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Hall Creek Culvert Removal and Sewer Replacement Update

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE — The Hall Creek Culvert Removal and Ballinger Lake Golf Course Sewer Replacement Project is nearly complete. The natural stream has replaced the culverts and a pedestrian bridge now allows walkers to cross over the creek from the Lake Ballinger neighborhood. The water main and other utilities have been rerouted under the creek and the adjacent end of 230th Street SW has been reconstructed.

During the project, approximately 200 feet of Hall Creek was dammed and stream flow bypassed with pumps, creating a dry work area. The creek was restored with woody debris in the form of tree roots and native plantings to anchor the stream banks and provide quality habitat for the aquatic inhabitants.

The removal of four culverts at the 230th Street SW crossing of Hall Creek has helped alleviate serious flooding issues. During large rainfall events in the past, the creek often overtopped the roadway and occasionally caused flood damage to homes.

The sewer construction replaced an existing sewer that had settled significantly over the past forty years and required monthly cleaning to remove accumulating material that restricted flow and caused blockages. The project included a much-needed restoration of the golf course parking lot.

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