

Slope Easement Acquisition Ordinance

NE 91st St Culvert and Slope Stabilization Project

Seattle City Council

Government & Utilities Committee

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Purpose of Legislation

Authorizes Seattle Public Utilities to accept two permanent slope easements on private property to ensure long-term access for drainage and slope stabilization



Location

- 3822 NE 91st Street
- 3832 NE 91st Street
- Wedgwood Neighborhood
- Council District #4



Background

- In 2022 the NE 91st street end slope showed signs of instability. The culvert also failed through the unstable slope area and eroded the toe of the slope.
- A temporary culvert was installed in 2023 to reduce immediate risk.
- Permanent repairs are needed to stabilize the slope and restore drainage
- SPU will construct a reinforced soil slope and new drainage infrastructure



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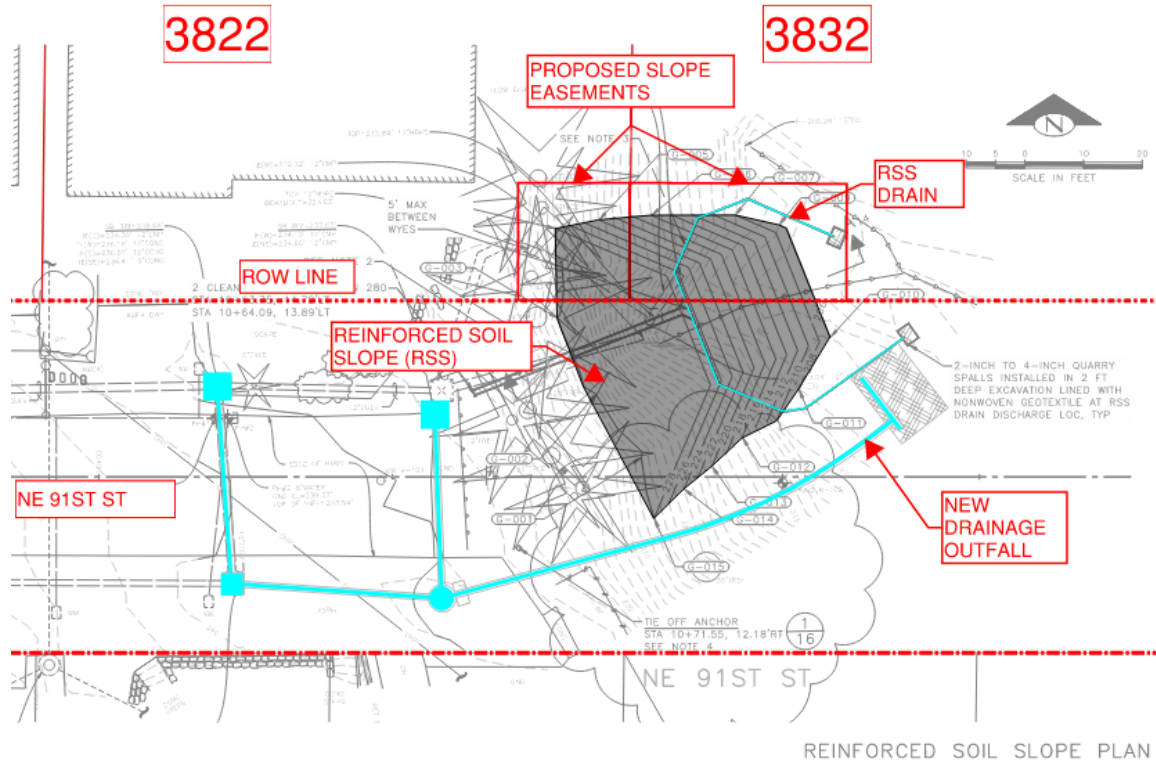
2022 – unstable slope & failing culvert



2023 – Temporary culvert installed

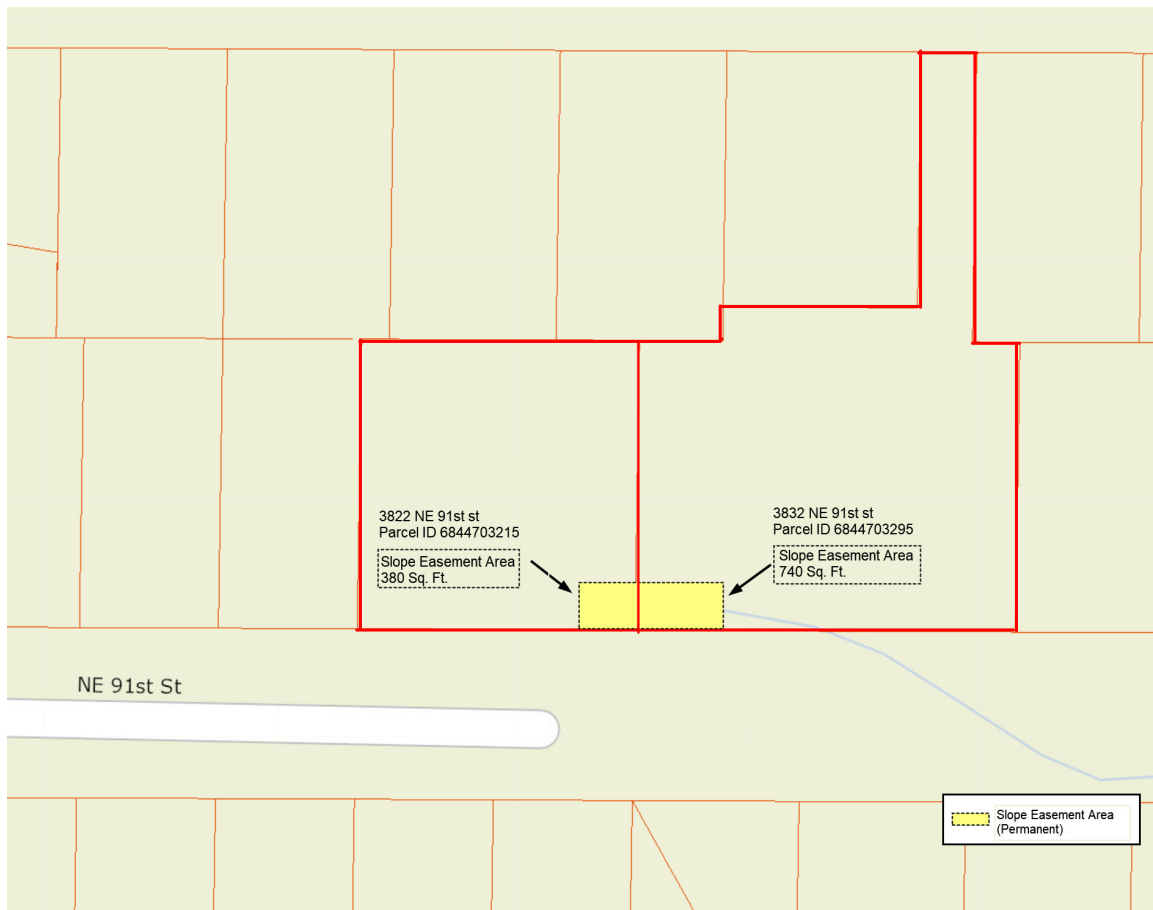


Site Plan



Property Rights Acquisition

- Parcels: 3822 and 3832 NE 91st St
- Two permanent slope stabilization easements acquired for a combined fair market value of \$9,900
- Final settlement offers accepted through amicable agreement
- Limited to portions needed for the reinforced slope



Community Engagement

- Coordinated directly with affected property owners throughout design
- Easement agreements reached following appraisal and negotiation
- Ongoing communication planned during construction



Questions?

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