

JULY 2020

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RAILROAD AVENUE COMPLETE

Permeable paver system with a sand filter was designed by MCD engineering team to treat stormwater runoff



LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

BY KATRINKA HIBLER AND ENGINEERING TEAM

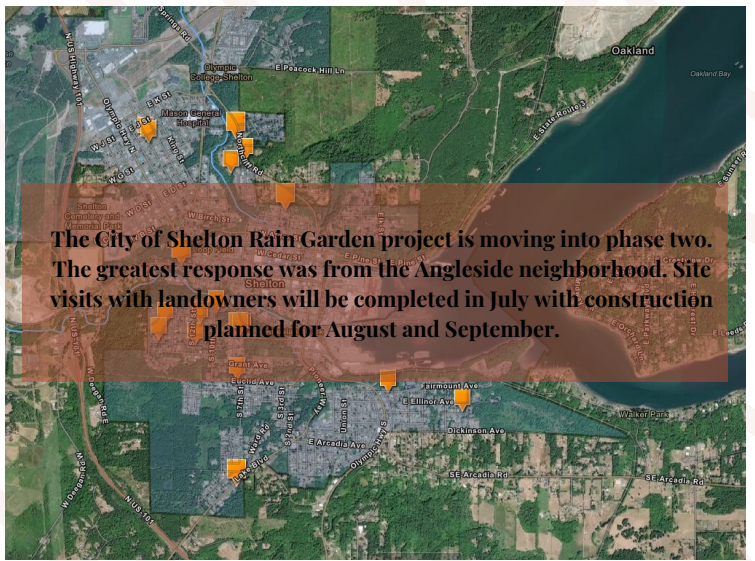
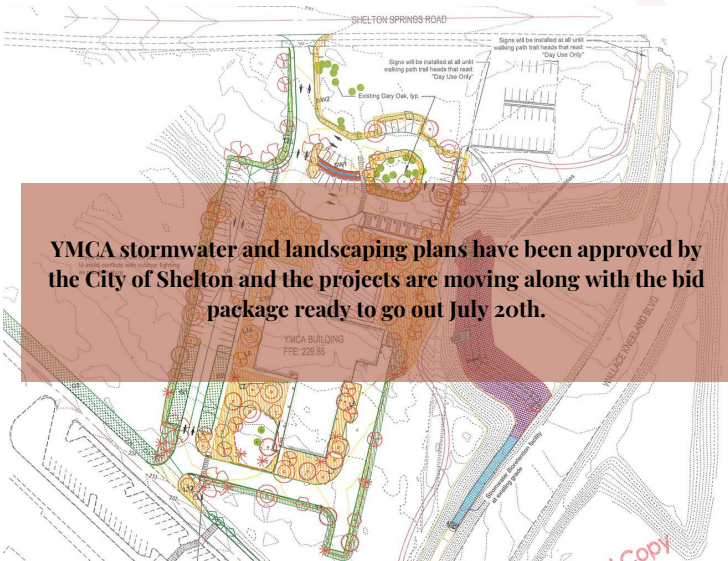
Mason Transit Authority (MTA) has been using the unimproved gravel lot for parking for their rental tenants of the Transit center. The gravel parking lot was a mess of mud puddles and pot holes sending sediment laden stormwater to the storm drain. In the distant past the area was part of the railroad yard and consequently the soils were contaminated. MTA has worked with the Department of Ecology to address the soil contamination on site as part of this project.

SHORE FRIENDLY UPDATE

BY STEVE HAGERTY AND KATRINKA HIBLER

Shore Friendly Mason has been preparing to present a webinar to educate the community about District services related to marine shorelines, and ways we can work with landowners to help address their shoreline goals while stewarding a healthy Puget Sound. This will be presented by Steve Hagerty and Katrinka Hibler on July 18th, 10 am – 12pm. There are currently 37 participants signed up. The goal is to reach Mason County marine shoreline homeowners that may be interested in working with the District, and to re-invigorate interest in SF program services for the summer and early Fall as we resume delivery of technical assistance and site visits to new landowners.

The Oyster Bay Shoreline Restoration Project is moving forward in the Small Grants Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) process. The presentation to the grant selection committee is scheduled for July 28th.



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

BY WHITNEY MCDANIEL

AmeriCorps member, Whitney, has been busy with program outreach and land stewardship projects. In partnership with Capitol Land Trust's AmeriCorps, Shelton's Hilburn Preserve has received a makeover through the partial removal of a large patch of invasive Himalayan Blackberry. This multi-day project involved cutting off the canes to allow for the Youth Conservation Corps to remove the root crowns at a later date. She enjoyed having the opportunity to get outside and steward land in Mason County. The current AmeriCorps term will be ending soon, but Whitney will be returning to serve for another term with the District in September.

WRIA 14 LEAD ENTITY UPDATE

BY STEVE HAGERTY

The WRIA 14 Lead Entity program is nearing completion of its internal grant process for this year. The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has chosen its ranked list for this year. The Citizens Committee will consider the TAG's list and other Committee guidance as it makes a final decision on the ranked list on Thursday July 16. In other news, our strategy update for salmon recovery is in development. Details about moving forward with the strategy update as a phased approach are being worked out this month with our Committee and sub-contractor, ESA.