



## Storm Water Improvements on Southeast 8th Avenue Completed

With the completion of milling and paving, the Storm Water Drainage and Water Quality Improvements Project on Southeast 8th Avenue has completed. Unseen to the public, the heart of this project is a water quality baffle box located beneath the roadway. The purpose of the baffle box is to separate pollutants from storm water runoff before they can enter Taylor Creek. Additional stormwater inlets and piping were added to improve drainage to this section of road. In the future, the system was designed to be able to be extended to the North as additional funding is made available.

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