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Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is working to reduce polluted runoff from entering our creeks and lakes, including Longfellow Creek, the Duwamish River, and Puget Sound. Polluted runoff is the greatest water quality threat to Puget Sound; it is estimated that more than 12 million pounds of pollution is carried into our waterways by stormwater every year.

One strategy SPU is using to solve this problem is to build Natural Drainage Systems (NDS). These engineered systems are connected cells of spongy dirt and plants that slow and clean water from the roadway and are built on the public right-of-way.

What does this mean to you?

The NDS program is coming to your neighborhood!

As SPU moves forward with identifying a specific set of project blocks, we will assess and confirm which blocks are technically feasible. Projects that achieve multiple benefits for the community, such as helping to reduce flooding and calming traffic, in addition to meeting SPU's water quality goals and requirement, will be given higher priority.

What's next?

With your input, SPU can design and build natural drainage projects that make your neighborhood a healthier, cleaner, and more enjoyable place to live. The attached survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. After answering the questions, please mail it back to us in the enclosed envelope - no postage is required. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online by typing the following address into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LongfellowCreekBasin>. **Please mail no later than May 26th.** Thank you for participating.

Regards,

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