

Meadowbrook Pond Facility Rehabilitation Project

Meadowbrook Pond is a Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) stormwater detention and flood control facility located at 35th Ave NE, between NE 105th and 110th streets. It provides multiple stormwater benefits, including flood reduction, water quality improvement, sediment removal, and habitat improvement for Thornton Creek. In addition, Meadowbrook Pond provides wildlife habitat and open space.

What's happening now?

In September 2018, SPU completed partial in-water removal of sediment from Meadowbrook Pond. This summer, SPU contractor crews are scheduled to perform dredging work in the southwest portion of the pond where most of the sediment accumulates. Crews are expected to begin mobilizing as early as late May, and in-water construction for this project is permitted from early July through September. Dredging is expected to take less than that time, and site restoration should be complete by the end of the summer. SPU will update the community about project schedule and anticipated construction impacts.

SPU also plans to dredge Lake City Pond, which is another stormwater detention and flood control facility located near NE 125th St and 35th Ave NE. This work will help reduce sediment in Thornton Creek upstream from Meadowbrook Pond.

*Note, schedule is subject to change due to permitting and other factors.



Image of Meadowbrook Pond

Stay in the Know

For more information about the project and to sign up for the project email list, please visit: www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/projects/meadowbrook-pond-facility-rehabilitation

You can also reach out to SPU Project Manager, Jonathan Brown, at jonathan.brown@seattle.gov.

Save the Dates!

SPU project presentations

May 30, Thornton Creek Alliance, 7:00 p.m., Maple Leaf Lutheran Church (10005 32nd AVE NE)

SPU will provide updates on dredging activities in Meadowbrook Pond as well as share information about other SPU projects in the area, including the Thornton Creek Natural Drainage System Project and SPU crew maintenance work at Lake City Pond.

Influence of the Confluence 2.0, Celebrating Urban Creek Watersheds

June 9th, 2019, 2 – 6 p.m., Meadowbrook Pond (across from Meadowbrook Community Center).

Thornton Creek Alliance, in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities and other organizations, are hosting an event to bring together people living in, working on, and open to learning about urban creeks, in order to coordinate and/or partner on protecting and restoring stream and watershed natural spaces. Outdoor festivities will include live music, food trucks, info booths, and guided tours.

Thornton Creek Natural Drainage System Project

SPU is working on a project to install natural drainage systems in the Thornton Creek basin. These systems consist of shallow depressions in the public right-of-way, or “planter strip,” filled with deep-rooted plants and spongy soils that temporarily hold and clean polluted stormwater from streets and sidewalks.

Why Thornton Creek?

Stormwater picks up pollutants from streets—including oil, heavy metals, and fertilizers—and flows into the Seattle’s creeks through ditches or pipes. Thornton Creek is a salmon-bearing urban creek with degraded water quality, and SPU is performing this work to remove pollutants from the stormwater before it reaches the creek.

What’s Happening Now?

We completed our technical analysis of potential locations for the natural drainage systems, and the project team is starting the design phase of this project. Throughout 2019 and 2020, our team will be engaging residents near the project site locations to share more information and gather feedback.



Example of a Natural Drainage System project

Stay in the Know

For more information about the project, please visit www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/projects/thornton-natural-drainage

You can also reach out to SPU Project Manager, Luis Ramirez, at luis.ramirez@seattle.gov.

Share your experiences with flooding and sewer backups

Take our survey: go.participate.online/DSA1

Seattle Public Utilities is studying flooding in the drainage and wastewater systems. Information you and your neighbors share will help us understand where the system isn’t working and plan future upgrades. Please fill out our online survey. We are especially interested in hearing from you if you have experienced flooding or sewer backups, noticed flooding in the street or sidewalk in your neighborhood, or if you own a building/house in Seattle. If you’d like a paper survey, or to complete the survey over the phone, please call (206) 274-4944. After filling out the survey, you can enter into a raffle to receive one of several gift card prizes.

What if I have problems now?

- For emergencies, call 911
- If you experience sewer backups or bad flooding during a storm, call our 24/7 Emergency Services line at (206) 386-1800
- For non-urgent plugged storm drains, use our online drain report by visiting www.seattle.gov/utilities/services/drainage-and-sewer; a crew member will respond in 3-5 business days