

# South 223rd Green Street Study Project

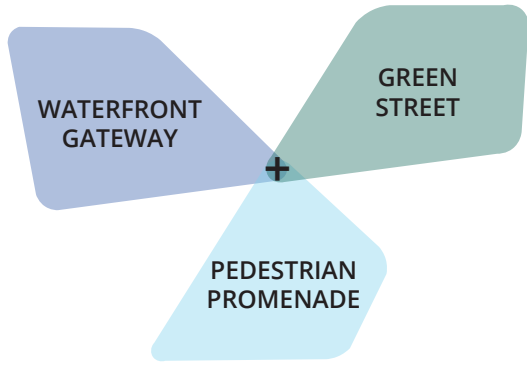
## Green Street Project Background

For many decades, the City of Des Moines has made efforts to enhance the value of its Downtown and Marina for residents and the region. As early as the 1920s, landside and waterside activity and developments have occurred and changed. In the mid-1980s, the city conducted a Revitalization planning project that identified the importance of Marine View Drive, 7th Ave S, and the alleyway in-between. One of the most significant elements of this plan highlighted the missing 'Pedestrian Connection' to the waterfront from Downtown to the Marina. Further planning investment included the Marina District Enhancement Master Plan in 2008, which was prepared by the University of Washington. The plan once again highlighted the need for Marina redevelopment and pedestrian access between Downtown and the Marina.

Since 2016, City administration has been actively pursuing many possibilities to make all of these efforts a reality, knowing that there will eventually be both significant private and public investments made. On February 2, 2023, the City Council provided further direction to City Administration that Capital Improvement Projects be brought forward.

Acknowledging the need for pedestrian connectivity between Downtown to the Marina, the South 223rd Green Street Study Planning Project, as part of the holistic Marina Redevelopment Projects, will focus on enhancing the pedestrian experience for residents and visitors, creating a distinctive identity for Des Moines' downtown, as well as strategically investing in stormwater quality improvements.

The Project Team is currently in the process of researching and identifying streetscape opportunities that will be further studied during the preliminary design study for this project.

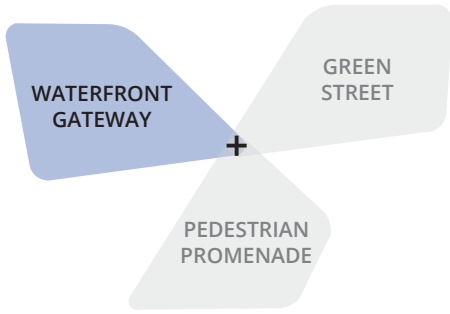


## Pedestrian Amenities, Environmental Benefits, + Improved Waterfront Connectivity

The goal of the South 223rd Green Street Project is to create an inviting waterfront gateway that better connects the Marine View Drive retail core and residential area with the Marina, Overlook Parks, and waterfront. In addition to creating a new pedestrian promenade with wider sidewalks, improved lighting, and public amenities, water quality will be improved through a series of enhancements. The water quality improvements will bring new street trees and biodiversity to the South 223rd Street corridor while reducing the amount of pollution and contaminants that enter into Puget Sound.



## South 223rd Street Gateway: Connecting Marine View Drive to Waterfront Destinations

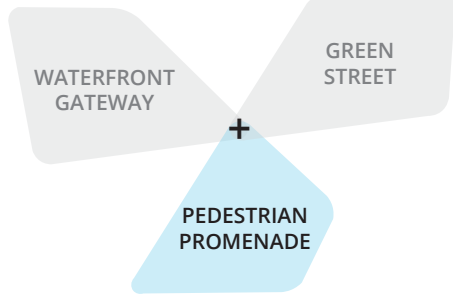


The Green Street project enhancements will transform South 223rd Street into the primary gateway to the waterfront, improving connectivity from the Marine View Drive retail core to the Overlook Parks, Des Moines Marina, and Des Moines Beach Park.

### Gateway Street Examples



## Pedestrian Promenade



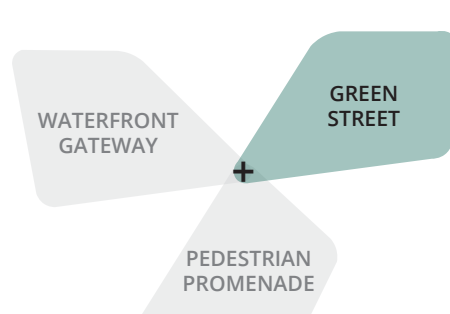
The new South 223rd Street promenade provides a more inviting and improved pedestrian experience with:

- Wider ADA compliant sidewalks buffered from the street
- Decorative street lighting
- Diverse plantings + additional street trees
- Wayfinding signage
- Integrated public art + placemaking elements
- Public seating

### Promenade Amenity Examples



## Green Street Environmental Benefits



In addition to the improved pedestrian promenade, the Green Street project provides important environmental benefits.

Stormwater is the biggest source of pollution in Puget Sound. The South 223rd Green Street will incorporate stormwater treatment infrastructure to capture and filter runoff from buildings, sidewalks, and roadways, reducing pollution entering Puget Sound and helping to protect marine ecosystems.

The varied plantings and additional street trees will also support neighborhood biodiversity, help to reduce air pollution, and lower urban temperatures by increasing local tree canopy.



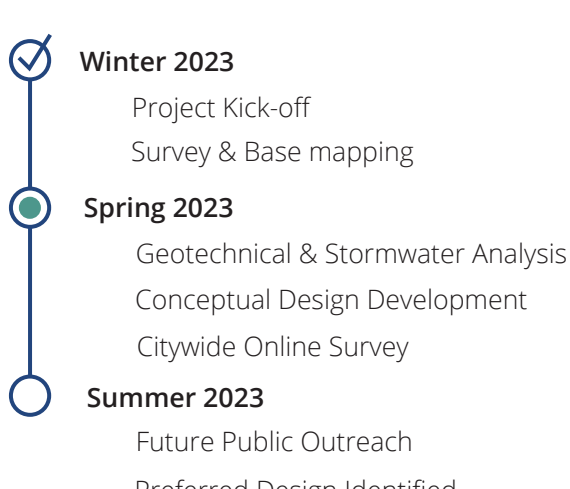
### Urban Bioswale Examples



## Public Outreach

Community engagement is integral to the success of the South 223rd Green Street Study Project! Once the initial geotechnical analysis and research studies have been completed, the Project Team, City executive staff, and the City Council Transportation Committee will develop conceptual design options on which community members can provide feedback through the scheduled public open house and online survey later this Spring. Check this site for updates or contact the Project Team at [greenstreet@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:greenstreet@desmoineswa.gov) for additional information or questions.

## Anticipated Schedule



## Next Steps

Area surveys and base mapping have been completed for the project. Geotechnical and stormwater analysis is currently underway, while City staff are working with the project team to draft preliminary design concepts in preparation for community outreach efforts.

## For additional information, please contact:

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