Project Summary

7400 Woodlawn is a repurposed church on the corner of Woodlawn Avenue & Latona Avenue at the heart of the Green Lake neighborhood in north Seattle. It houses Emmaus Table, a worshipping community which is inclusive, inter-generational, open and affirming while grounded in a Lutheran expression.

Their RainWise project

- manages rainwater runoff from over 7,000 combined square feet of flat roof area,
- slows nearly 50,000 gallons from entering the storm system each year,
- protects Puget Sound from combined sewer system overflows, and
- serves as an example to other faith communities to become RainWise.

Project completion was in March 2019, with a combined rebate total of $26,680 covered by the RainWise rebate program.

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7400 Woodlawn & Emmaus Table

Project Specifications
Completed in February 2019, this massive project took RainWise contractor Thriving Garden Design just a few months for construction. The installation comprises of six cisterns that can hold 2,530 gallons of water at a time, along with 70 square foot rain garden. In total, this installation manages an estimated 50,000 gallons of storm water before it enters the storm sewer each year.

Environmental Stewardship
The project could not have been completed without the dedication of the community members. Throughout the installation process, they were patient and kind. The RainWise outreach team celebrated the 7400 Woodlawn & Emmaus Table’s RainWise installation in May 2019 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. As good environmental stewards, 7400 Woodlawn & Emmaus Table urges other communities to take advantage of this program both to beautify the landscape of private properties and to help control water pollution and combined sewer overflows.

Project partners include church leadership, King County staff, RainWise outreach staff and the creative design talents of the RainWise contractor, Thriving Garden Design. All stakeholders worked together to keep thousands of gallons of rainwater out of the sewer system each year.

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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