

# Nature's Scorecard

## SAMPLE SCRIPT: FOR MAKING A PHONE CALL

### CALL YOUR CITY OR COUNTY COUNCIL

I am calling to voice my support for a critical opportunity to protect salmon, orca whales and community health through funding for green stormwater infrastructure in *[name of your community]*.

My name is *[your name]* and I am a resident of *[name of your community]*. Green stormwater infrastructure retrofits are the biggest opportunity we have to protect water quality in our community. Our communities and urban environment are already bearing the burden of climate change and rapid growth and the best way to protect our future is by improving the resiliency of our environment. We know that polluted stormwater runoff is the biggest source of toxic pollution to Puget Sound and the solutions are at hand. Now is the time to invest in green stormwater infrastructure retrofits that will protect water quality and salmon habitat and make our communities more livable, walkable, and resilient by funding retrofits for *[name of your community]*.

#### ***If they scored well on Nature's Scorecard...***

*Thank them for their hard work implementing LID principles and practices in your community. Express gratitude for seeing your community receive high marks on Nature's Scorecard, with the expectation that they will work equally hard to retrofit developed areas.*

#### ***If they scored poorly...***

*Express concern they didn't do as much as other communities during the legally required LID code update process. Ask how they plan to better incorporate LID principles and practices into your development codes in the future (as required by their stormwater discharge permits), and how they are planning to address ongoing pollution through targeted retrofit projects.*

Thank you for your time.

### STEP 1

Review Nature's Scorecard to see how your local community is performing.

### STEP 2

Find the contact information for your city or county council.

### STEP 3

Use this sample script to practice your call - then give your council members a ring!

*Hot Tip: Feel free to call each council member individually or choose the council member that you know to align best with your vision for the community.*