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SPRING 2014

A Message From Clark County About a Project in the East Minnehaha Neighborhood



CONSTRUCTION IN THOMAS WETLAND EAST FACILITY

Stormwater Facility Renovation

Clark County Public Works and Environmental Services will expand and reconfigure existing stormwater facilities to better manage polluted storm water runoff from roads, roofs and other surfaces in the East Minnehaha neighborhood.

Federal, state and local laws require the county to collect and treat polluted runoff to protect the environment. Without proper stormwater management, runoff picks up oil, fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste and other contaminants and carries that pollution into streams and waterways, where it can harm fish and other aquatic life.

The project will expand and reconfigure the existing stormwater wetlands to improve water quality treatment and reduce high flows from rainstorms into the Lower Burnt Bridge Creek subwatershed.

When construction is complete, the expanded facility will be up to 360 feet long (east/west) and 460 feet wide (north/south). The facility will be able to hold 3.63 million gallons, enough water to fill more than five Olympic-size pools.

WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHEN

- **Construction should begin in early July 2014**, depending on weather conditions. Construction should wrap up in early fall 2014, followed by wetland plantings during the winter.
- **Work will be during daylight hours on weekdays**, although the contractor could work some evening and weekends, depending on scheduling.
- **Construction will require a substantial amount of earth moving and excavating**, including removal of some existing vegetation. Residents may notice a significant number of trucks heading to and from the construction site.



Existing wetland east of Douglas Carter Fisher Neighborhood Park

Adjacent residents could experience a modest amount of dust, noise and vibration from construction. The contractor will be required to have a community liaison to handle any problems that might arise.

Construction will be followed by planting more than 7,000 native plants over the winter months that will improve the appearance of the area, including 2-foot tall trees (half deciduous and half conifers), shrubs, rushes and sedges.

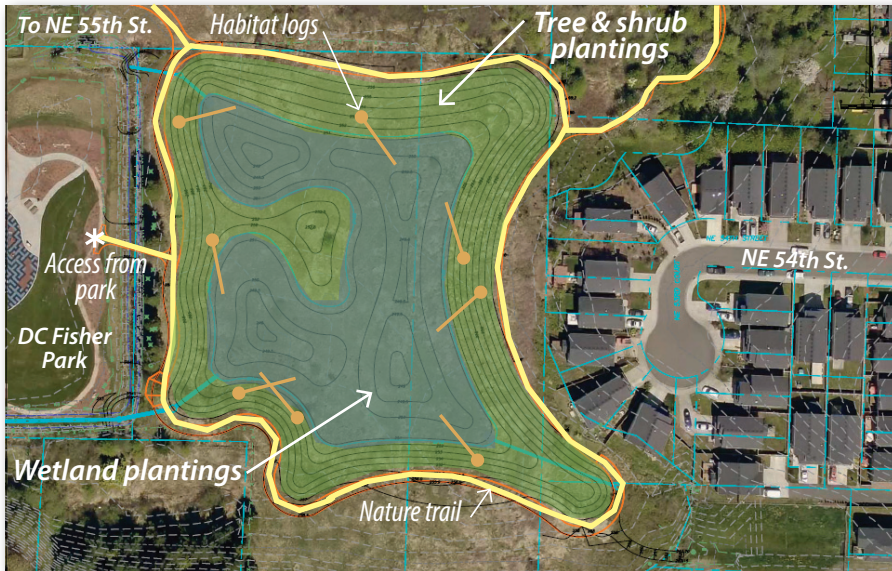
Construction workers and equipment will access the site using up to three different locations. When construction is complete, these access points will be controlled with gates. County staff will periodically use the access points for routine maintenance and monitoring work.

FUNDING

This project is funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Clean Water Fee paid by property owners in unincorporated Clark County. Construction costs are approximately \$1.3 M.

Watershed Fact: According to the 2010 Clark County Stream Health Report, the Burnt Bridge Creek has been identified as having "Poor" water quality. Projects like this one aim to improve stream health in the downstream creek.

PROJECT AREA



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NEIGHBORS

You can play a role in protecting Burnt Bridge Creek. Visit the Clark County Green Neighbors website to learn how to prevent polluted storm runoff before it starts.

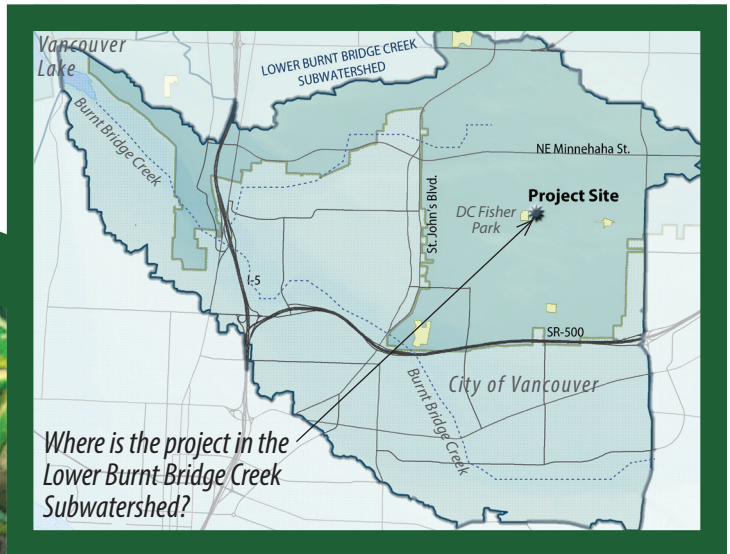
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