

# East Ballard GreenStreet

## Communities for Clean Water in Salmon Bay

You are invited to participate in a collaborative community project to create a neighborhood Greenstreet!

- Beautify your street
- Slow traffic
- Reduce flows of polluted roadway runoff to Salmon Bay

### Who can participate?

Residents of all ages and abilities!

### What will participants do?

Assist in the design and construction of rain gardens or natural drainage swales along one residential block.

### Is there a cost to homeowners?

No. This project is funded through a grant from The Russell Family Foundation in partnership with Antioch University Seattle. We have funding to cover the design and construction costs, and we will ask some local businesses for donations, such as soil, plants, tools, or refreshments for volunteers.

### Where is the project?

The project site is in Ballard south of NW 65<sup>th</sup> Street and east of 15th Avenue NW and west of 3rd Avenue NW (see map on reverse).

### What are the benefits?

The project will:

- Beautify your street through new plants, such as ferns, grasses and flowering shrubs;
- Increase bird, butterfly and other native habitat; **and**
- Reduce polluted runoff from the street that flows into the Salmon Bay at the end of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Toxins found in polluted runoff affect people's health and harm fish and wildlife.

### How does it work?

The East Ballard GreenStreet project team will select a cluster of properties along one block and work with the residents and other volunteers to construct a small natural drainage rain garden in the planting/parking strip **at no cost to the homeowners**.



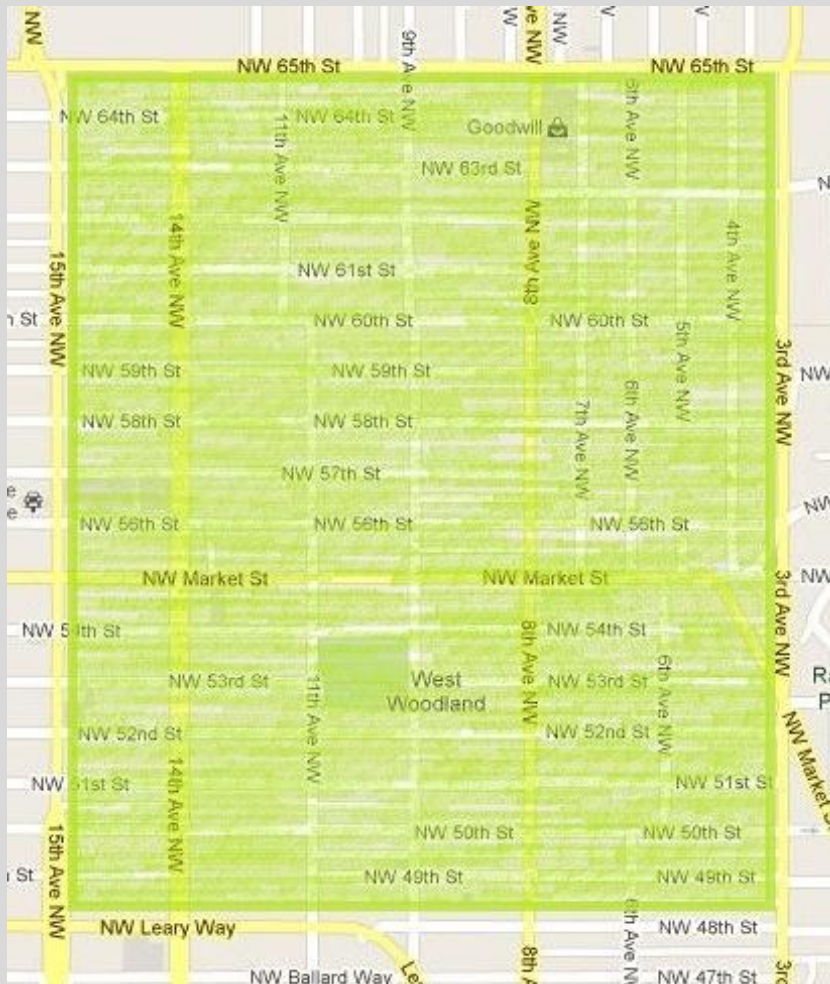
Photo shows a typical rain garden. The curb is cut so that water can flow out of the street and into the garden! We work with engineers and landscape architects to ensure a sound process. **Photo credit: Urbanraindesign.com**



A curb-cut roadside rain garden at **Ballard Corners Park**. Photo: Cari Simson

## Criteria for the rain garden project site:

- Property is located in Ballard east of 15th Avenue NW and west of 3rd Avenue NW, south of NW 65<sup>th</sup> Street and north of Leary Way:



- Planting strip/parking strip is at least 8-feet wide from the sidewalk to the curb
- The house is up-slope from the road
- Planting strip does not have any large trees that will hinder landscaping and construction efforts
- Homeowners would be willing to involve themselves in the project (volunteering, enlisting neighbors to help, gathering materials and donations, etc.)
- Homeowners agree to care for the rain garden once it is completed (with assistance)
- Soil tests reveal no heavy pollution or toxins (we will test for you)
- Soil drains well (we will test for you)

## I'm in! Who do I call to learn more?

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