



# CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Room 1000, Portland, Oregon 97204 ■ Nick Fish, Commissioner ■ James Hagerman, Interim Director

January 28, 2015

Re: SW 19th and Taylors Ferry Green Street

Dear Neighbors,

Environmental Services is designing a project to construct a green street on SW 19th Avenue between SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Orchid Street. We expect to start construction in fall 2015.

Rain washes large amounts of sediment and other pollutants off this unimproved street and into Tryon Creek, just downhill of the project site. This project will direct stormwater runoff from SW 19th Avenue into a vegetated green street to reduce erosion from the street.

You may remember a proposal in 2009 to form a local improvement district (LID) to fund public safety and water quality improvements on SW 19th from Taylors Ferry Road to SW Dolph Court. That proposal did not move forward mainly because of the cost to property owners. The proposed LID was in the same vicinity but the current project is site specific and has different objectives.

The new project will protect water quality in Tryon Creek and improve an active transportation corridor that is being eroded by stormwater. Environmental Services is working with the Markham Neighborhood Association on this project.

**Project staff will share project information with the public at an open house on Wednesday, April 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Room 29 of the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway.**

Please plan to join us at the open house on April 22. Go to [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/506440](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/506440) to learn more about the project. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Stormwater runoff can reduce water quality in rivers and streams. Portland uses green streets, ecoroofs, trees and other green infrastructure to increase sewer system efficiency, and protect water quality, public health, and the environment. Green infrastructure keeps stormwater out of the sewer system, filters pollutants, provides habitat and increases neighborhood green space for healthier watersheds.

Environmental Services is designing a project to construct a green street planter on SW 19th Avenue between SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Orchid Street. SW 19th is an unimproved street covered with a mix of gravel, dirt and pavement. The Portland Bureau of Transportation closed the street to through traffic in 2002 because of concerns about motorist and pedestrian safety.

Rain can wash large volumes of sediment and other pollutants off of unimproved streets and into streams, including Tryon Creek, which is just downhill of the project site.

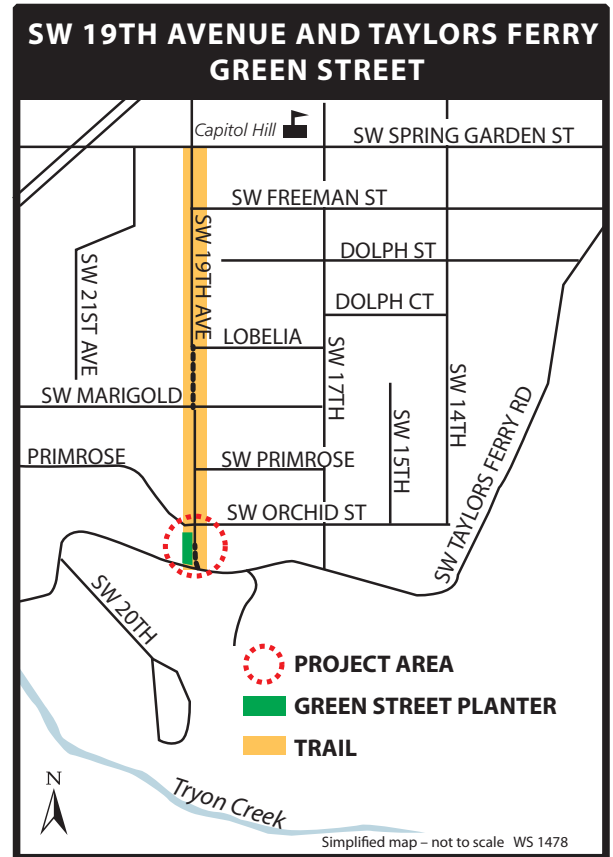
SW 19th Avenue is an important pedestrian route:

- It is a designated Safe Routes to School for Capitol Hill Elementary School.
- It is part of Metro's "Hillsdale to Lake Oswego" regional trail and SW Trails PDX Trail 6.

This project will direct stormwater runoff from SW 19th Avenue into a vegetated green street planter to reduce erosion from the street. The work will include removing invasive plants and re-grading the entire area.

The project is in design and Environmental Services plans to begin construction in fall 2015.

**For More Information:** Contact Lisa Moscinski at 503-823-3663 or [lisa.moscinski@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:lisa.moscinski@portlandoregon.gov). To learn more about green streets, visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/sustainablestormwater](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/sustainablestormwater).



## At a Glance



This project will **improve water quality** in Tryon Creek and **improve connections** on a designated Safe Routes to School route.



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