

Thornton Creek Watershed Action Plan

Appendix A

Good Ideas Needing Sponsors

A. Suggested opportunities for wetland re-creation, ecosystem enhancement, or detention options:

1. Old Maple Leaf School Site: consider use as seasonal infiltration in winter, public park in warmer months.
2. All or a portion of the South parking lot at Northgate Mall: consider daylighting, detention options, possible water feature, pedestrian-oriented development and other options.
3. Private Property adjacent to Paramount Park Open Space wetland: consider acquisition and site enhancement.
4. Wetlands at Cromwell Park and undeveloped right-of-way: consider removing fill soils, remove invasives, re-vegetate with natives.
5. Northgate Park & Ride at 5th Ave NE and NE 115th: consider options for wetland re-creation.
6. Jackson Park Golf Course: evaluate creation of new detention ponds, increased vegetation and riparian corridor.
7. Meridian Park Wetland: study options to enhance or restore wetland ecosystem and related biological functions.
8. North Seattle Community College Wetland (NE corner): consider removing invasive plant species and adding native plants.
9. Create additional frog ponds in local parks with wetlands.

B. Research opportunities and needs

1. Study Meadowbrook Pond to determine if pond reduces dissolved oxygen levels (*in plan already, I think—check out*).
2. Map the extent of historical wetlands in the Thornton Creek Watershed.
3. Evaluate success of created pond at Evergreen Washelli cemetery.

4. Study, document, and inventory amphibians in the Thornton Creek Watershed.
5. Study possibilities to connect wildlife corridors throughout the watershed.
6. Study, document, and inventory wildlife variety in the watershed.

C. New program ideas

1. Consider program to offer more disposal options for pet waste in popular public spaces.
2. Evaluate possibility for a “bug” appreciation program.
3. Create program at Woodland Park Zoo and/or the Pacific Science Center to showcase native northwest wildlife.
4. Exercise classes for senior citizens in Thornton Creek Watershed parks.
5. Encourage community art class field trips to watershed parks to sketch, paint, sculpt etc.
6. Create or expand bird watching tours.
7. Develop program to prevent capture or abuse of native wildlife in watershed. Include message encouraging citizens not to abandon pets in watershed parks or introduce non-native species.