



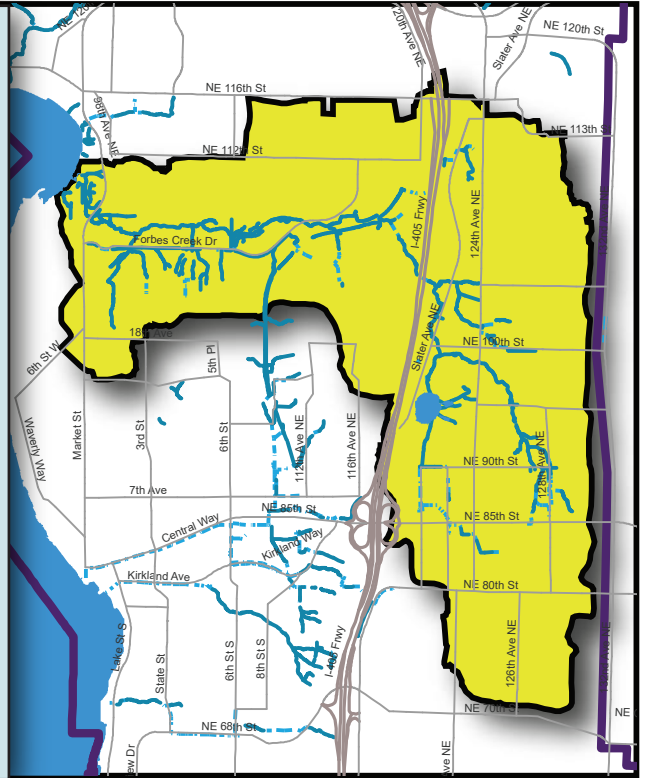
### Basin Facts

 **Basin Area**  
1,847 acres

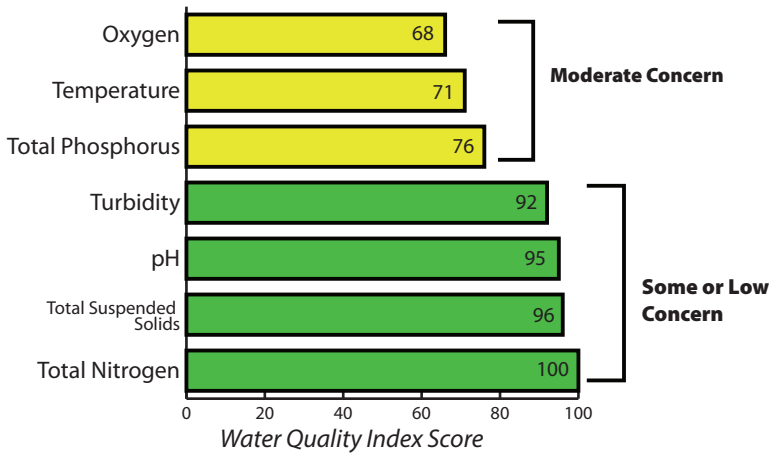
 **Open Stream**  **Piped Stream**  
11.2 miles                      2.9 miles

 **Tree Cover**  **Impervious Area**  
39.0%                              39.0%

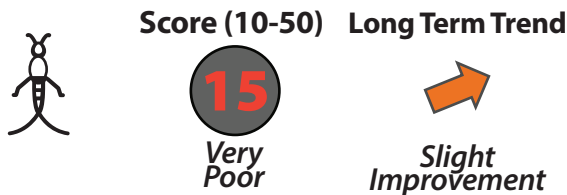
Water quality in Forbes Creek was in the **Moderate Concern** category in 2021. Low levels of oxygen combined with high water temperatures and high levels of phosphorus are the primary contributors to a lower score.



### 2021 Water Quality



### Stream Bugs



Monitoring stream bugs tells us about the biological health of a stream. Different bugs are more or less tolerant of water pollution, and their presence or absence can tell us a lot about the quality of the water.

**Forbes Creek** begins east of I-405 at Forbes Lake and eventually flows into Lake Washington. Water quality and the health of the creek is affected by land upstream, shown in yellow on the map.

**Habitat conditions:** Wetlands and open space line the sides of Forbes Creek at its mouth and extending upstream. I-405 creates a barrier to fish and wildlife movement.

**Challenges:** Development has significantly increased hard surfaces in the Forbes Creek basin. This impacts the creek's water quality, aquatic habitat, and potential for flooding.

### How to Help Temperature and Phosphorus in Forbes Creek

- Plant a tree** - trees help lower water temperatures.
- Pressure wash with **cold water only**. Avoid heated water and chemicals.
- Scoop and throw away **pet waste** to reduce phosphorus runoff.