

Chief Sealth Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Early Community Engagement Summary

March 2023



Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is planning a new project to manage stormwater runoff in the Othello neighborhood. The work will occur near the intersection of S Kenyon St and the Chief Sealth Trail (as seen to the right) and will be completed in collaboration with Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)'s new sidewalk project in the same area.



In January 2023, we engaged with the Othello community about how this project can incorporate community priorities and local insights into the project direction and design.

Engagement included:

- Online survey available in Chinese, English, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese
- Community partnerships with the Wing Luke Elementary PTO and Seattle Housing Authority's New Holly community
- Event attendance at a PTO meeting and at New Holly's Lunar New Year celebration
- Postcards to project area residents
- Street signs along the trail corridor in the project area
- Digital advertising geotargeted in the project area

Key engagement findings were consistent across all engagement formats listed above. In general, findings included:

- Excitement about reviving this space through SPU and SDOT projects and requests for other similar projects at other sections along the Chief Sealth Trail corridor
- Sentiment that public art should be functional and representative of community culture
- Strong preference for native and natural landscaping improvements and to include artistic/colorful landscape design as part of project
- Broad support for maintaining stairway access, incorporating more garbage collection, and incorporating more lighting throughout the space
- Concerns about speeding and requests for speed bumps along the u-shaped stretch of Kenyon Way S and 39th Ave S

For more information and project updates, visit the [project website](#), sign up for the [project listserv](#), or email project manager Thomas.Hoque@seattle.gov.