

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**

Western Washington ad hoc discussions are underway! Please reach out to topic group co-leads to be included on topic group correspondence and/or meeting invites. Many of the meetings are already scheduled and are posted on the project website. Check it out at:

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/2024-western-washington-ad-hoc-process/>

### **Eastern WA Plan Review Training**

Thank you for your interest in the Eastern Washington Plan Review Training.

Unfortunately, the two-day Plan Review training scheduled for Nov. 16 and 17, 2021 is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. **The training will be rescheduled for early 2022.** All who registered will receive the new training dates in early January 2022 with the new schedule and instructions.

If you have any questions please contact Laurie Larson-Pugh.

**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/>

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

### **Update from NMSA, Seth Brown: House Passes Infrastructure Bill Including Numerous Provisions for the Stormwater Sector**

In a major victory for investment in U.S. infrastructure, the U.S. House passed H.R. 3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (otherwise known Bipartisan Infrastructure Funding (BIF package), by a vote of 228-206 on Friday, November 5, 2021. This legislation represents a total of \$1.2 trillion total in infrastructure investment - including \$550 billion in new spending - which is the largest funding effort of its kind over the last several decades. The original version of this legislation was originally passed in the House in July, was amended and passed by the Senate in August, then sent to the House for review and final passage. It is expected that President Biden will sign this legislation by the end of this week. A link to this legislation is provided here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3684/text>

### **NMSA Public Meeting**

A recording of the NMSA Public Meeting held on 11/18/21 is now posted at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEkrRWTaqEw&t=526s>. A combined PDF of slides shared

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during 11/18/21 webinar is available at [https://nationalstormwateralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/NMSA\\_Public-Open\\_Mtg\\_November\\_2021\\_Combined\\_Slides.pdf](https://nationalstormwateralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/NMSA_Public-Open_Mtg_November_2021_Combined_Slides.pdf).

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

**Jurisdiction is asking for any information on successful municipal leaf management programs.**

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

### **Survey on Stormwater Harvesting**

The Water Research Foundation is leading an effort to collect information on the state of knowledge on stormwater harvesting. To support this effort, a survey has been posted to collect this information. This survey is open through the COB on 12/10/21. To engage with this survey, please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stormwaterharvesting>

**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](mailto:Laurie.Larson-Pugh@wsu.edu). (see attachment with advisory group responsibilities)

**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

### **RESOURCES:**

**Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) grants: Pre-application Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 1:30pm registration**

<https://wastatecommerce.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ucuirrz4uGtwlFS0qJXynWeRkT7Ne2E2M>

\$34.6 million available for sewer, water or stormwater projects or waived system development charges for new affordable housing projects

The Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) is accepting applications for sewer, water or stormwater improvements and/or waived system development charges for new affordable housing

projects **apply now through Jan. 7, 2022**. Apply at:

<https://www.zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2142&limited=3673>

### **Minnesota Sea Grant Watershed Game**

<https://seagrant.umn.edu/programs/community-resilience-program/watershed-game>

**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 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](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org/wa) Contact Anne Dettelbach [adettelbach@redmond.gov](mailto:adettelbach@redmond.gov) for more information.

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

### **The Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center’s new webinar series**

**Tues, Dec 7 | 11 a.m. PT** Promoting Collaboration Between Evolutionary Biologists and Conservation Practitioners to Help Species Adapt to a Changing World. Register

[https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_iikcHGKIR023utDGo2K7sw](https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iikcHGKIR023utDGo2K7sw)

**Tues, Dec 14 | 11 a.m. PT** Decolonizing Ecology: Five Steps Towards More Inclusive and Ethical Research Practice. Register [https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-dbGvipSTAq7tDAAmL94fg](https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-dbGvipSTAq7tDAAmL94fg)

**Check out our actionable science webinars page to learn more!**

### **CESCL: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training by CWT**

For more information email Jen at [JenL@CleanWaterATS.com](mailto:JenL@CleanWaterATS.com) or call 509-947-6583

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

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**The Puget Sound Partnership in conjunction with its partners, is hosting 12 workshops between November 2<sup>nd</sup> - December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu)

Workshops of particular note:

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

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

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

**Colorado state University Science Talk Webinars:** registration:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-SWwgc\\_osjBaLoYJdPUKXAwfFb34P-q7wvqyNO\\_cDLs-fYQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-SWwgc_osjBaLoYJdPUKXAwfFb34P-q7wvqyNO_cDLs-fYQ/viewform)

*December 8, 2021:* Flood Risk to Assets and Socioeconomic Sectors in a Changing World (B3-1) – Dr. Mahshid Ghanbari, Colorado State University

*December 15, 2021:* Greywater Reuse: Pathogen Removal by a Membrane Bioreactor (B4-1) – Dr. Kimberly Jones, Howard University

*January 26, 2021:* Life-cycle Assessment of Urban Water Systems (B1-2) – Dr. Arpad Horvath, University of California – Berkeley

**Stormwater University: Job Site Management Series: Soil Stabilization, Flocculant Applications, Winter Prepare** Fee \$189

**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&>

**Inclusionary Zoning – A Tool to Increase Affordable Housing (webinar) Dec. 14, 2021 1-4pm**

Fee \$35 register <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training/Upcoming-Webinars/Inclusionary-Zoning-Tool-for-Affordable-Housing.aspx>

**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](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 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:

**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 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>

The Water Quality program in the Southwest Region focuses our efforts in one of the most geographically and economically diverse areas of Washington spanning from the Columbia River, up the Pacific Coast, to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Our regulatory work strives to ensure water quality protection laws are followed. This position leads regional coordination and compliance activities with hydroelectric facility operations and contaminated construction stormwater sites.