

ABOUT THE PROJECT

WHY IS LAKE FOREST PARK GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS?

As part of the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), the Washington State Department of Ecology requires the City to implement the Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP) process as outlined in the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. The goal of the SMAP is to select a high-priority watershed in the City and develop stormwater management actions that will protect and enhance water quality while allowing for growth.

A watershed is a specific land area where all flowing surface water drains to one body of water. The City of Lake Forest Park looked at its four watersheds: West Lake Washington, East Lake Washington, McAleer Creek, and Lyon Creek, before deciding on Lyon Creek as the prioritized watershed.

The next step in the SMAP process is to identify the possible actions the City could take to improve water quality. Possible actions may include implementing programs or developing projects. We value the input of our community to help identify future stormwater actions.

WHY LYON CREEK?

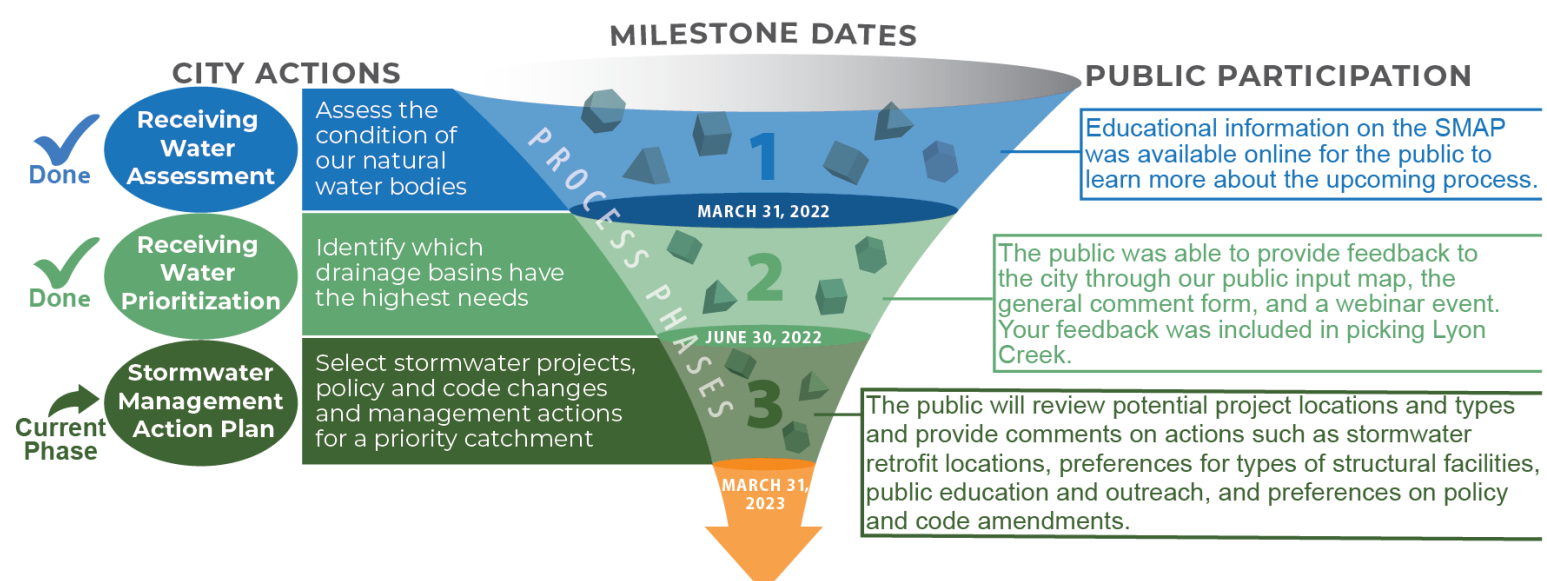
Lyon Creek headwaters start in Snohomish County and the creek flows through many communities including Lake Forest Park, to Lake Washington. Lake Forest Park considered many factors in selecting the Lyon Creek watershed for the SMAP, including:

- A large area of the creek watershed is within Lake Forest Park city limits. This affords the City more area within the City's jurisdiction to implement stormwater management actions.
- A large percentage of the watershed is managed by the city-owned stormwater system. This affords the City more opportunities to capture polluted stormwater and treat it before it is discharged to local creeks.
- Lyon Creek watershed area has a higher potential for future development. Increased development could result in more polluted runoff which poses an opportunity for early intervention to mitigate increased pollution from entering our waterways.

LEARN MORE

- To view the full report describing the watershed prioritization process, visit station 5.
- To access the project web page, visit station 6.

SMAP PROCESS



What 's next in Lyon Creek basin?

- Potential targeted or customized stormwater actions, such as prioritized inspection or maintenance programs
- Possible changes to land development policies and codes
- Potential stormwater management projects in your neighborhood

