Brookwood Lane in Central Kitsap is Kitsap County’s first Green Street. The Brookwood residents wanted to reduce flooding impacts and liked the idea of building rain gardens to protect Puget Sound. In September 2011, ten rain gardens were built in the road right-of-way in this neighborhood.

**Partnerships at Work**

This project is a partnership among the Kitsap Conservation District (KCD), Kitsap County Public Works Surface and Stormwater Management (SSWM) Division, Washington Conservation Corps (WCC), and the Department of Ecology.

The work consisted of:

- **KCD** provided technical assistance to the residents, supplied native plants and a “rain garden soil” for the rain gardens, and helped plant and mulch.
- **SSWM** designed the rain gardens, removed existing soil, and installed pipes, drains and other stormwater features.
- A **WCC** crew spread the soil and planted native plants. WCC also helped residents redirect their downspouts to the rain gardens.
- After the rain gardens were installed, the Road Division installed new pavement and improved the road shoulders.

A Green Street is a group of rain gardens built in a neighborhood setting, usually in the road right-of-way. A group of rain gardens can be more effective in reducing runoff than a single rain garden.

Maintaining the Green Street is a partnership between SSWM and the residents. The residents agree to periodically water and weed the rain gardens, and check to see if they are functioning properly. SSWM will perform other maintenance tasks, and will make repairs as necessary.
Welcome to Our Rain Garden
The Brookwood Green Street protects Puget Sound

What is a rain garden?
A planted depression that can collect, soak up and filter stormwater runoff from roofs, driveways, streets, parking lots and other hard surfaces.

What are the benefits?
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Reduce flooding
- Improve water quality
- Replenish groundwater
- Provide wildlife habitat

Benefits of Green Streets:
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Next Steps
SSWM is developing a plan for an ongoing Green Streets Program. If you and your neighbors would like to be considered as a Green Street, please contact Teresa Brooks with KCD at t-brooks@conservewa.net and (360) 337-7171 ext 24. Future Green Streets will depend on available funding and priority areas.

Residential Rain Garden Cost-Share
Residents in unincorporated Kitsap County may receive technical assistance and funding to install a rain garden. Residents who qualify for the cost-share program may be reimbursed ½ the cost to install a rain garden up to $500.

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