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## East Side group aims to recreate lost stream with rainwater runoff

Mount Pleasant students join in efforts

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A community group wants a historic waterway in Mount Pleasant to flow again along St. George Street.

The St. George group and the Vancouver Society of Storytelling are holding a Creek Forum Nov. 5 with students from Mount Pleasant elementary and money from the Vancouver Foundation.

Their hope is to recreate the creek with rainwater runoff along St. George from Kingsway to East Fifth Avenue.

“How are we capturing [rain water] and dealing with it properly in a way that not only enhances our urban environment with green and blue spaces, increases biodiversity and actively contributes to Vancouver becoming one of the greenest cities in the world by 2020,” said Shahira Sakiyama, community liaison for the St. George Rainway Project group.



So far, Sakiyama says, concerns have come from residents who face St. George between Sixth and Seventh avenues and are protective of their parking. She notes planning for a potential recreation of a creek needs to be done now before more hard surfaces are laid down in the redevelopment of Destination Auto near Robson Park, the Great Northern Way Campus and nearby residences and potential rapid transit to the UBC. For the more information about the Nov. 5 events or the surveys, see [vancouverstorytelling.org](http://vancouverstorytelling.org) (<http://vancouverstorytelling.org>).

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