

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!

Stormwater Treatment Engineering Workshop

Approximately 70 stormwater professionals attended the Washington Stormwater Center's Stormwater Treatment Engineering Workshop on April 5th, 2013 at the University of Washington Tacoma (Tacoma, WA).

Attendees included members of the [Board of External Reviewers \(BER\)](#) and the [Stakeholder Advisory Group \(SAG\)](#), as well as other regional and national stormwater experts. The day's presentations will be available [on our website](#) soon!

Municipal Resource Program update

Craig Doberstein has been meeting with stormwater permit managers throughout the state and has established a Municipal Program Advisory Committee. They will work with Craig to review his needs analysis report now being drafted that will outline future program elements for the Washington Stormwater Center's (WSC) Municipal program.

The 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.

Environmental Statistics Courses in August 2013

Washington Stormwater Center is pleased to be hosting two environmental statistics classes by [Practical Stats](#). As technology allows us to collect more and more information, these classes will help you make sense of and to correctly analyze your stormwater data. The courses will take place August 13-14 and August 15-16 in Puyallup. [Click here](#) for more details and to register.

Statewide LID Training Program

Low Impact Development (LID) practices are increasingly being used in Washington State to address a variety of water quality and quantity issues related to stormwater runoff. New municipal stormwater permits issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) now require jurisdictions to use LID for new

developments and redevelopment unless site conditions are prohibitive.

Public and private sector stormwater professionals working in a variety of fields related to development will need additional training to meet Ecology's new LID requirements. Although numerous LID training programs exist in Washington, the new LID requirements for jurisdictions throughout the state are expected to result in an increase in training demand that will likely exceed current training provider capacity.

The Washington Stormwater Center (WSC), Veda Environmental, Cascadia Consulting Group, and the Washington State University Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (WSU-SESRC) (Project Team) conducted two separate statewide surveys aimed at better understanding the capacity of current LID service providers to meet increased demand for training, the level of interest of potential providers to fill training gaps, and the type and level of training needed by stormwater professionals throughout the state.

Both of the surveys were web-based and were conducted from November 2012 to early January 2013. The first survey, entitled Statewide LID Training Needs Assessment Survey, targeted potential trainees and received 388 responses. The second survey, entitled Current and Potential LID Service Providers Survey, targeted current and potential providers of LID training and received 87 responses.

The results of the two surveys provide important information to the Project Team as they continue work to complete a comprehensive LID Training Plan for Washington State (Training Plan). Key findings for the Statewide LID Training Needs Assessment Survey will be published soon on the WSC web page.

Washington Stormwater Center Project Updates

Regional Decant Facility Plan

As part of the regional decant facility project now underway, the WSC is working on an interactive web-based map of current and planned facilities. The map will include a variety of information points as well as directions, general descriptions, operations information and more.

IDDE Field Screening Manual

The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Field Screening DRAFT Manual (Manual) for the State of Washington is [now available for review on the WSC website](#). Training and presentations to stormwater technicians and field workers on the draft manual will occur in late spring.

LID Cost Analysis Project

Technical Committee meetings have been underway and report preliminary drafts will be posted to the WSC site soon. Trainings will occur in late spring.

Eastern Washington LID Guidance Manual

The Eastern Washington LID Guidance Manual is well underway with a [60% draft posted for comment on the WSC website](#). Four all-day trainings and field work sessions will occur in eastern WA in late spring. A web site section is also being

developed on the WSC webpages.

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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