

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

April 1, 2016

Ballard Natural Drainage Systems

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is planning to construct natural drainage systems (rain gardens) in the planting strip along several blocks in the Loyal Heights neighborhood of Ballard. About two-thirds of Seattle is served by a combined sewer system designed to carry sewage from inside homes and businesses along with polluted runoff from streets and rooftops in a single pipe—a “combined sewer.” When the area experiences heavy rain events, the pipes can become overloaded with stormwater and the mixture of polluted runoff and raw sewage can overflow into lakes, streams, and Puget Sound.

The mixture of polluted runoff and raw sewage may harm fish, wildlife, and swimmers in the areas where overflows occur. In 2012, during a year of high-rain, Ballard deposited 54 million gallons of raw sewage and polluted rainwater into Salmon Bay when the combined sewer system reached capacity and overflowed. By keeping polluted runoff out of the sewer system with natural drainage systems, we can leave more room in the pipes for sewage and help prevent these overflows.

SCHEDULE

Work will begin on April 18, 2016 and take approximately 7-8 months. Anticipated work hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LOCATION

Work will take place in several locations along 17th, 19th, and 26th avenues northwest, and Northwest 75th, 77th and 80th streets. The contractor plans to start work on Northwest 75th Street between 22nd and 23rd avenues northwest and continue east to 19th Avenue Northwest. Work along Loyal Heights Elementary school will not start until June 27 to coincide with summer break and the school’s upcoming improvement plans. To view the work planned closest to your home, see the enclosed maps or visit www.seattle.gov/cso/ballard.

YOU CAN ANTICIPATE THE FOLLOWING

- Parking restrictions during work hours.
- Temporary sidewalk and traffic lane closures.
- Temporary service interruptions to water and sewer.
- Construction materials and equipment in street.
- Increased construction traffic, noise, dirt, and vibrations.
- Access to homes and driveways will be maintained.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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MEET THE TEAM

Before we start construction, join the Ballard Natural Drainage Systems Resident Engineer Robert Case at a drop-in session to learn more about the work on-site and ask any questions you may have about work near your home

- **WHEN:** 10 a.m. – noon, Saturday, April 16, 2016
- **WHERE:** Intersection of NW 75th Street and 21st Avenue NW on the sidewalk