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Edmonds Receives \$188,772 Grant to Conduct Stormwater Retrofit Planning and Pre-Design in the Perrinville Creek Watershed

(Edmonds – WA) The City of Edmonds has been notified by Washington State Department of Ecology that it has been selected to receive a Stormwater Retrofit Planning and Pre-Design Grant of \$188,772 to support the City's Perrinville Creek Flow Reduction Retrofit Project. This competitive grant was provided by Ecology's National Estuary Program – Watershed Protection & Restoration Program.

The primary goal of this project is to reduce flows in Perrinville Creek, a tributary to Puget Sound, by reducing stormwater runoff. The flow reduction will provide multiple hydrologic and biological benefits to both the Creek and Brown's Bay in the Sound such as: allowing for the replacement of an anadromous fish barrier culvert, reducing erosion and sedimentation that is impacting aquatic habitat and City infrastructure, and reducing the amount of pollutants in the aquatic environment.

The City of Edmonds has \$200,000 allocated in its 2013 budget to perform a watershed-based analysis of stormwater flows and to develop alternatives to reduce the flows (including LID retrofits) in the Perrinville Creek watershed. This grant will allow the City to move the project beyond the analysis stage and into the predesign phase, thereby accelerating retrofit of the watershed.

"We are very pleased to have this signed grant funding agreement from Ecology," says Mayor Earling, "our City's stormwater engineering, operations, and maintenance staff are always excited by any opportunity to conserve and enhance the environmental health of our community's watersheds."