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Green/Duwamish ecosystem restoration project opens for salmon

Seattle – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, opened a new channel last week as part of the Upper Springbrook Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project, a stimulus-funded project.

The Upper Springbrook Creek project restores a 900-foot stream that had been running through a road side ditch along the north side of South 55th Street in Renton. By building a new channel, the project maximizes the habitat and spawning potential for this section of stream. The project also includes a new culvert under South 55th Street to aid in fish passage. The Upper Springbrook Creek is one of the few remaining spawning areas for coho in the Green/Duwamish River watershed.

Performance Systems Inc., a small business based in Fruitland, Idaho, built the project, which was sponsored by the City of Renton.

The project began in May and had a project cost of \$650,000.

You can see video of salmon using the new channel at:

http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/documents/PUBLICAFFAIRS/Fish_spawning_Springbrook.AVI

Green/Duwamish Ecosystem Restoration Project

This project is a comprehensive restoration program for the entire Green/Duwamish ecosystem spanning the tidal estuaries to the spawning and wildlife habitat areas in the upper basin. The Upper Springbrook Creek Park project is one of 45 separate projects that emphasize the restoration of critical habitat within the Green/Duwamish River watershed.

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