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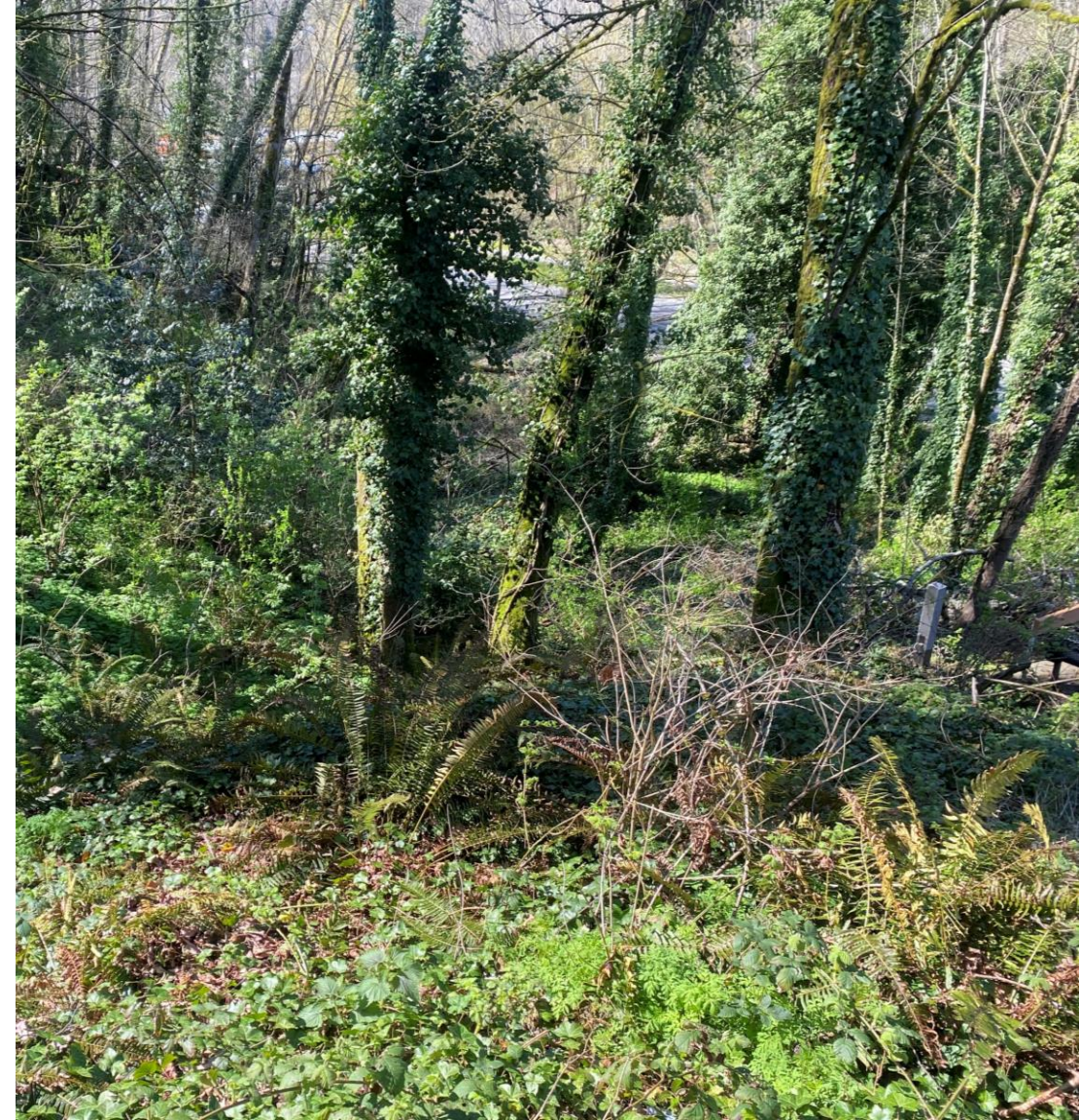
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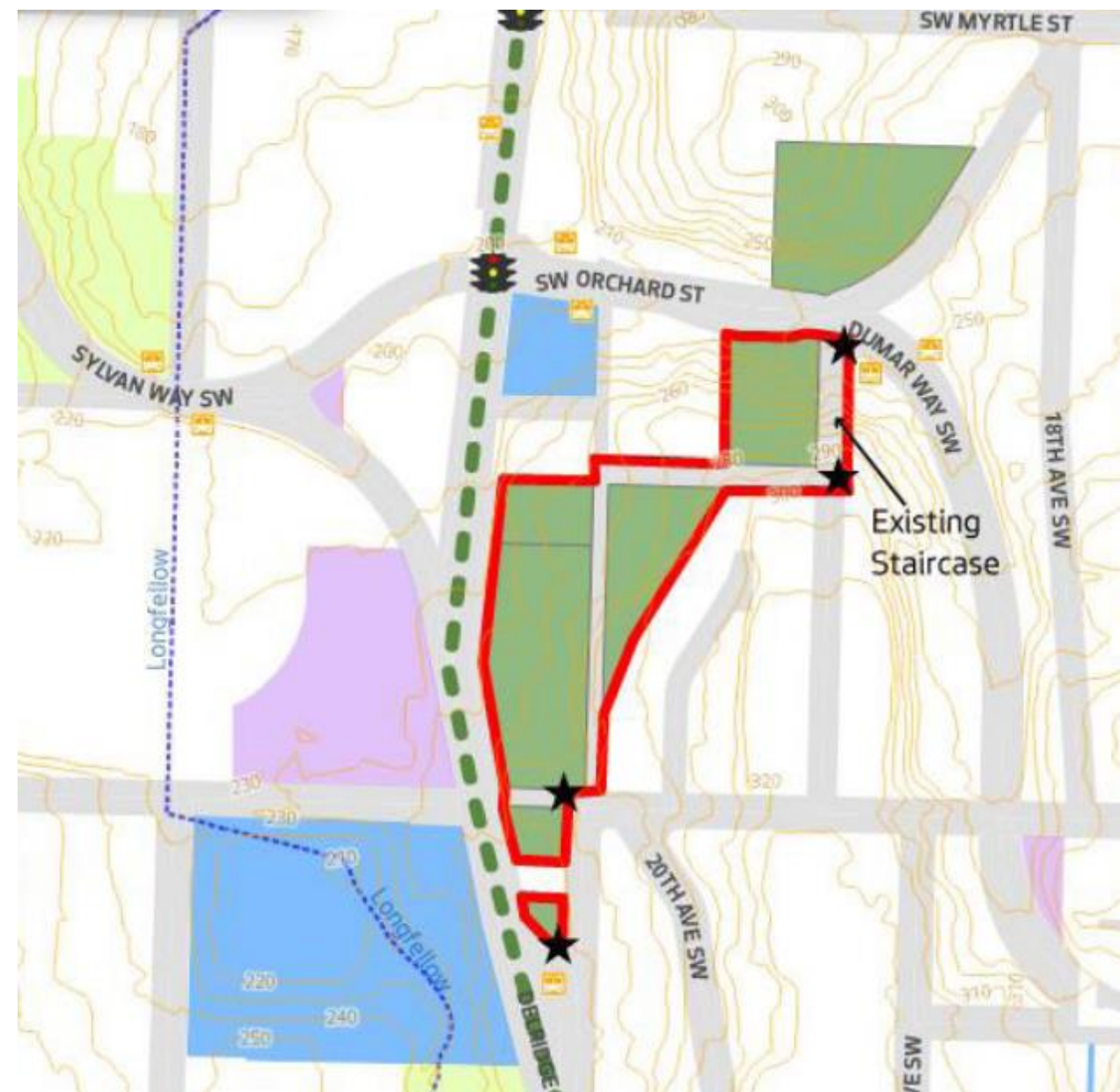
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- Approximately 4 acres of degraded forest in the Longfellow Creek Watershed in West Seattle
- USDA Grant funds survey, invasive plant removal, foot path, and interpretive signage
- Recognizes the cultural importance of upland forest plants and trees to indigenous people
- Example of collaborative stewardship of natural resources with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and the City working together



Project Site

- City-owned parcels and right-of-way east of Delridge Way SW and south of SW Orchard Street
- Footpath will connect Delridge Way SW to an existing SDOT staircase and crosswalk on SW Orchard Street
- Project is in a rapidly developing census tract identified as "Highest Priority" in the City's Race and Social Equity Index



The background of the image is a lush forest floor. In the foreground, there are several white trillium flowers with yellow centers, surrounded by large green leaves. To the left, there are green ferns. The ground is covered with brown leaves and twigs. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

“The plant world represents to us, as our oldest traditional teacher, the lessons of patience, diversity, strength and generosity. Trees and salmon are iconic to the Pacific Northwest, and it is not a coincidence that the two species depend upon each other to thrive. Trees naturally filter the water that the salmon depend on, and the salmon become nutrients for the trees. With this funding opportunity we will provide a visible and viable investment into our Natural Resources which will benefit our personal values and promote safe and healthy neighborhoods.”

—Donny Stevenson, Vice-Chairman, Muckleshoot Tribal Council