Daylighting PADDEN CREEK

Bellingham Public Works Natural Resources has completed a major habitat restoration project on Padden Creek to help restore healthy water quality and habitat to our community for people, salmon, and wildlife.

Why daylight Padden Creek?

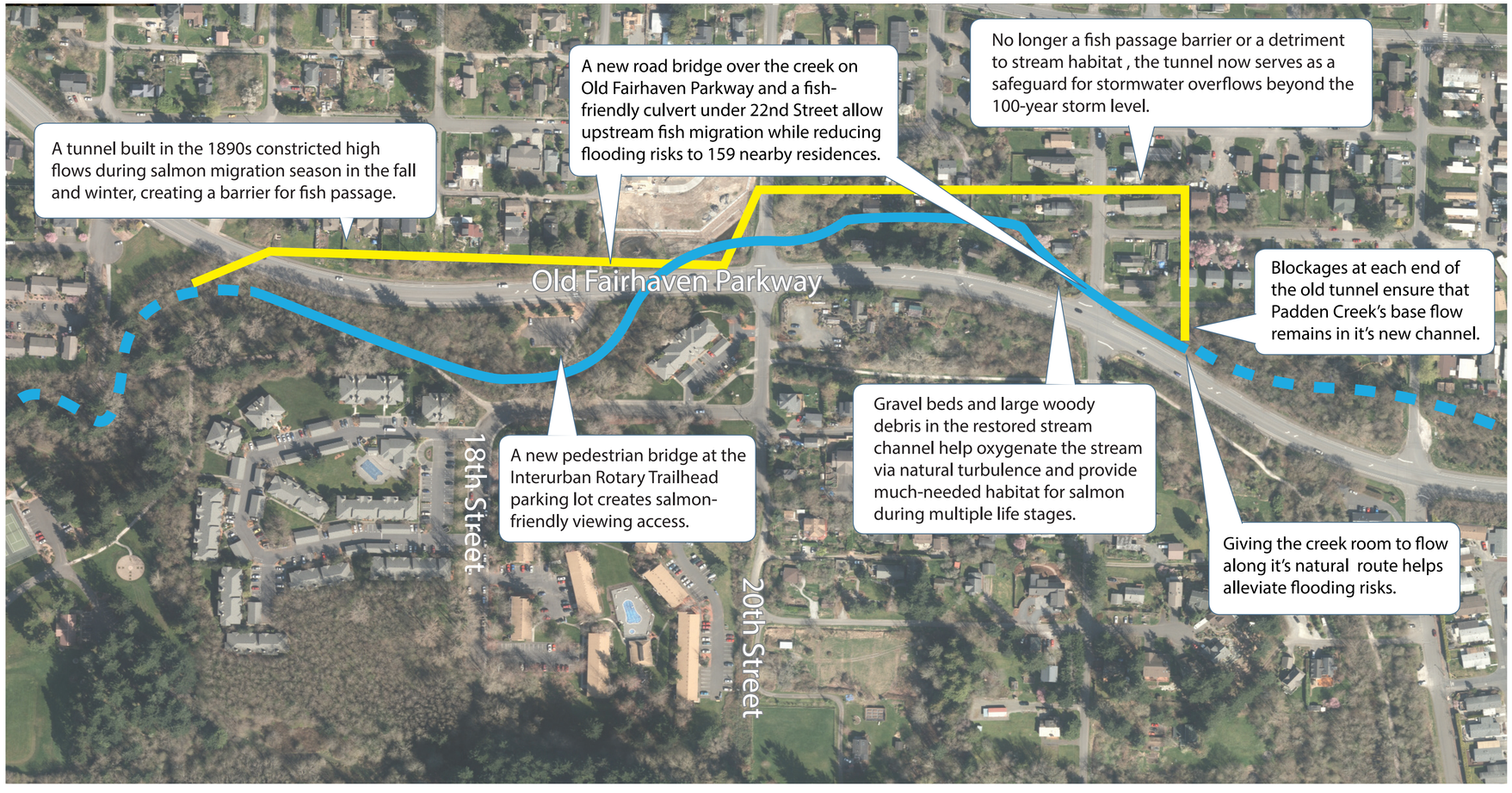
Daylighting Padden Creek opens up over a mile of upstream habitat for a variety of salmon and trout species including Chinook, chum, and coho. The project also reduces flooding risks to the nearby residential community.

In addition, Padden Creek does not meet Clean Water Act standards for dissolved oxygen or temperature, putting a strain on salmon, which need clean, cold, oxygenated water to survive. The habitat restoration components of this project have been carefully designed and constructed to help improve the water quality issues in Padden Creek.

Visit cob.org and search "Padden Creek" to learn more.

KEY
- New creek channel
- Existing creek channel
- 1890s tunnel

Padden Creek Daylighting Project Map



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