

Good morning Municipal Stormwater Permittees, by Laurie Larson

This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information to be shared, including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/training, and news. There is a lot of useful information and attachments please share with others who could use the information.

## NEWS

### King County: SOURCE CONTROL AND MOBILE BUSINESSES SURVEY Time-sensitive

We are asking **NPDES municipal stormwater permittees** to fill out this [Source Control & Mobile Businesses survey](#). The survey is just nine (9) questions and **should only take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete**.

The results from this survey will support the Ecology [SAM Source Identification Study on Mobile Businesses and Source Control](#). As a subset of commercial enterprises, mobile businesses have unique challenges related to stormwater and pollution prevention due to their mobile nature and working at dispersed sites across multiple jurisdictions. This study will develop and test new tools and guidance to support NPDES municipal stormwater permittees in identifying, inspecting, enforcing, and coordinating on source control activities and addressing issues specific to mobile businesses.

Please complete the [survey](#) by January 31, 2022. Project contact: Alison Schweitzer [Alison.Schweitzer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Alison.Schweitzer@kingcounty.gov) and Todd Hunsdorfer, King County and James Packman, Aspect Consulting

### **Western Washington 2024 Permit Reissuance Ad Hoc Process (WW Ad Hoc): Participation Opportunity**

The Second WW Ad Hoc Plenary meeting is scheduled for Jan. 27 from 1-3:30. The meeting includes presentations from the Ad Hoc Topic Groups. Please contact [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu) to receive the virtual meeting invitation. For more information on the WW Ad Hoc Process visit the website: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/2024-western-washington-ad-hoc-process/>

### **EPA announces \$34 million in Puget Sound Funding**

The Northwest office of the Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it is providing over \$34 million in grant funds to state, local, tribal, and federal partners for Puget Sound recovery and conservation efforts.

These National Estuary Program funds support development and implementation of the Puget Sound Action Agenda - the five-year strategy for Puget Sound recovery - and work to meet tribal trust responsibilities and treaty obligations. These grants fund a diversity of work spanning from habitat protection, to finding and fixing sources of pollution, to cutting edge stormwater research, to tribal salmon restoration projects. <https://www.epa.gov/nep>

### **Water and Environmental Programs Update: Historically Low Interest Rates**

The USDA Rural Utilities Service, acting through USDA Rural Development, has funding available now to help you build, expand, and repair your community's drinking water, wastewater, storm water drainage, and sanitary solid waste disposal systems. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of historically low

interest rates, which combined with extended terms provide financial flexibility and minimize the cost to your users.

- Projects located in a city, town, or unincorporated area of 10,000 people or less based on the 2010 U.S. Census may be eligible
- Eligible applicants include local public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes
- Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and can be submitted online at RD Apply [RD Apply | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#)

### **Coastal Protection Fund – Terry Husseman Account (THA) Grants Application Announcement**

Application Opens Feb. 1, 2022, and Closes March 1, 2022

THA grants support locally sponsored projects that restore or enhance the natural environment. Typical projects address water quality issues and fish and wildlife habitat protection or enhancement in or adjacent to waters of the state, such as streams, lakes, wetlands, or the ocean.

Please visit the Coastal Protection Fund – Terry Husseman Account (THA) website for application and the 2022 Funding Guidelines.

**NEWS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** no updates in this bulletin

**PEER TO PEER PERMITTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION** If you have any information to share for the permittee's requests below, please reach out!

**City of Bainbridge Island** is asking for the following information regarding digital mapping and asset management, please share any documents or presentations you have used to request and justify the addition of resources (budget, technology, staff, or professional services, training, etc.) from Council or management for infrastructure mapping/asset management. Email Stella directly: [scollier@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:scollier@bainbridgewa.gov) and Stella thanks you in advance.

#### **Kitsap County Question:**

One of our Public Works Stormwater team is about to be a brand-new mom. When she returns to work after maternity leave, she needs to pump during the day. While we have a nice lactation room for folks at our office, this mom is one of our truck drivers so she spends a lot of time on the road as part of a crew or a two-person vector team. We know this means we'll have to get creative!

I'm trying to locate other jurisdictions that have encountered a similar situation with someone that works in a transportation or construction position that has solved the challenge of how to pump in the field during their workday. Hopefully, someone has already come up with some brilliant ideas that we can adopt.

Kitsap is eager to craft a solution that meets the needs of our 'moms in construction', meets legal requirements for accommodation, and is also sensitive to the needs of our mom and her coworkers for privacy and minimizes disruption to the workflow. Looking forward to welcoming many more women into the field and we know we need to get this right! Any input is most appreciated. Please respond directly to Michelle Perdue <mailto:mperdue@co.kitsap.wa.us>

**Jurisdiction is seeking information on successful municipal leaf management programs.**

If you have information on a successful program managing fall leaves and are willing to share it with the inquiring jurisdiction contact Laurie Larson-Pugh.

**Growth Management Services is seeking volunteers for Climate Change Chapter Review**

Commerce seeks to produce meaningful and practical guidance for local governments. We can best do this by engaging representatives from counties and cities to review and provide input on drafts as they are developed.

Seeking current city or county planners who work on comprehensive plan updates.

If interested in joining the project, please visit the website

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/growth-management-topics/climate-change-2/>

**REGIONAL PERMIT COORDINATOR MEETINGS:** For information on Regional Stormwater Coordinator Groups visit: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/877-2/>

**Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum**

Feb. 17, 2022, 1:00-3:30pm

**ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program)**

Jan. 13, 2022, 1:00-3:30pm

**South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group**

Jan. 20, 2022, 9:00-11:00am

**Business Inspection Group (BIG)**

Feb. 15, 2022, 1:30-3:30pm

**STORM**

Quarterly Meeting Feb.10, 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

For more information contact: Katheryn Straus, STORM Coordinator [Katherine.Straus@seattle.gov](mailto:Katherine.Straus@seattle.gov)

**RESOURCES:**

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**SAM Business Source Control & Inspection Program** Resources and project updates are available at the website: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/business-source-control-inspection-program/>

**Stormwater Partners New Stormwater Facility Maintenance Resources:** (Shared Eric Lambert, Clark County). Recently completed Stormwater Partners project to enhance outreach materials to better support residents and businesses responsible for maintaining private stormwater facilities. New materials include:

- printable maintenance cards in English, Spanish and Russian, mostly focused on individual facility components or tasks (also formatted as webpages)

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- short videos in English, Spanish and Russian that correspond with the maintenance cards (also available on our YouTube channel)
- virtual tours that allow users to get inside common facilities and see facility components and watch the associated videos
- brochure that includes facility component checklist and pocket for cards

The new materials are available at: <https://www.stormwaterpartners.com/facilities>. Scroll down and click on the stormwater facility types (biofiltration swale, bioretention, etc.) to check out the resources.

**Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association (PNSMA)** is an organization made up of members of the social marketing community across the Pacific Northwest. This community includes communicators, policy staff, strategists, budget managers, and anyone involved in promoting strategies that support individual and community well-being. Its purpose is to:

- Promote the general advancement of the practice and industry of social marketing
- Advance the interests of social marketing professionals
- Facilitate training, education, and research
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information related to the practice
- Promote public understanding and education about social marketing.

For more information visit the PNSMA website <https://pnsma.org/About>

**WSU Extension has completed a video on stormwater in Spanish.** View the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nP6l14JwLrw> Contact Patricia Townsend, Ph.D. <mailto:patricia.townsend@wsu.edu> with any questions or for more information.

### **EPA New “Office Hours” for EJScreen Tool**

EPA is holding a set of "Office Hours" for people to learn about EJSCREEN, the Agency's environmental justice screening, and mapping tool. During these bi-monthly conversations, EPA will give brief updates on new features in EJSCREEN, upcoming changes, or other relevant topics. However, the majority of the time will be reserved for questions and feedback. There will not be an agenda or formal presentations. The Agency hopes that you will join these open discussions and learn about EJSCREEN, as well as get your questions answered. EPA EJScreen Tool website includes the recording of the first Office Hours, held Aug. 18: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

**WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:** \*These dates are subject to change depending upon COVID-19 containment measures.

**Community-Based Social Marketing Training with Doug McKenzie-Mohr, Ph.D.** fee-based

Advanced Workshop Jan. 17-19 (three four-hour sessions)

Registration [https://cbsm.com/workshops/na-virtual-workshop-2022?utm\\_source=convertkit&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Personal+request%3A+Upcoming+Virtual+North+America+CBSM+Training+%28discount+code+provided%29+%20-%206741680](https://cbsm.com/workshops/na-virtual-workshop-2022?utm_source=convertkit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Personal+request%3A+Upcoming+Virtual+North+America+CBSM+Training+%28discount+code+provided%29+%20-%206741680)

### **Smart Growth America is hosting Equity Summit January 11-13, 2022**

At Smart Growth America, we deeply believe that improving racial disparities is at the core of a smart growth approach. But what does that mean? How does it work in practice? And how can smart growth advocates do it better?

There's a lot to learn, a lot to listen to, and a lot to discuss. And for three days in January 2022, we'll once again be tackling this topic with a roster of experts from around the country. Registration

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information <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/equity-summit/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=91ee8f86-204c-4343-a17f-a0ea56f06afb>

**Superfund Conference Environmental Contamination & Cleanup January 20, 2022**

World Forestry Center Portland, Oregon. More information and registration <https://elecenter.com/conferences/superfund-2022/>

**National Climate Assessment: Northwest Chapter Engagement Workshop February 1, 2022, 9:30 am-2 pm.** UW Climate Impacts Group Scientists Crystal Raymond and Erica Asinas are among the authors on the Northwest chapter of the Assessment. Raymond and Asinas will facilitate listening sessions at the February 1 engagement workshop.

The National Climate Assessment is a Congressionally-mandated quadrennial report led by the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). The report evaluates how climate change affects people and places in the United States. The Northwest Chapter Engagement Workshop is one in a series of workshops that will solicit feedback based on a range of topics and geographic regions. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-climate-assessment-northwest-chapter-engagement-workshop-registration-209878521307>

**Advancing Environmental Health Equity through Implementation Science Virtual Workshop February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Our environment, including exposures in the physical, built, and social environments, can negatively affect the health of individuals and communities. These environmental exposures disproportionately impact racial and ethnic minority groups, disadvantaged and under-resourced communities. Given the interconnectedness of the environment with individual- and structural-level social determinants of health, ensuring equitable implementation of interventions, programs, and policies that prevent or mitigate these environmental exposures is urgently needed. Implementation science is the study of methods to promote the adoption and integration of evidence-based interventions, programs, and policies into community, public health, and clinical settings. The purpose of this workshop is to explore how environmental health scientists can use implementation science to inform the development, adaptation, implementation and scale-up of interventions, practices, and policies to prevent and/or mitigate potentially harmful environmental exposures and ultimately advance environmental health equity.

The workshop is free and open to the public. To learn more, view the agenda and register, please visit our event website: <https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conference/eheworkshop2022/>

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** please share with anyone who may be interested in listed below:

**King County – Stormwater Services: Water Quality Planner/Project Manager II** (closes 1/17/22):

This Water Quality Planner/Project Manager II position inspects business sites for compliance with King County stormwater pollution prevention requirements; implements enforcement actions as needed to resolve water quality code violations; investigates and troubleshoots surface water quality problems and complaints, and identifies and traces illicit stormwater discharges to the stormwater conveyance system and surface waters. The person in this position will also collect, analyze, and interpret surface water data to assess water quality conditions; develop and author technical memoranda and reports; and present findings to technical audiences, the general public, and a variety of regional partners. For a full job description and to apply, follow this link:

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<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/3352789/water-quality-planner-project-program-manager-ii-stormwater?page=19&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

**City of Battle Ground – Source Control Engineering Technician II**

The City of Battle Ground is currently looking to hire a Source Control Engineering Technician II to bring onto their growing team. Please visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofbg> to apply.

**The City of Portland** is seeking a dedicated Environmental Regulatory Coordinator to manage the City's Streamlining permitting program, which is focused on working with federal, state, and local regulators to help the City's construction and operations in streams and wetlands meet the federal, state and City environmental regulations and permits. This position will manage the integrated permitting process to review and evaluate projects, coach and facilitate project teams in understanding permit requirements and compliance obligations, and work with the agencies to identify process or regulatory efficiencies including programmatic approaches. Projects are primarily construction projects that affect rivers, streams, and wetlands including restoration projects, infrastructure and transportation projects, and operations and maintenance work on existing infrastructure. Position closes January 24th, 2022.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/portlandor/jobs/3360730/environmental-regulatory-coordinator?keywords=regulatory&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

**Department of Ecology Regional Water Quality Specialist (Environmental Specialist 4)**

This position is located in our Central Regional Office (CRO) in Union Gap, WA. In this role, you will travel and conduct water quality sampling every month in Ecology's South Central Region as part of the long-term ambient monitoring program. The position gets to see a lot of places in South Central Washington while gaining valuable experience in water quality sampling, quality assurance, and quality control, data entry and management, effective communication, and interaction with the public. The future outlook for this position is promising since it usually leads to better career advancement opportunities. For a full job description and to apply, follow this link:

[https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3278224/regional-water-quality-specialist-environmental-specialist-4?department\[0\]=Dept.%20of%20Ecology&sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3278224/regional-water-quality-specialist-environmental-specialist-4?department[0]=Dept.%20of%20Ecology&sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs)

**The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a FERC Compliance Coordinator/Construction Stormwater Permit Manager (Environmental Specialist 4) position.** This position is located in our Southwest Regional Office in Lacey, WA.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3318307/ferc-compliance-coordinator-construction-stormwater-permit-manager-environmental>