

NATURALIZING Storm Facilities

Facilities are restored to a more natural ecological function by encouraging the establishment of native plant species.



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You may be noticing changes in the way some of our stormwater facilities are being maintained. The Kitsap County Public Works Stormwater Division is retrofitting stormwater ponds and swales to manage stormwater on site in a cleaner, more natural way.

Kitsap County is committed to protecting the health of our natural environment and ensuring that these areas are functional for both wildlife and people to enjoy.

What does naturalization do?

- Improves water quality by filtering nutrients and pollutants before they flow downstream into surface waters
 - Eliminates or reduces mowing in ponds or swales
 - Reduces erosion by promoting deeper roots
 - Reduces chemical, herbicide and fertilizer use
 - Establishes natural habitat for wildlife and plants
 - Promotes growth of native plant species thereby minimizing growth of invasive species
 - Reduces facility maintenance costs
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Have questions or concerns about Naturalization?

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