

Where does the Stormwater from Your Neighborhood go?

Every time it rains, water runs off your roof, lawn, driveway and street, picking up contaminants such as fertilizer, bacteria from dog waste, motor oil and antifreeze. The water and contaminants then enter the nearest storm drain. Once it enters the storm drain, it travels through the City's stormwater system to one of eight locations. Use the map to find out where the stormwater system directs stormwater from your neighborhood.

1. Day Island and Soundview drainage basins: In these basins, the storm water is collected in both pipes and open ditches that drain directly to Puget Sound.

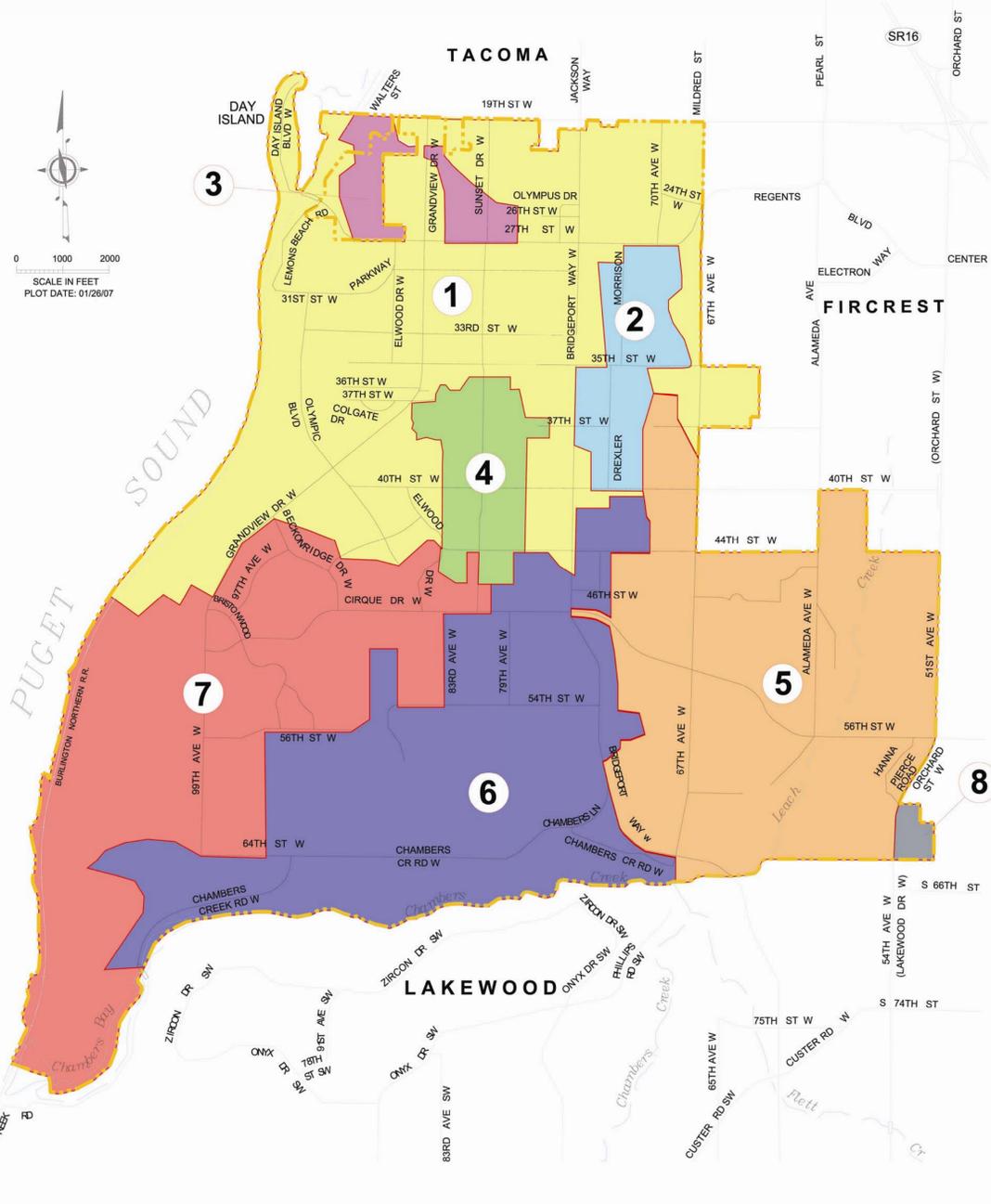
2. Morrison Pothole drainage area: In this area, storm water drains to the Morrison Wetland located between Morrison road and 67th Avenue, immediately adjacent to the Adriana Wetland Park (on Morrison). In high storm events, this wetland overflows into the Day Island basin that drains into the Sound.

3. Crystal Springs Creek basin: In this area, storm drainage drains directly to Crystal Creek at the north end of the City. This creek runs into Puget Sound at the Day Island lagoon.

6. Chambers Creek basin: Storm water in this basin drains to Chambers Creek either directly into the creek or through Peach Creek. Chambers Creek supports Silver, Chum and Chinook salmon and runs into the sound at Chambers Bay.

7. West Side basins: Storm water in the southwest area of the City either infiltrates into the groundwater or drains directly to Puget Sound.

8. Flett Creek basin: Water in this area drains to the south into Lakewood and ultimately runs into Flett Creek. This creek joins into Chambers Creek near the Kobayashi park.



4. Curtis Pothole: This area in the center of the City drains to a depressed area near Curtis High School. From there the water ponds and eventually infiltrates into the groundwater.

5. Leach Creek basin: Storm water in this area on the east side of the City drains directly into Leach Creek. Both Silver and Chum salmon use this creek for spawning. This creek ultimately runs into Chambers Creek near the Kobayashi park.



How Can You Help?
In the Yard—cut down on fertilizer use, or just use compost
Your Car—Repair leaky car problems and use commercial car washes
At Home—Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
With Pets—Always pick up after pets and put their waste in the trash