

# Chief Sealth Trail Green Stormwater Infrastructure



Reducing stormwater pollution and improving drainage

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## Project Overview

Stormwater that falls on the roofs, streets, and parking lots in your neighborhood can pick up harmful pollutants before eventually draining into Lake Washington. These pollutants can harm fish, wildlife, and our ecosystems.

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will build new green stormwater infrastructure at the intersection of S Kenyon St and the Chief Sealth Trail to manage stormwater runoff in the Othello neighborhood.

The project will result in open space improvements that use special soil and deep-rooted plants to filter and temporarily hold stormwater. This will reduce pollution while creating an improved open space.

The project is being completed in partnership with Seattle Department of Transportation and their Safe Routes to School program, which has already completed a new sidewalk extension in this area. SPU is also partnering with Seattle City Light and the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture to enhance the area with public art.



Figure 1: Updated rendering of the planned green stormwater infrastructure along the Chief Sealth Trail, near Wing Luke Elementary.

## Project Schedule

As of March 2024, the project is in design and permitting which is expected to conclude in 2025. Construction will occur during the summer of 2026.

- Design and Permitting: 2024 - 2025
- Construction: Summer 2026

Community engagement will happen throughout the remainder of the project, especially during the fall of 2024 to provide updates and gather feedback related to the public art design.

## Community Benefits

- Reduced stormwater runoff from 25 acres of urban area in Othello
- Healthier Lake Washington and creek, lake, and saltwater ecosystems
- Landscape improvements
- Public artwork

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