Big Roof Case Study

Peace Lutheran Church
8316 39th Ave SW

Green Team president Michael Truog, Pastor Erik Kindem, designer Loralee Wenger and Ken Jensen stand in front of two of Peace Lutheran’s cisterns.

Fall 2016 photograph of one of Peace Lutheran’s stunning rain gardens.

Contractor: Wenger Designs
Five cisterns
Two rain gardens
6,505 ft² of roof captured
$22,099 rebated
Completed in 2016

Project Summary
The Peace Lutheran Church ministry and congregation, located in the Fauntleroy/Gatewood neighborhood, incorporated social and environmental stewardship as a practice of their faith through the RainWise rebate program. The project

- had community participation throughout multiple phases,
- is a demonstration site for future RainWise big roof projects,
- provides detention and infiltration of the existing roof area into the pollinator friendly gardens, and
- protects Puget Sound from combined sewer system overflows.

The installation was completed in 2016, with a total of $22,099 covered by the RainWise rebate program.

For more information, please visit: rainwise.seattle.gov

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**Community Engagement**

Members of the congregation were engaged throughout the decision-making process. Organized work parties designed and supported the new gardens and cistern installations. Upon completion, a community gathering blessed the new gardens.

**Environmental Leadership & Advocacy**

After their gardens and cisterns were in the ground, the church continued to support the RainWise program and advocate for other large roofs and community buildings in the neighborhood to take part in the solution of combined sewer overflows. The impact of this RainWise project at Peace Lutheran is far-reaching and continues to grow, due to the commitment and passion of the congregation and its leaders.

**About RainWise**

RainWise is a joint program between Seattle Public Utilities and King County Wastewater Treatment Division that provides rebates for rain gardens and cisterns to private property owners in eligible areas. Rain gardens and cisterns help control stormwater, reducing sewer overflows and the erosion of hillsides and stream banks. We’ll help you determine if your property qualifies.

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