

# Yesterday..



This map shows the streams that used to flow through Vancouver, Richmond, and Burnaby. St. George Creek (circled) used to flow down False Creek Flats and then into False Creek.



The sons of Major J.S Mathews, Chief Archivist for the City of Vancouver, near the mouth of Mackie Creek - the present day 6th and Heather - in 1902. City of Vancouver Archives, Dist. N 15.1.

## Water Care Tips

Only rain should go in outdoor drains!

In a rainy city like Vancouver, anything that goes into an outdoor drain makes its way into local streams, rivers, and the ocean. Keeping pollutants out of the storm sewer keeps our neighbourhoods greener, cleaner, and healthier.

Never pour anything down an outdoor drain

Walk or bike as much as you can

Use non-toxic gardening and lawn care products

If you have a car: Keep it well tuned & wash it at a designated car wash – they have special drains that keep grease and oil out of our water

To properly dispose of toxic chemicals (paint, oil, grease) contact the Recycling Council of BC at [www.rcbc.bc.ca](http://www.rcbc.bc.ca) 604-732-9253

# St. George Creek & Greenway



A community led initiative to transform St. George Street (from Kingsway to 5th Ave.) into a new urban stream and greenway



The students from the schools have marked the storm drains. How many yellow fish can you find?

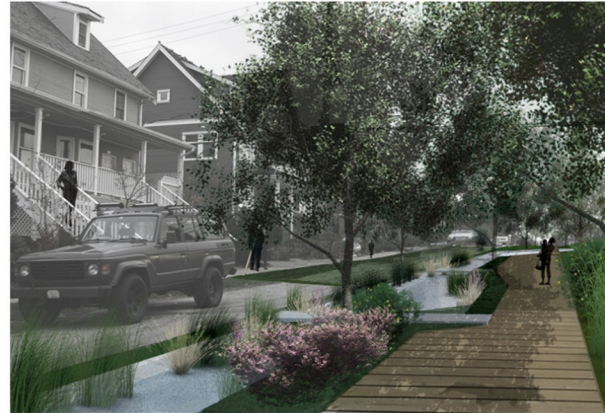


This brochure designed by Choo-kien Kua & Bryn Davidson.  
Fish logo by Celia Brauer.

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# Tomorrow?



Artist rendering of a new creek and greenway

## 6th to Broadway



Existing street

1. Robson Park - the headwaters of St. George Creek. If you head to the SW end of the garden, you'll notice it's quite boggy.

2. Kivan Boys and Girls Club.

3. Florence Nightingale Elementary has been around since 1912. They are preparing for their Centennial Celebration next year, and are working to have the Stream of Dreams project adorn their and Mount Pleasant Elementary's Fence.

4. Around since 1892, Mount Pleasant Elementary used to be at the current King's Gate Mall location @ Kingsway & Broadway. Between 8th to 7th is the site where the initial daylighting has been proposed. A water garden that would utilize the rain runoff from the roof, has also been proposed for the school.

5. The Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception from Pembroke, Ontario, founded St. Francis Xavier School in 1933. From Georgia St. & Princess Ave. in Chinatown, to Main and Pender in 1938, continual growth led to a 20 year fundraising campaign in the 80's that created their current campus on the South side of Great Northern Way in 2001.

6. The waters flow under the Great Northern Way Campus before they flush out onto False Creek where life is beginning to return. Remember the whale that visited in 2010?

*Listen: the buried stream gurgles its  
longing to return to daylight & moonlight  
to nourish ducks, bracken ferns,  
salmonberry & you*

*Though you can't see St. George Creek  
anymore, you can still hear it under the  
pavement.*

*Imagine unpaving the creek and bringing  
it back to daylight...*

*Vancouver's rains would renew the  
greenway, strengthening natural  
sustainability and reducing pressures on  
the sewers.*

*In reconnecting with our watershed, we'll  
build a better future for our  
neighbourhood's children.*

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