



# **News Release**

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### **Hall Creek Culvert Removal and Sewer Replacement Update**

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE — The Hall Creek Culvert Removal and Ballinger Lake Golf Course Sewer Replacement Project provides for reestablishing a natural stream in place of culverts, constructing a pedestrian bridge over the creek, routing a water main and other utilities under the creek, and reconstructing the adjacent end of 230<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

Since the project began, approximately 200 feet of Hall Creek was dammed and stream flow bypassed with pumps, creating a dry work area. The utilities that crossed the creek were relocated and the streambed restored. The dams have since been removed, allowing the stream to flow naturally again.

The creek restoration will be completed this fall with plantings on the stream banks. The reconstruction of the end of 230<sup>th</sup> Street SW, west of the creek, is progressing with the installation of new curbing and sidewalk. The next major construction activity is the installation of the steel piles that will support the new sewer across the golf course parking lot.

The removal of four culverts at the 230<sup>th</sup> Street SW crossing of Hall Creek addresses serious flooding issues. During large rainfall events, the creek has often overtopped the roadway and occasionally caused flood damage to homes.

The sewer construction replaces an existing sewer that has settled significantly over the past forty years and requires monthly cleaning to remove accumulating material that restricts flow and causes blockages. Due to peat soil layers below the surface, the new sewer main will be supported on steel pilings. The project includes restoration of the golf course parking lot impacted by the construction.

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