

Washington Stormwater Center

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We hope that you are finding the services and website of the Washington Stormwater Center to be a valuable resource.

The past few months have been quite busy for us, so we're eager to share several updates!

Municipal Resource Program update

Washington Stormwater Center (WSC) has contracted with Craig Doberstein to help with the development of the core elements of the Municipal Resource Program, including the content, organization, structure, and potential near- and long-term products for the program.

Craig has over 15 years of experience in developing policies, procedures, requirements, and supporting information for municipal stormwater programs. He has worked closely with numerous NPDES Phase I and Phase II cities and counties in Washington state, as well as with several of the stormwater staff at the Department of Ecology. Craig's regional experience includes analyzing and developing municipal stormwater policies and regulations; developing comprehensive stormwater plans and stormwater guidance manuals; performing NPDES assessment and compliance; supporting municipal stormwater policy and program implementation, and acting as a stormwater technical expert on various projects and committees.

Craig will be contacting many of you as he initiates a number of projects for the WSC. Please work with him to help us accomplish our goal of creating a truly comprehensive and responsive statewide Municipal Resource Program.

New Video: Innovative Stormwater BMP

The Washington Stormwater Center is pleased to announce the first in our series of Innovative BMP Videos. This video was produced in conjunction with the Port of Vancouver who is a leader in Industrial Stormwater Management. In 2008, staff at the Port of Vancouver invented an inexpensive, innovative and effective treatment device to remove zinc from their stormwater runoff. Watch this video to see how they did it, and learn how you can too. The video is available on the [WSC website's Stormwater Channel](#), and also on our [YouTube Channel](#)!

Managing Stormwater in the Northwest

March 7, 2013 in Tacoma

Now in its sixth year, this one-day specialty conference, presented by Northwest Environmental Business Council, focuses on the business side of stormwater regulation and compliance. Sessions cover the stormwater landscape in both Washington and Oregon, and how companies can implement cost-effective prevention and control practices that save money in the long run - while doing the right thing. This event brings together regulated parties, solutions providers, and regulators to provide a unique forum for learning and networking. Includes in-depth add-on training opportunities through an Industrial Stormwater Workshop and a CESCL Training Course. Info at: www.nebc.org

2012 LID Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound now available!

The 2012 edition incorporates new information and results of recent research regarding LID principles and practices applicable to the Puget Sound region.

[Click here to download the new manual.](#) Due to budget constraints there will be no hard copies available.

Statewide LID Training Program

Washington Stormwater Center (WSC) is working with Ecology (ECY) and others to develop a plan for a statewide Low Impact Development (LID) training Program. New municipal stormwater permit requirements are expected to create demand for LID training from diverse audiences throughout Washington State.

Background: In June 2012, ECY formed an LID Training Steering Committee comprised of representatives from the permittee and development communities, environmentalist groups, WSC, and other state agencies. WSC was tasked with developing a comprehensive LID Training Plan (Plan) under the advisement of ECY and the Steering Committee.

Upcoming: Work to determine training needs and current provider services will be summarized in a subsequent report to be delivered to ECY and the Steering Committee January 28, 2013. The complete LID Statewide Training Program Plan Report will be available for comment by mid-April 2013.

Statewide Stormwater Grant Writing Workshop for Municipalities and Small Communities

These workshops were conducted in September 2012 at four locations around Washington State, with funding provided by the Department of Ecology. The workshops included a lecture by Dr. Eric Shulenberg, a renowned grant writing expert, with follow up comments and advice from a representative of the Washington Department of Ecology. Each workshop also featured a speaker from the local jurisdiction, who provided a permittees' perspective, and concluded with the participants engaged in a short writing exercise to construct a project abstract description and executive summary.

The workshop materials and presentation videos (filmed by Leaping Frog Films) are available for download and viewing on the [Washington Stormwater Center website](#).

ECOSS Industrial Stormwater Workshops: 2013 schedule now available!

Are you struggling to meet your Washington State Stormwater Permit requirements? Do you have questions about your permit but are afraid to ask? ECOSS can help! Their workshops provide you with ideas for stormwater BMPs and sampling techniques to help you meet your permit requirements, and allow you to ask the tough questions in a totally confidential format. ECOSS partners with industry experts who have provided top-notch professionally presented workshops for over ten years. With more than 40 years experience in the stormwater industry among them, these knowledgeable ECOSS staff and industry consultants are available to help you meet compliance standards for your NPDES permits.

Visit the [ECOSS website](#) for complete details, or find the workshop dates listed on the [WSC website calendar](#).

Washington Stormwater Center Project Updates

IDDE Field Screening Manual

The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Field Screening Manual (Manual) for the State of Washington survey results and literature review have been completed and can be found on the [WSC website](#). The full IDDE manual is now under development and presentations to stormwater managers groups on the draft manual will occur in spring.

LID Cost Analysis Project

In cooperation with the City of Puyallup and Herrera Environmental Consultants, WSC has created a Technical Review Committee to work on an LID Cost Analysis Project. Initial team meetings are now underway and work will be posted on the WSC website as it is developed.

Eastern Washington LID Guidance Manual

The Eastern Washington LID Guidance Manual is well underway with a [30% DRAFT of the manual](#) posted for comment in December. An interactive web site is being constructed and trainings in four eastern Washington locations are scheduled for later in the spring.

As always, please feel free to [contact us](#) with your comments or questions about our website, events, or other stormwater issues and concerns.

Washington Stormwater Center is here to help *you*.

Sincerely,

Kim Davenport

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