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**City of Renton Recognized for Environmental and Public Works Projects**

**RENTON, WA** -- The City of Renton has received two awards from state associations.

The city has been recognized as a Green Star leader from Puget Soundkeeper and Washington Environmental Council. Green stars, established for the first time, were given to cities and counties that embraced a healthy, more sustainable future by initiating low-impact development as the “preferred and commonly used approach.”

While half of Puget Sound cities missed the mark, Renton stood out and embraced a comprehensive effort for its permit process by convening an internal review team from multiple departments, who reviewed all four corners of municipal codes along with comprehensive plans, shoreline management plans, and design standards. Hebe Bernardo and Kristina Lowthian from Public Works and Angie Mathias from Community and Economic Development served as the project leads. Thanks also to members of Renton’s Planning Commission who were involved in all aspects of the project and process.

Low-impact development techniques include rain gardens, buffers around paved areas, permeable pavement, and preservation of existing plantings on development sites. Studies have shown these are proven methods to help reduce pollution and flooding by incorporating natural drainage solutions that filter and slow stormwater.



The city’s Duvall Avenue NE pavement preservation project was also recognized by the Washington state chapter of the American Public Works Association as the best asphalt work in the state in 2016. The project involved resurfacing Duvall Avenue NE from NE 4th Street to NE 10th Street, which extends the life of the pavement an estimated 12 to 15 years. Flora Lee from Renton’s Public Works Department was the project manager.

**Caption**

*Flora Lee, a Civil Engineer with the City of Renton, poses on Duvall Avenue with her American Public Works Association award. She was the manager for the Duvall Avenue pavement restoration project, which added an estimated 12-15 years to the life of the roadway.*

**About the City of Renton**

*The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 102,700 (2017), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our [website](#), or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) pages.*

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