

Thornton Creek Acquisition

North Branch at NE 125th St.

Civic Development, Public Assets and Native Communities Committee

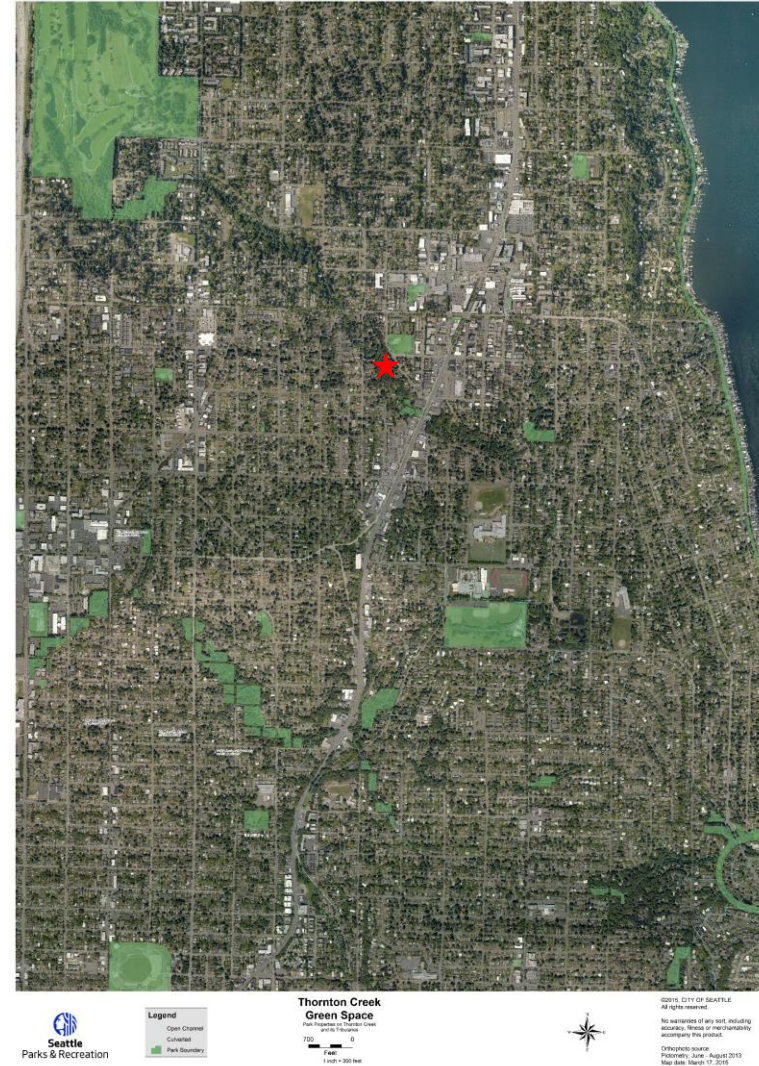
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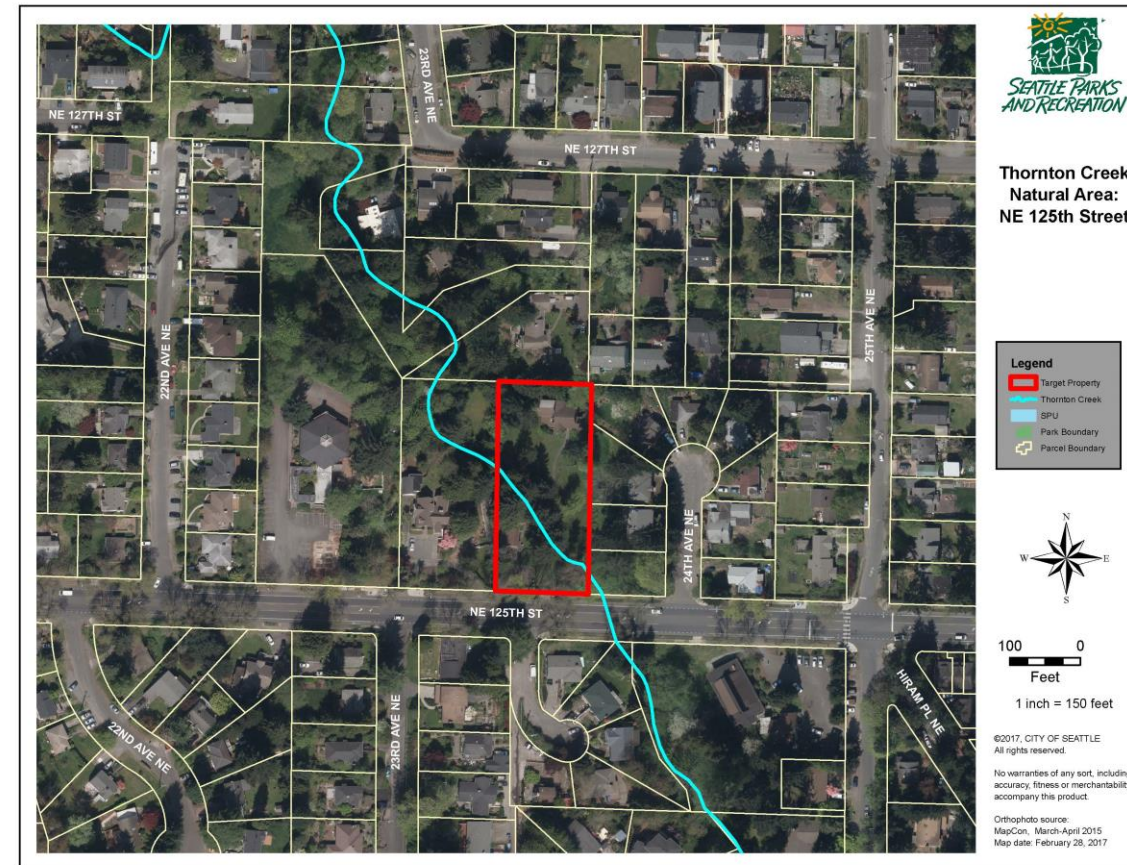
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Thornton Creek Acquisition: 2318 NE 125th St.



Background

- **Thornton Creek:** Salmon-bearing stream that flows into Lake Washington at Matthews Beach. Greatest diversity of fish in city, including Chinook, sockeye, Coho, steelhead, rainbow trout and resident cutthroat.
- **Purchase price:** \$1.05 M (supported by appraisal)
- **Property:** 0.9 acres, 2 existing structures on land
- **SPR/SPU Partnership:** Developing MOA between Seattle Parks and Recreation and Seattle Public Utilities, sharing acquisition and demolition costs and defines responsibilities for future operation and maintenance of property. SPU is planning a major stream restoration/floodplain reconnection project on the property.



Background/Next Steps

- The 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 north fork of Thornton Creek.
- We hope to acquire more property along the north fork.
- We will apply for permits to demolish 2 structures on site.



Questions?

