

# City of Poulsbo

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### **Stormwater Improvements Supported by Department of Ecology**

The City of Poulsbo and the Department of Ecology have partnered on numerous stormwater improvements throughout the City that will reduce the pollutants to Liberty Bay and associated tributaries. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Central Business District LID Improvements project focused on the installation of Low Impact Development (LID) practices and the construction of a new decant facility will provide the City with increased capacity to clean city streets and stormwater facilities more frequently.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Central Business District LID Improvements project included installation of modular wetland systems, bioretention cells, and stormwater filtration units that will treat stormwater runoff from the contributing basin and subsequently reduce the pollutants to the bay from city streets and parking areas in downtown Poulsbo. LID principals employ recreating natural landscape features while minimizing effective impervious surfaces to create functional and appealing site drainage that treats stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product. The improvements from this project will contribute to the goals of the Liberty Bay TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) project as well. Construction and installation began in January. Nearly all work on this project is complete. Final landscaping and other minor items are expected to be complete by the end of June.

The construction of a decant facility is the first phase of the overall development of the new Public Works facility located at 22125 Viking Way. The Decant Facility will be used to separate solid and liquid wastes generated from cleaning city streets and the stormwater system. The new facility will reduce the pollutant loading to the Puget Sound, Liberty Bay, and associated tributaries by enabling increased frequency of cleaning city streets and stormwater facilities. The increased capacity generated by the new facility will allow for greater amounts of sediment removal and disposal from catch basins and underground water quality vaults. Construction of the facility was bid in November 2014 and construction began in January. This phase of the development of the new Public Works site will be complete by the end of June.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Central Business District stormwater retrofits and the construction of the Decant Facility have both been partially funded by the Department of Ecology through the statewide stormwater grant program.

For regular updates on capital projects in progress throughout the City, visit our website at: [http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/publicworks/publicworks\\_eng\\_projects.htm](http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/publicworks/publicworks_eng_projects.htm).

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