

Thornton Creek Acquisition South Branch at NE 98th St.

City Council Civic Development, Public Assets and Native Communities Committee

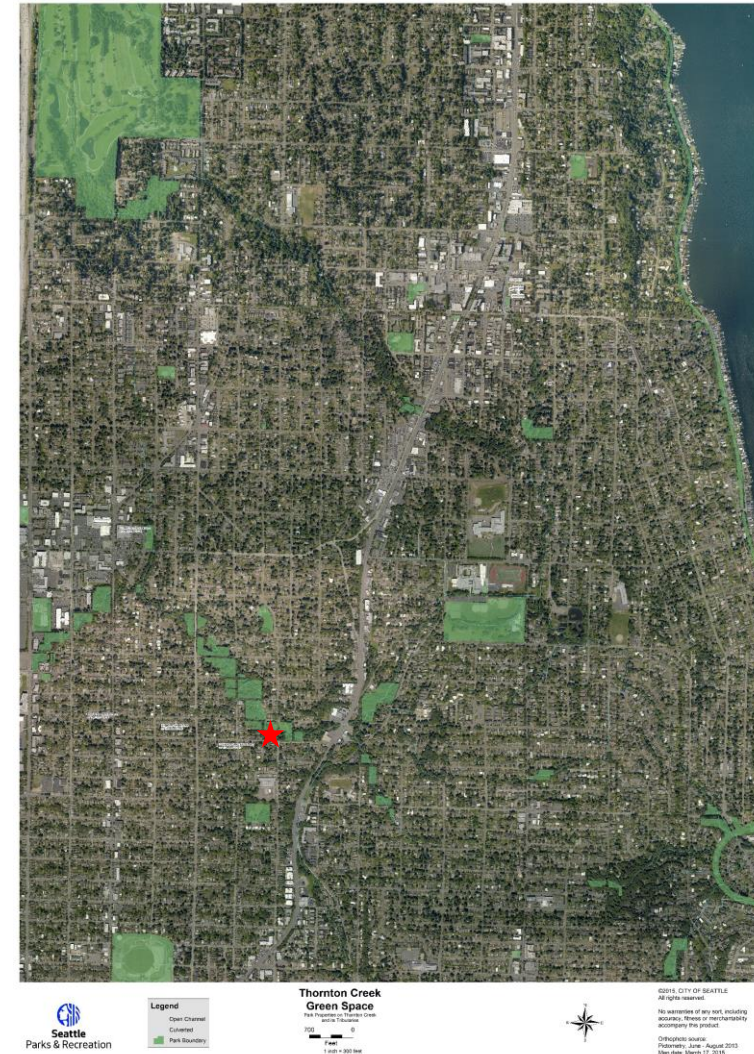
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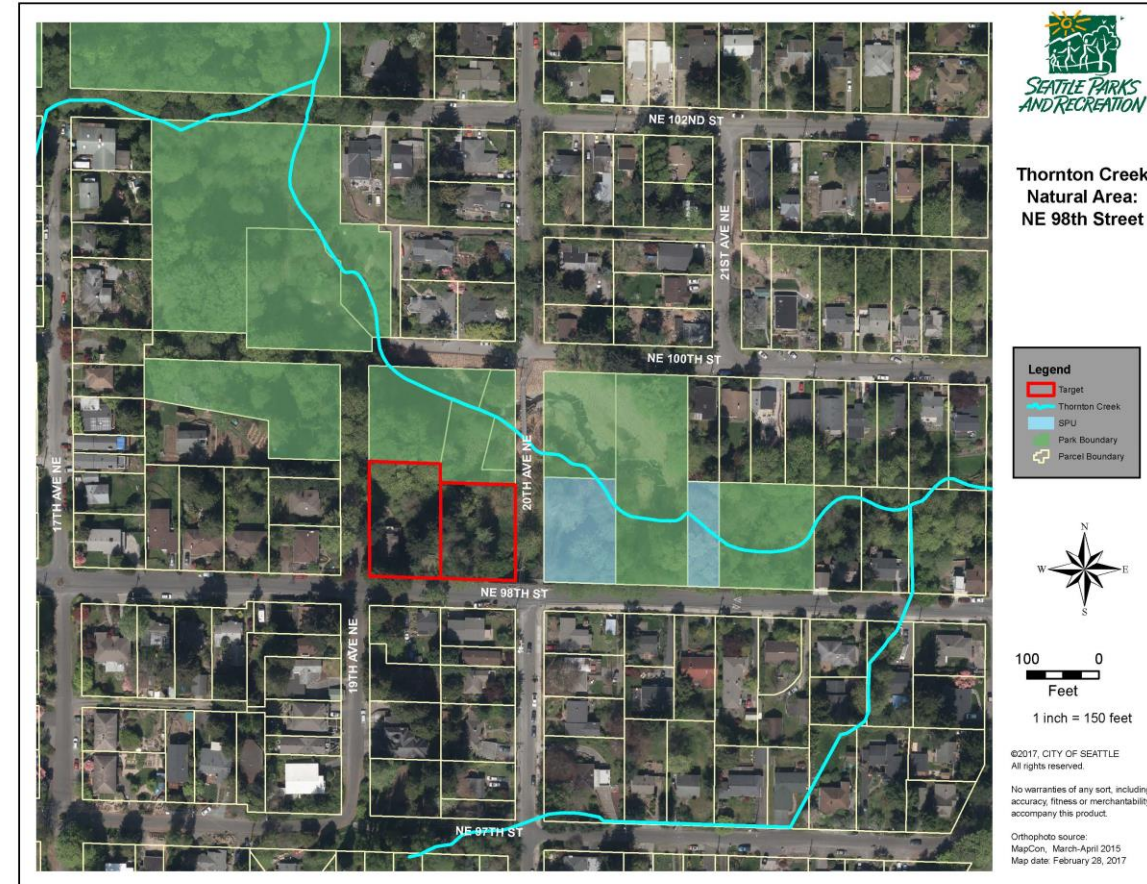
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Acquisition Location: 1902 NE 98th St.



Acquisition Background

- **Thornton Creek:** Thornton Creek is a salmon-bearing stream that drains northeast Seattle and flows into Lake Washington at Matthews Beach Park. The Thornton Creek system has the greatest diversity of fish populations in Seattle, including Chinook, sockeye, Coho, steelhead, rainbow trout and resident cutthroat.
- **Purchase Price:** \$800,000 (supported by appraisal and funded through the Park District)
- **Size:** 0.7 acres
- **Property Highlights:** This is the last private property along this recently restored stretch of the South Fork of Thornton Creek. This property has been a major seed source for invasive species threatening the restored area.



Acquisition Background/Next Steps

- Ordinance authorizes SPR to purchase the property for open space, park and recreation purposes.
- Purchase is part of effort to protect property and improve habitat along Thornton Creek.
- SPR will apply for permit to demolish the structure on the site.



Questions?

