



Natural Drainage Project: Parkway Enhanced with Rain Garden Strip.

Please join us!

Natural Drainage Public Meeting

Wednesday,
November 18th
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Woodside Elementary School
17000 23rd Ave. SE

Other Ways to Connect with Us

If you cannot attend the public meeting, but would like to share your thoughts with us or ask questions, please visit the main web page for Snohomish County SWM www.surfacewater.info and type "Silver Creek Water Quality Facility Plan" in the search box. Alternatively, you may contact Craig Young at 425-388-6464 or c.young@snoco.org.

Thank you for your interest!



Coming Soon to Your Neighborhood:

New Ways to Manage Stormwater Runoff

Are you ready for "greener" roads? Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM) would like your input on Natural Drainage project ideas in your neighborhood.

Your neighborhood – or one nearby – provides SWM with excellent opportunities to enhance existing public roadways with Natural Drainage features. These features include rain gardens, rain terraces, enhanced soils, reduced pavement, and porous pavement.

What is Natural Drainage?

Natural Drainage (sometimes called Low Impact Development, or LID) uses soil and vegetation in small engineered features to collect and clean water that runs off roads, roofs, and driveways after a storm. Natural Drainage allows stormwater runoff to soak into the ground, so it more closely mimics drainage patterns that existed before the land was developed.

Benefits of Natural Drainage

Natural Drainage can help to:

- Reduce local drainage problems
- Improve water quality by removing pollutants from stormwater
- Reduce erosion and damage to local fish habitat
- Increase the attractiveness of your neighborhood

Pilot Projects in Your Area

SWM is currently working on a Water Quality Facilities Plan (WQFP) to improve water quality in areas under County ownership, such as public road rights-of-way. The WQFP will eventually include other parts of the county, but for now SWM is focusing on a portion of the North Creek watershed, specifically the Silver Creek basin, which is where you live. County staff have developed some initial project ideas in this area that would enhance existing ditches, road edges, and curbs in County road rights-of-way with Natural Drainage features, such as rain gardens. But before we begin work in your area, we would like to hear from you. Please read on to find out how you can share your comments, concerns, and ideas with us.

November Public Meeting

On November 18th, SWM will hold a public meeting to discuss proposed project ideas in the Silver Creek watershed. At the meeting, County staff will give a presentation, and you will be able to view maps that show project locations as well as project plans and sketches. You will have opportunities to ask questions and make comments. We look forward to talking with you!

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