



# Enhancing Our Communities with Natural Drainage Systems and Pedestrian Improvements

Longfellow Creek Natural Drainage System (NDS) | December 2020

## What are they and why do we need them?

When it rains in the Delridge and Westwood neighborhoods, 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 (NDS)** are built in the roadway shoulder (the space between the street edge and the property line) and are filled with deep-rooted plants and spongy soils that temporarily hold and clean polluted stormwater from streets and sidewalks before the stormwater enters our waterways.

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## Community benefits

**Natural Drainage Systems** offer multiple benefits to local neighborhoods and ecosystems, including:

- Increased landscaping
- Lower risk of flooding
- Creation of habitat along our streets
- Healthier creek ecosystems
- Traffic calming
- More street trees
- Pedestrian improvements
- Art installation through *1% for the arts* at 24th and Kenyon site





## Anticipated Impacts to Residents

Construction on this multi-site project is scheduled to begin in mid-2021 and go through 2022. In general, when work is occurring, residents can expect:

- Construction noise
- Dirt/dust
- Vibrations
- Increased construction traffic
- Materials/equipment staged in the right-of-way

We will share more information about anticipated start date, construction schedule, and anticipated construction impacts once we have a contractor on board.

## Anticipated Construction Durations



**Sylvan Way SW/SW Orchard St:** Approx. 5-6 months

**SW Kenyon St/24th Ave SW:** Approx. 11-12 months

**24th Ave SW Corridor:** Approx. 11-12 months



## Questions? Contact Seattle Public Utilities:

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Learn more and sign up for project updates at: [seattle.gov/util/longfellowNDS](http://seattle.gov/util/longfellowNDS)

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