

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/trainings, and news. There is a lot of useful information and attachments please share with others who could use the information.

NEWS

Western Washington 2024 Permit Reissuance Ad Hoc Process: Participation Opportunity

The Oct. 12 Plenary meeting identified discussion Topics and Topic Group Co-Leads. The Topic groups and Topic Co-lead are posted on the WW Ad Hoc webpage

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/2024-western-washington-ad-hoc-process/>. A reminder re: next steps: (topic groups and co-lead contact information attached)

1. For the topics that interest you, please contact the Topic Group Co-leads to be added to distribution lists, meeting invites etc. Each Topic Group sets its own schedule and discussions. The co-leads have volunteered to help schedule, organize the discussions, and maintain the distribution list(s), but collectively the participants refine discussion topics, including identifying issues and developing options. In other words, you run the show!
2. Feel free to invite others to join the Topic Group discussions. This is an open and transparent process. All are welcome.
3. WSC will try to post Topic Group meeting information on the Ad Hoc project website—but the Topic Group co-leads will have the most up-to-date information.
4. Please note: Topic Group Discussions will start, ideally, in November, so contact co-leads of the Topic Groups you wish to join soon. Our next (and the final) plenary meeting will take place in late January, date to be determined. Topic Group White Papers will be presented at that January meeting.

SAM Survey: As part of the Stormwater Action Monitoring program, project webpage

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Stormwater-monitoring/Stormwater-Action-Monitoring/SAM-effectiveness-studies/Evaluating-ed-outreach-programs>, researchers at Washington State University are conducting a survey of local government staff members who work on or oversee behavior change** programs in stormwater or water quality. The objective of the survey is to understand how staff choose behavior change programs, how they evaluate them, and key constraints and opportunities in the increased use of these tools. They would love to hear from as many jurisdictions in Washington State as possible.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Click here

https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_daRkLs0BV4Vw690 to take the survey. The link will close on **November 20th**.

If you know someone who you think would be interested in completing the survey, please feel free to forward this email. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Prof. Joe Cook in the WSU School of Economics (joe.cook@wsu.edu).

Thank you in advance for your participation!

**By “behavior change”, the researchers mean programs that seek to get people to change a concrete behavior, such as picking up pet waste, reducing fertilizer use or installing a raingarden, rather than

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education programs that seek to change attitudes or beliefs or programs that provide stewardship and volunteer opportunities.

Eastern Washington 2024 Permit Ad Hoc Topic Groups were identified along with the group leads at the September 20 meeting.

Topic Groups will meet on their own schedules following the September 20th meeting.

To view the topic groups and participate visit the website:

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/phase-ii-e-wa-resources/>

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/>

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.

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!

Call for MuniCon Advisory Group members: It is time to start planning for MuniCon 2023.

The Washington Stormwater Center (WSC) is funded by Ecology to plan and execute the Washington State Municipal Stormwater Conference (MuniCon 2023). WSC works with an advisory group comprised of stormwater permittee staff representing both eastern and western WA. The advisory group provides input on topics and training/workshop programming relevant to issues stormwater managers and their staff are currently addressing. The advisory group's input was critical in developing content specific to the needs of the stormwater managers and their staff on both sides of the state. For more information please contact Laurie.Larson-Pugh@wsu.edu. (see attachment with advisory group responsibilities)

Jurisdiction is interested in SOP's on cleaning and maintenance of spills (i.e., motor oil) on permeable pavement. If you have any information to share please contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu

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

Dec. 16, 2021, 1-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program)

Jan. 13, 2021, 1:00-3:30pm

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group

Jan. 20, 2021, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG)

Dec. 14, 2021, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Annual Symposium- November 3rd and November 4th

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the STORM Annual Symposium, happening virtually over two half-days on November 3rd and 4th. Calendar Invites attached. We have built in some time on November 3rd for networking in small breakout rooms. The discussion topic for the breakout rooms will be Feedback on the NPDES Education and Outreach Requirements for Permit Reissuance.

Please take a moment to review the E&O Permit sections prior to the Symposium and come with your thoughts on what's been working and changes you'd like to see in the next permit. See the next section for more information about permit reissuance

RESOURCES:

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 bimonthly 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 to get your questions answered. EPA EJScreen Tool website includes the recording of the first Office Hours, held Aug. 18: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

Adopt A Drain WA is LIVE!!!

Seven Puget Sound cities (Seattle, Duvall, Maple Valley, Newcastle, Redmond, Sammamish, and Tacoma) have joined together to bring this community-based program, developed by Hamline University in MN, to Washington. Community members are invited to "adopt" their local storm drains and help keep the grate clear of leaves and other debris.

The Adopt-A-Drain (AAD) working group is part of the Stormwater Outreach for Municipalities (STORM) and Puget Sound Starts Here. The national AAD program offers a website and outreach tools that our region has modified to reflect our shared needs. Participating jurisdictions pay a nominal fee and provide drain GIS information to join the program. Please join us and broaden AAD's reach! www.adopt-a-drain.org/wa Contact Anne Dettelbach adettelbach@redmond.gov for more information.

Water Environment Federation handbook covers Industrial Water Reclamation & Reuse.

This WEF publication serves as a comprehensive summary of water reclamation technologies and practices for minimizing liquid discharge for a broad range of industries. It begins with an overview of factors influencing industry to seek to minimize liquid discharges, followed by a review of alternative technologies, performance expectations, management framework, sustainability tools, and concludes with case studies with input from academia, equipment manufacturers, consultants, and industry. Foster University Stormwater Courses. Fee \$175 https://stormwateruniv.com/available-courses/?oly_enc_id=3882C2351667D0X

The 2020 Snohomish County Low Impact Development Implementation Report is posted at https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/84619/LID_ImplementationReport2020_Final The report includes information about constructed stormwater LID systems constructed or permitted by Snohomish County in 2020. If you have any questions please contact Laura Frolich laura.frolich@co.snohomish.wa.us or Arthur Lee arthur.lee@co.snohomish.wa.us

EPA Improving Watershed Health through Agricultural-Municipal Partnerships

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EPA hosted a webinar on July 15, 2021 to discuss three different agricultural-municipal partnerships. Watersheds can benefit when municipal water treatment plants invest in conservation practices on nearby farms. These agricultural-municipal partnerships reflect a commitment to integrated planning across the complete water cycle with a strong emphasis on a highly collaborative and inclusive approach to watershed health improvement. For more information on the webinar recording and presentations: <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/water-finance-webinars-and-forums#webinars>

Stormwater University, the online continuing education portal from StormWater and StormCon, presents world-class courses delivering high-quality, cutting-edge information from top experts in their fields. https://stormwateruniv.com/available-courses/?utm_source=Forester+U+Stormwater&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CPS210930029&o_eid=3882C2351667D0X&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=omeda%7C3882C2351667D0X&oly_enc_id=3882C2351667D0X

WSU/WSC Water currents Newsletter stormwater news events informs water work being done in Puget sound area. <https://extension.wsu.edu/water/water-currents-newsletter/subscribe/>

Water Research Center Article: Migrating Salmon Need More Oxygen
<https://wrc.wsu.edu/project/seed-grant-update-migrating-salmon-need-more-oxygen/>

Encouraging Voluntary Land Protection and Restoration: Tools to Support County-Level Practitioners
<https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/254hxhcq1k4lsx9mlsva7d3t1ueccdyd>

The final report of the Ecology-funded Structural Stormwater Controls (SSC, or loosely, stormwater retrofits) science review and synthesis project was completed in June. Ecology plans to convene policy discussions this fall to gather broader recommendations to inform permit conditions for future municipal stormwater permits. Contact Aimee Navickis-Brasch aimeen@osbornconsulting.com with questions about the report or Emma Trehitt etre461@ecy.wa.gov for information about the policy discussions. More information: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/smap/>

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

The Puget Sound Partnership in conjunction with its partners, is hosting 12 workshops between November 2nd - December 8th, 2021. The workshops are designed to elicit ideas about actions associated with strategies important in the stormwater world: Toxics, integrated land use, salmon, retrofits and restoration as well as working lands. Related Puget Sound topics in the marine environment will also be explored. Read more about the process: <https://psp.wa.gov/identifying-actions.php> Register: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/9zCsRU> Contact: Heidi Siegelbaum at Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu

Workshops of particular note:

Smart Growth/Legacy Contamination: 12:30-3:30 pm/ November 2, and November 30th

Working Lands: 9-12 noon: November 3rd and December 1st

Freshwater Habitat Protection and Restoration: 9am-12 noon: November 5th and December 3rd

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Water Quality (Toxics, wastewater): 9am- 12 noon: November 9th and December 7th

CESCL: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training by CWT

For more information email Jen at JenL@CleanWaterATS.com or call 509-947-6583

November 1 – Recert Only or November 8 &9 – Full Certification

December 8&9 – Full Certification or December 16 Recert Only

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

Introductory Workshop Jan. 10-12 (three four-hour sessions)

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

Developing a Local Climate Action Strategy: Approaches for Washington Local Governments

November 15, 12 PM - 1:30 PM Free webinar. This webinar will take a closer look at potential tools and approaches for local climate action in Washington, providing experiences and insights from the regional Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan process. It is the first of three webinars in our Local Climate Response Project. Register at: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training/Upcoming-Webinars/Developing-a-Local-Climate-Action-Strategy.aspx>

PMEP Estuary Explorer and Estuary Viewer Data Tools Training: Hosted on November 16-17. More information <https://mailchi.mp/0e120fa4099f/pmep-hosting-estuary-restoration-mapping-session-at-or-afs-meeting-8303398?e=6bf2f5eeab>

P3 Government Conference December 7-8, 2021

The P3 Government Conference is the premier project delivery conference focused on transportation and rail; public buildings and social infrastructure; energy; airports; resiliency and environmental planning; and water, wastewater and stormwater. Attendees include senior management from firms in the construction, engineering, architecture, legal, investment and consulting industries as well as leaders from local, state and federal agencies. Registration

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=620496&>

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

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

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

The City of Kent is currently accepting applications for the position of Senior Ecologist in our Public Works Department. Are you a dedicated professional who is passionate about the environment, particularly efforts to enhance environmental quality? Are you familiar with city codes and state, tribal, and federal regulations regarding natural resources management, critical areas requirements, and

restoration/mitigation site construction standards? If you are a highly motivated and detail-oriented individual who can identify potential environmental problem areas and provide recommendations for solutions, this position may be perfect for you! Application closes on November 5, 2021.

https://wd1.myworkdaysite.com/recruiting/cityofkent/External/job/Centennial-Center/Senior-Ecologist_R215

City of Mill Creek Surface Water Coordinator The Surface Water Program Coordinator will join the engineering services team within the Department of Public Works. For more information:

https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=21af4cef-ad68-43a5-8798-5038bfb9e371&cclid=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US

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. 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 Municipal Stormwater Permit Implementation Planner. This position is located in our Southwest Regional Office, including either our office in Lacey, WA or Vancouver, WA.

Are you passionate about protecting the water quality in Washington State? As the population grows, urban development increases. This means more people, more developed land, and an increase in stormwater runoff and pollution to Washington's waters. Ecology issues permits under federal and state laws to control surface and groundwater pollution from runoff. We are looking for applicants to join our dedicated team who have knowledge in water quality-related planning and implementation, experience developing, planning, and coordinating stormwater programs, and the ability to work collaboratively and effectively with local governments. For a full job description and to apply, follow this link: Municipal Stormwater Permit Implementation Planner

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3259484/municipal-stormwater-permit-implementation-planner-environmental-planner-3>

Department of Ecology Water Quality Program is looking for a Hydrogeologist to join our Watershed Management Section. This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA.

In this position, you will serve as the senior groundwater hydrologist for the Watershed Management Section in the Water Quality Program. Your key responsibility will be to lead the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program by implementing Washington's current UIC rules and revising these rules as needed. You will be part of protecting the State's groundwater and drinking water resources by reviewing UIC well registrations, including review of hydrological analyses and reports to ensure projects

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meet our protective rule requirements. You will also assist colleagues, the public, and other agencies to understand the State's groundwater standards for environmental compliance and research needs. please enter the following URL to your search engine to apply: <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/Jobs-at-Ecology>.