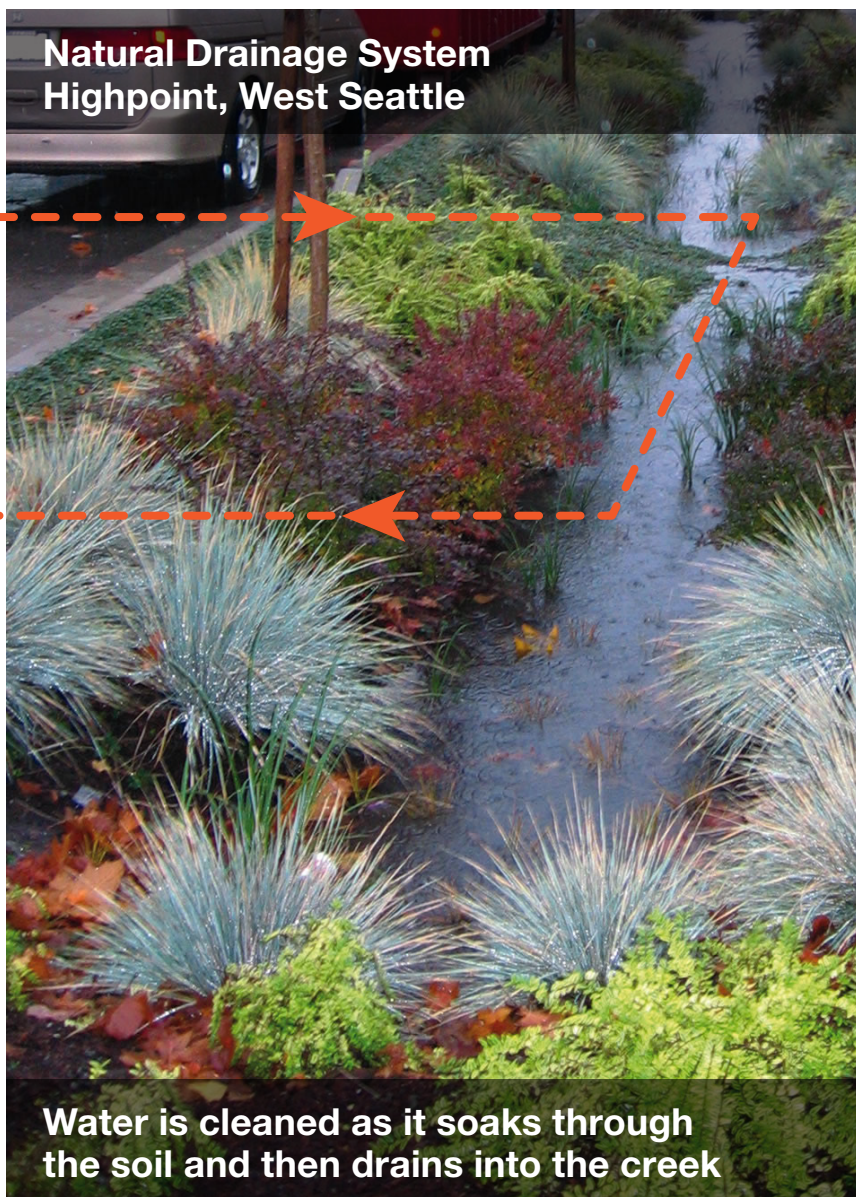
Duwamish River



Puget Sound



Natural Drainage System
Highpoint, West Seattle



Water is cleaned as it soaks through the soil and then drains into the creek

We Want to Hear from You.

Please complete the enclosed survey. SPU is seeking locations to construct natural drainage systems in your neighborhood, and your input will help. Technical constraints will drive siting decisions, but SPU would like to go where people most want them. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Want to take it online or have other members of your household that would also like to take it?

Go here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LongfellowCreekBasin>

Need the survey in another language? Please call (206) 684. 3660.

What Are the Benefits?

- Greener, more attractive neighborhoods
- Lower risk of street flooding
- Additional natural habitat for native plants and animal species
- Healthier creek ecosystem
- Calmer traffic patterns
- More street trees

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What Is the NDS Program?

The 2016-2024 Natural Drainage Systems Program is a SPU multi-year capital improvement program focused on Longfellow, Piper's, and Thornton Creek watersheds.

All projects include plants that help the natural drainage systems do their job: infiltrate and clean stormwater. Plants also need to be able to thrive in the unique growing conditions of the natural drainage systems and be easy to maintain. The natural drainage systems are maintained by SPU.

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