

# Nature at Work

Environmental Services looks to nature for inspiration to solve urban problems that threaten our rivers and streams. We combine natural solutions with sewer pipes and treatment plants, to create a stronger, healthier, more resilient community.



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**Wetlands are a natural solution for stormwater. Stormwater from more than 600 acres of neighborhood streets in northeast Portland drain to the Mason Flats wetland (pictured here). In the wetland, stormwater slows down and is naturally filtered before making its way to the Columbia Slough.**