

# RAIN AND WATER RESILIENCY

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**EVERYDAY CAPACITY.**  
**LONG-TERM ADAPTATION.**  
**SUDDEN DISTURBANCE.**  
**RESILIENCE.**

## EARTHQUAKE RISK

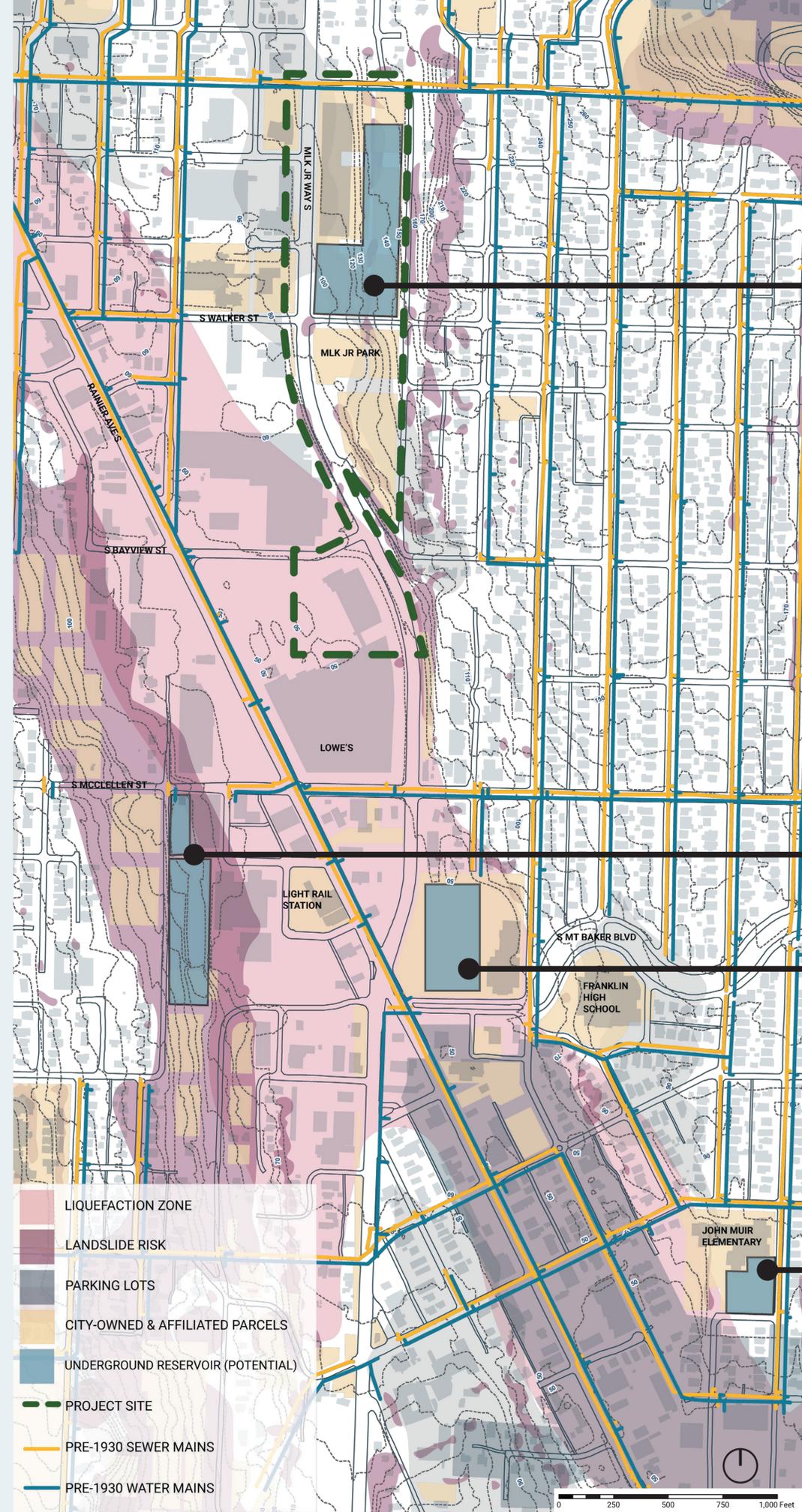
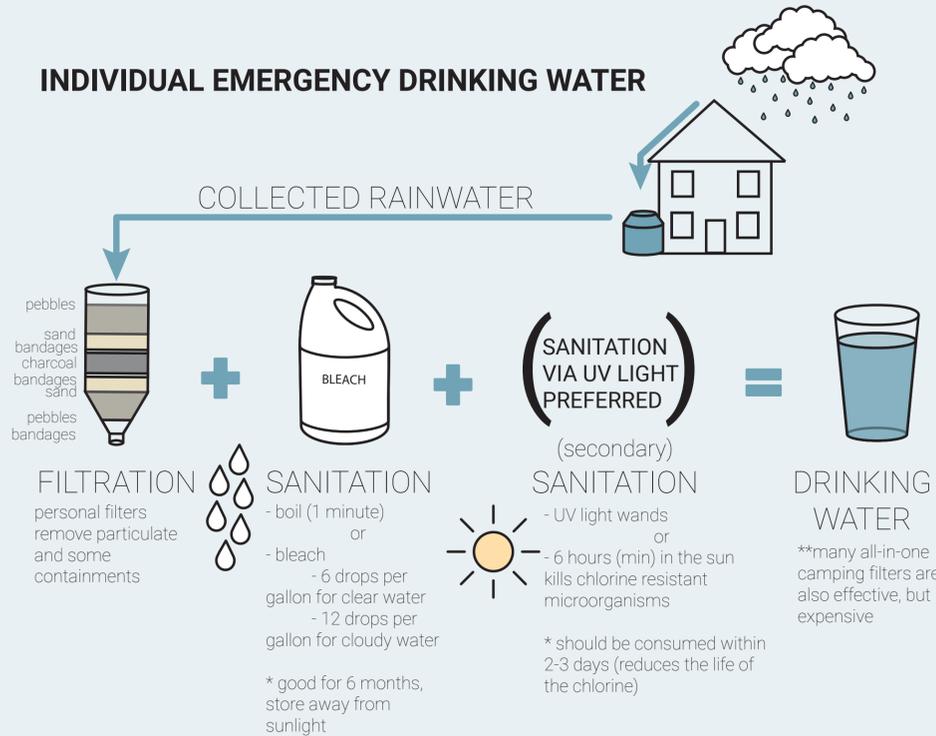
"departments do not maintain caches of food, water, equipment and supplies in sufficient quantity to support the anticipated scale of operations after a major incident has struck."

- P. 9 Seattle Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan



**14 - 60 days without water**

### INDIVIDUAL EMERGENCY DRINKING WATER



### POTENTIAL RESERVOIR LOCATION ANALYSIS

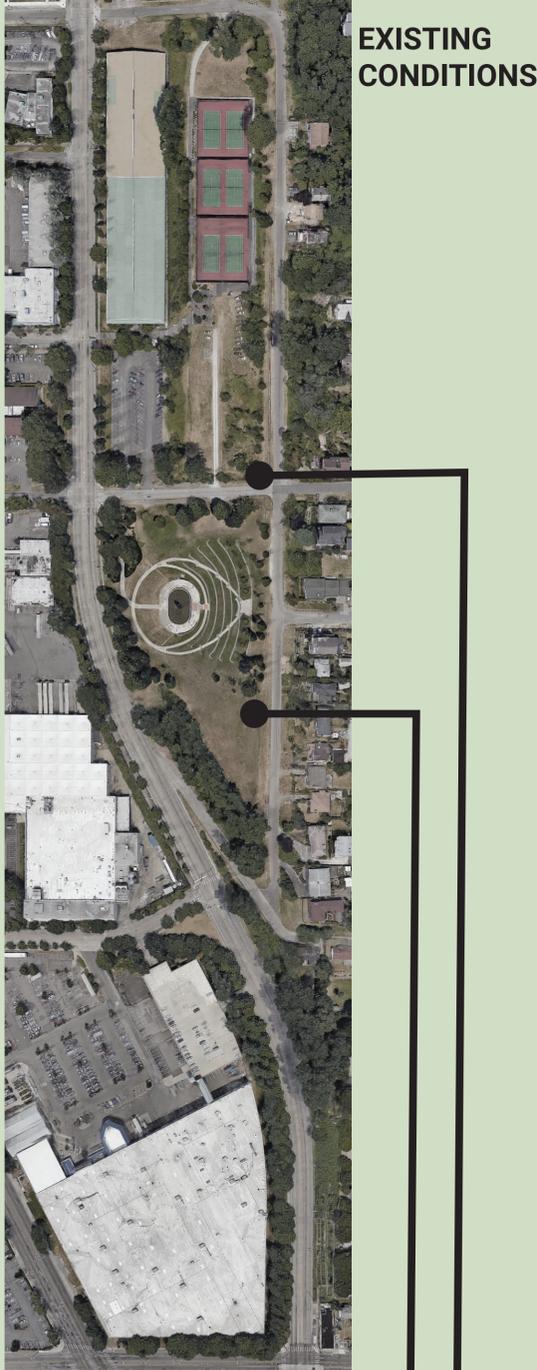
**AMY YEE TENNIS CENTER**  
 + Large, city owned site  
 - Topography & regrading

**SOUND TRANSIT VACANT LOT**  
 + Large potential site  
 - landslide risk  
 - close to liquefaction zone

**FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK**  
 + Centrally located  
 - Liquefaction prone

**JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND**  
 - smallest site  
 - partially in liquefaction zone

### EXISTING CONDITIONS



Proposed P-Patch relocation and orchard site



Proposed demonstration gardens and reservoir site

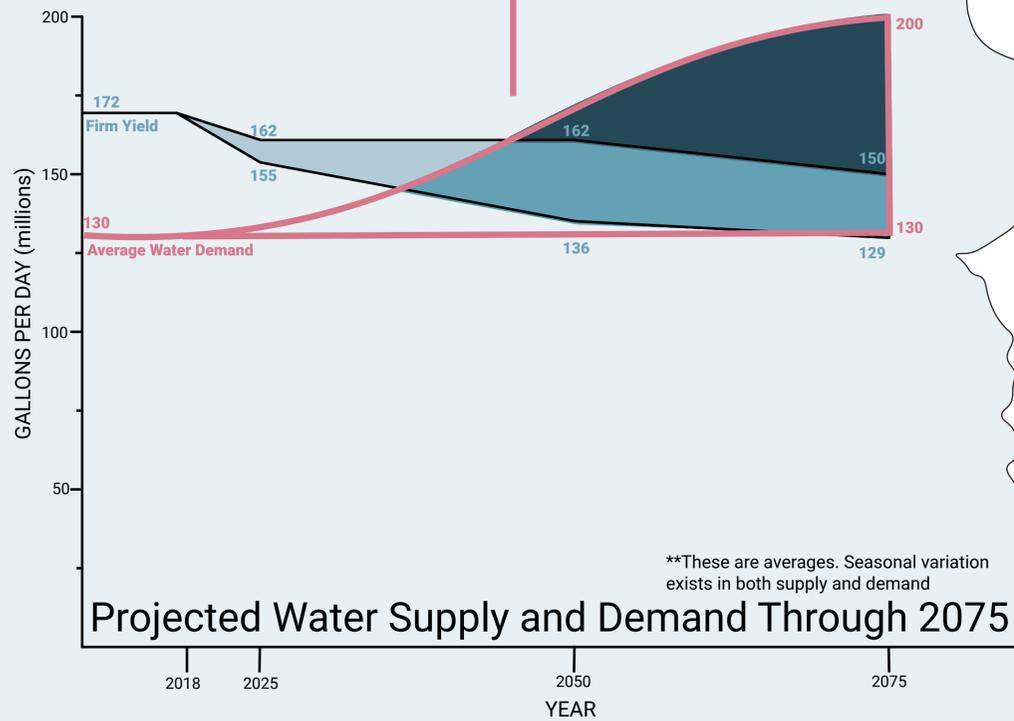


For more information on how to prepare for emergencies see:  
 Neighborhood Resilience Series Zines (Fatema Maswood & Lauren Wong)  
 Disaster Labs Workshop Series 2018 (Lama Alsharif)  
 Seven Days of Survival (Nathan Stueve)  
 Seattle Office of Emergency Management: Disaster Kit

**HOW MUCH WILL OUR POPULATION GROW ?**

- efficiency of water use
- how much Seattle's population will grow
- frequency of high temperatures and droughts correlated with higher water demand

There are so many population-based variables that exact forecasting demand beyond 2040 becomes difficult

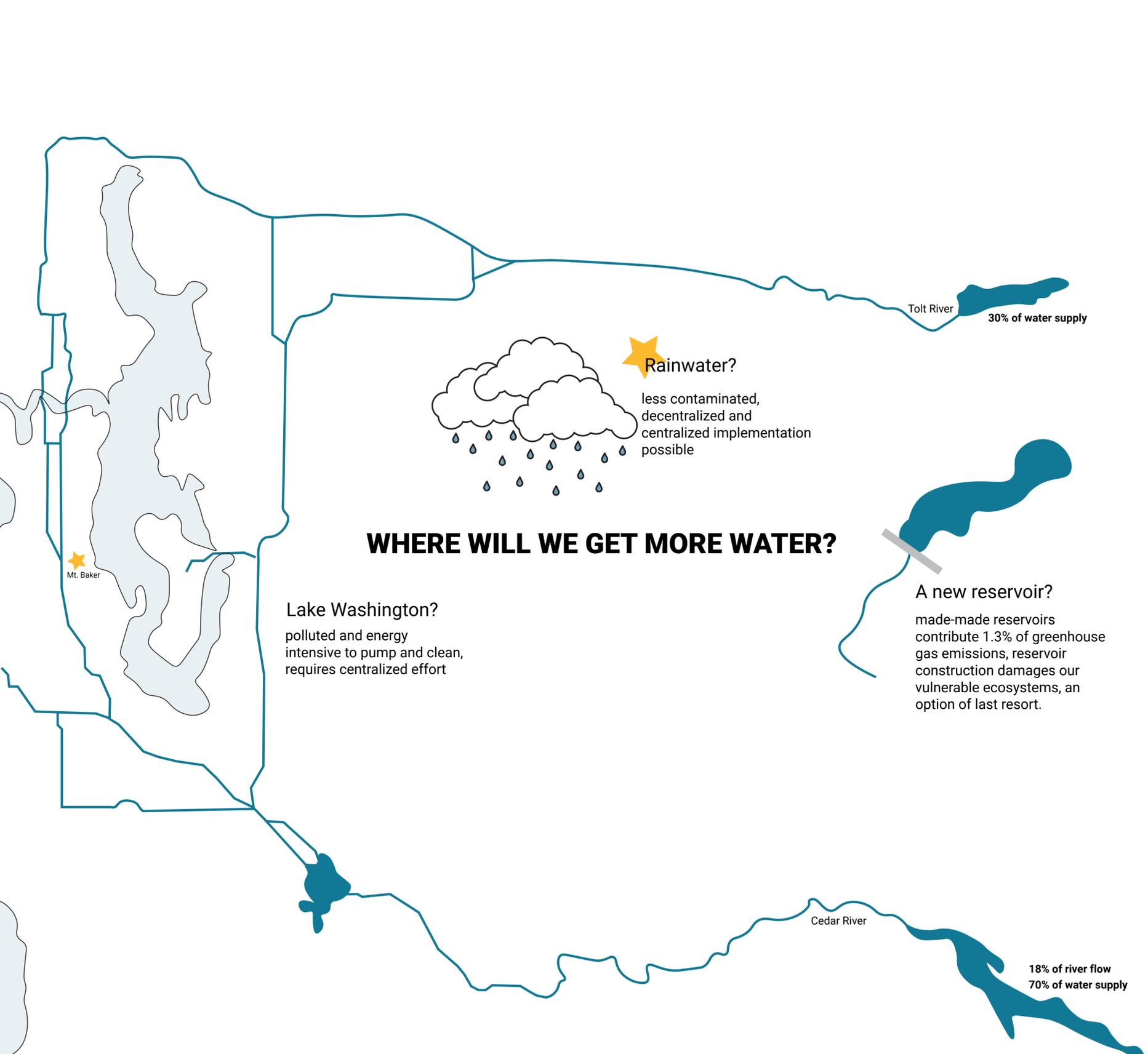


Projected Water Supply and Demand Through 2075

**HOW MUCH WILL WE LIMIT CARBON EMISSIONS ?**

- warmer, wetter winters & hotter, dryer summers
- droughts become more common
- more temperature extremes and unpredictability
- less snowpack & earlier melt times

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**WHERE WILL WE GET MORE WATER?**

Lake Washington?

polluted and energy intensive to pump and clean, requires centralized effort

Rainwater?

less contaminated, decentralized and centralized implementation possible

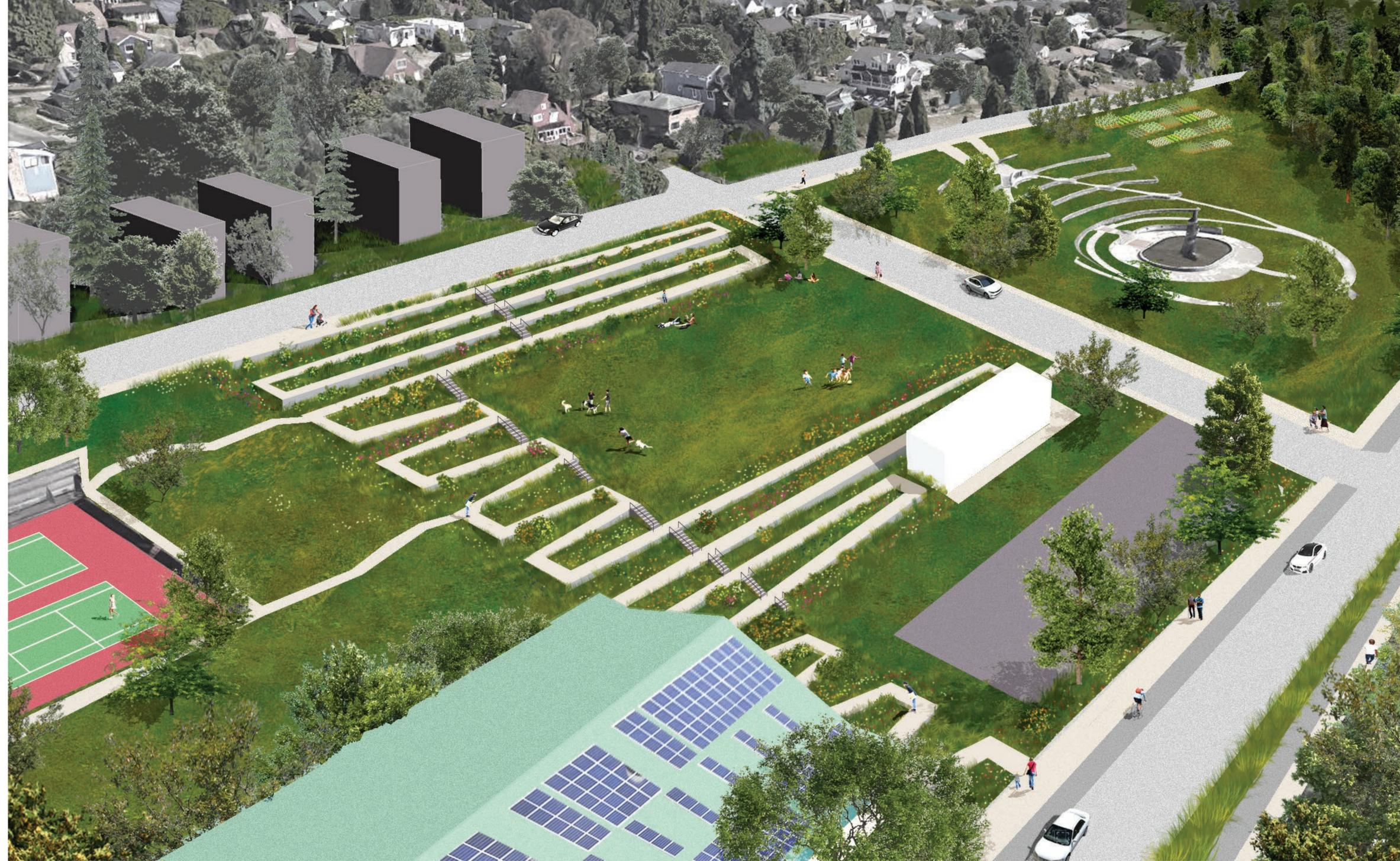
A new reservoir?

made-made reservoirs contribute 1.3% of greenhouse gas emissions, reservoir construction damages our vulnerable ecosystems, an option of last resort.

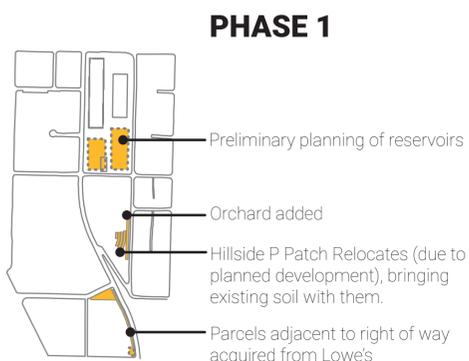
18% of river flow  
70% of water supply

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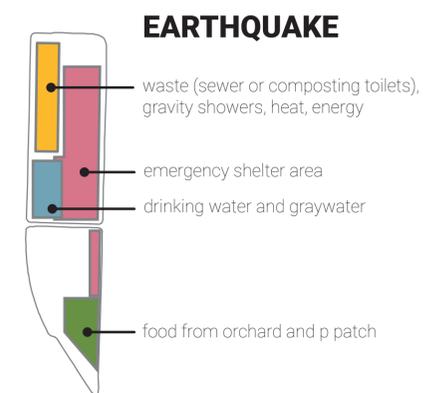
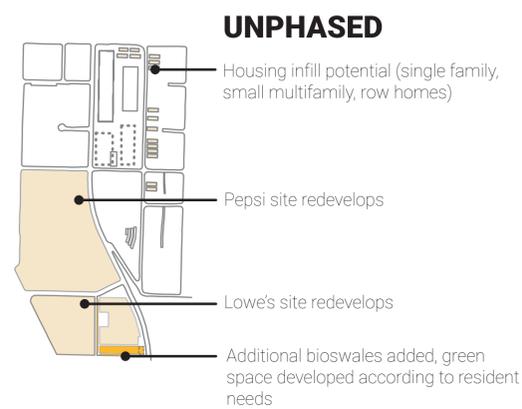
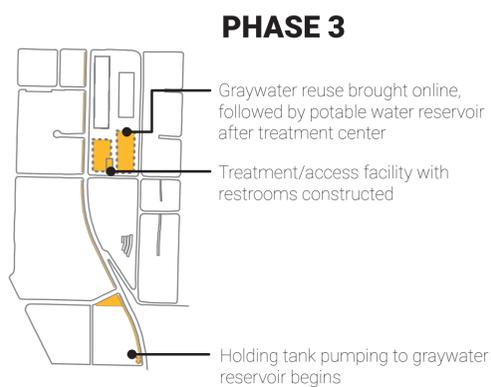
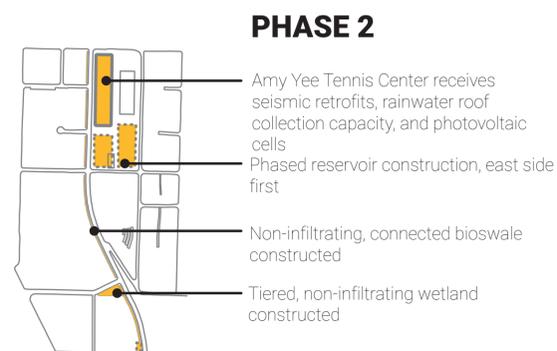
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**AMY YEE TENNIS CENTER & DEMONSTRATION GARDENS** provide semi-structured public space and restrooms over underground reservoirs, which work as part of a stormwater management system

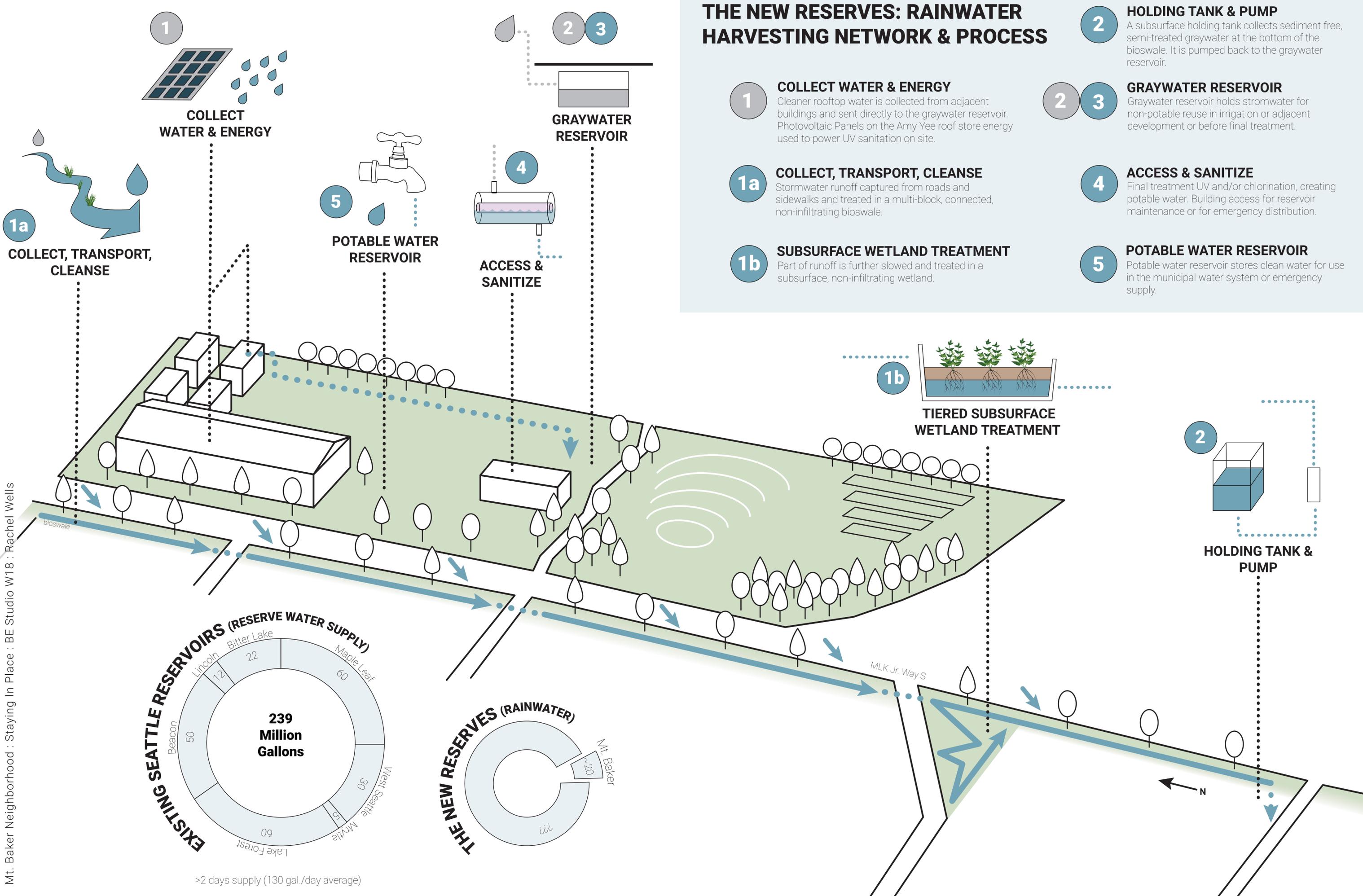


## ACCESSIBLE MOUNT BAKER IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS



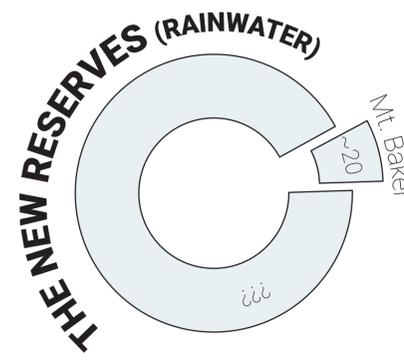
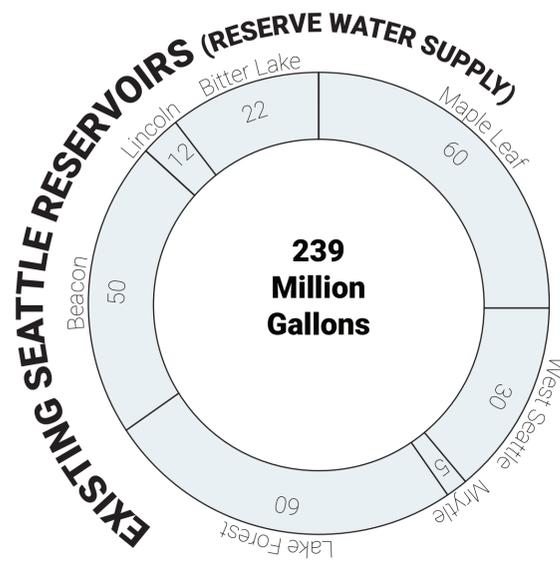
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## THE NEW RESERVES: RAINWATER HARVESTING NETWORK & PROCESS

- 1 COLLECT WATER & ENERGY**  
Cleaner rooftop water is collected from adjacent buildings and sent directly to the graywater reservoir. Photovoltaic Panels on the Amy Yee roof store energy used to power UV sanitation on site.
- 1a COLLECT, TRANSPORT, CLEANSE**  
Stormwater runoff captured from roads and sidewalks and treated in a multi-block, connected, non-infiltrating bioswale.
- 1b SUBSURFACE WETLAND TREATMENT**  
Part of runoff is further slowed and treated in a subsurface, non-infiltrating wetland.
- 2 HOLDING TANK & PUMP**  
A subsurface holding tank collects sediment free, semi-treated graywater at the bottom of the bioswale. It is pumped back to the graywater reservoir.
- 3 GRAYWATER RESERVOIR**  
Graywater reservoir holds stormwater for non-potable reuse in irrigation or adjacent development or before final treatment.
- 4 ACCESS & SANITIZE**  
Final treatment UV and/or chlorination, creating potable water. Building access for reservoir maintenance or for emergency distribution.
- 5 POTABLE WATER RESERVOIR**  
Potable water reservoir stores clean water for use in the municipal water system or emergency supply.



>2 days supply (130 gal./day average)