

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

SAVE the DATE

WSC Stormwater Talks: Biophilia – Take a peek behind the curtain with Heidi Siegelbaum September 21, 2023 Noon-1 PM. Biophilia is one of the main drivers for environmental policy, building design, community cohesion, health, and therapeutic approaches. It is used to gird environmental policy, retail design, school and hospital design, open space planning and community planning. Popularized by E.O. Wilson but coined by Eric Frohmm, biophilia means “love of life” and explains our love for pets, water, gardening, flowers, and outdoor recreation. It can be used effectively as a policy lever as we address housing, tree retention, climate resilience, therapy for trauma and design for learning and nurturing, all cornerstones of a functioning society. Zoom meeting information: Zoom meeting information Join Zoom Meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: Meeting ID: 965 8732 4162 Passcode: 035885

<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/96587324162?pwd=d09BbDR3VG5lZmdOemtUYnpgSIFDUTO>

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The formal draft **municipal stormwater permits** are available for review and public comment. The draft permits and SWMMs are available for review and public comment from **Aug. 16, 2023, through 11:59 p.m., Nov. 10, 2023**. Ecology will host informational workshops and public hearings on the draft permits and SWMMs more information on the [MS4 permit reissuance web page here..](#)

Early Listening Sessions for Reissuing the [Industrial Stormwater General Permit](#).

Virtual Sessions

- Sept. 11, 9 a.m. virtual— [register here](#)
- Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m. virtual — [register here](#)
- Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m. virtual — [register here](#)
- Sept. 21, 9 a.m. virtual — [register here](#)

In-Person Session

- September 25, 1 PM Ecology Building, Auditorium (ROA32), 300 Desmond Dr. SE, Lacey WA

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

A Phase II permittee is asking for examples of stormwater program training needs assessments and/or recordkeeping strategies used by other MS4 permittees.

Training Assessment and Tracking informational Questions

Has anyone done a stormwater program training needs assessment? Topics of interest include:
What training is required for the permit/your stormwater program?

The who, the what, the by, the why, when, and how is it tracked? Are you tracking this information in many places or in one place?

Do you have a structured annual/biennial schedule?

Do you have a matrix showing job type (position) vs. training type (IDDE ID, spill response, ERTS, haz mat handling, CESCL, etc.)?

Please send your examples to Laurie Larson-Pugh at laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

A jurisdiction is interested in talking with cities that rent out their permeable pavement cleaners to help offset the cost. If you utilize this practice please contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

The City of Anacortes has comprehensive plan questions:

1. How often have you revised your stormwater comprehensive plan?
2. How have you or will you roll your SMAP into your storm comp plan?
3. Does your comp plan include future planning for climate change and/or sea level rise?
4. How does your storm comp plan interact with the overall City comp plan?
5. Any consultants used for comp plan updates that you want to recommend?

Please respond to Diane Hennebert, dianeh@cityofanacortes.org

The City of Marysville is interested in information on active mosquito control programs for stormwater ponds. Send responses to Matt Eyer, meyer@marysvillewa.gov

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

APWA September 15, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum October 19, 2023 1:00-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) October 12, 2023, 1:00-3:30pm virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group October 26, 2023, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) August 15, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Quarterly meeting Sept. 21, 2023 9 am-12pm virtual meeting [Register here](#)

November symposium The 2023 STORM Symposium will be held on November 30, 9 am – 4 pm 2023 at the Brightwater Environmental Center in Woodinville. [Eventbrite invitation.](#)

Stormwater Partners Symposium Thursday November 16, 2023 This year's symposium will be held at the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center from 2:00 – 5:30 PM.

RESOURCES:

Puget Sound Regional Council

Webinar via Zoom: Passport to 2044: Stormwater Sept. 19, 2023 from 1:00-2:30 PM. Join PSRC, the Washington State Department of Commerce, and the City of Seattle for a 1.5 hour webinar to learn more about stormwater planning and other strategies to support Puget Sound recovery during the comprehensive plan update process. [Webinar registration.](#) Guidance integrating stormwater solutions into comprehensive plans <https://www.psrc.org/media/7640>

Industrial Stormwater General Permit August Updates <https://mailchi.mp/wsu/august-isgp-update>

Federal Funding for Nature Based Solutions – The National Wildlife Federation has developed a new searchable database of federal funding sources for nature-based infrastructure solutions. To view the list and see if your project would qualify for over 75 programs please visit [HERE](#).

The Source Control online Business inspection training course is live!

The free online course is focus Here is the direct link to the online training:

<https://laurie-s-school-71dc.thinkific.com/courses/source-control-online-training>

The Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead (HSIL) is excited to share the updated [Sound Choices Checklist](#)! The HSIL partnered with Department of Commerce, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Puget Sound Partnership, and the Stormwater Strategic Initiative to update the checklist for the current cycle of comprehensive plan updates. The Sound Choices Checklist is a tool that aligns the Puget Sound recovery strategies and actions with the comprehensive plan elements. Puget Sound jurisdictions and Puget Sound recovery partners can use the checklist to consider if and how local comprehensive plans are setting the stage for Puget Sound recovery.

Visit the new WSC Construction Stormwater Permit Assistance Website

This site encompasses every step of the permit process from the initial application to site monitoring and beyond. <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/csgp-assistance/> For more information Contact Brandon Boyd, Permit Assistance Coordinator

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

Stormwater Action Monitoring Round 4 RFP Workshop: August 29, 2023, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Please RSVP for the Workshop.](#) Direct any questions to Brandi Lubliner at brandi.lubliner@ecy.wa.gov

StormCon August 29-31, 2023 Dallas, TX Registration information [Begin Registration: StormCon 2023](#)

[IAP2 North American Conference: September 13-15, 2023 at the Sheraton Grand, Seattle Washington.](#) This year's conference theme, "Partnering for Possibility", is about coming together in authentic and creative ways.

Collective Impact Forum Tools for Collaborative Engagement and Planning September 14, 2023 1:00-4:30 PM [Learn more and register here](#)

ESRI Course: Field Data Collection and Management Using ArcGIS

Efficiently collect accurate data that supports real-time decision making.

Learn how ArcGIS supports a complete field data management workflow—from the office to the field, in the field, and back to the office. You will learn best practices to configure and deploy ArcGIS field-productivity apps to meet your data-collection needs. You will have the opportunity to use your own iOS or Android device to complete some course exercises. [More information here.](#)

Oregon Infrastructure Summit: September 27-28 Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
[Oregon Infrastructure Summit - Oregon Infrastructure Summit \(theoregonsummit.com\)](https://theoregonsummit.com)

MRSC Services is offering a free in-person regional training session in Spokane September 28, 8 AM-3:30 PM focused on the fundamental elements of public works contracting. MRSC is partnering with Labor & Industries (L&I) and the Department of Revenue (DOR) to offer free, in-person regional training sessions across the state focused on the fundamental elements of public works contracting. Join us for this session in Spokane. [Register here.](#)

[WEFTEC Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2023 Conference](#)

The International Social Marketing Association for an on-line professional certificate in Developing a Strategic Social Marketing Plan Course. October 2-December 23, 2023 taught by Nancy Lee. Scholarships are available. Please learn more by going to: <https://isocialmarketing.org/developing-a-strategic-social-marketing-plan/>

The detailed course syllabus is here: <https://isocialmarketing.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/03/iSMA-Online-Course-2023-Fall-Syllabus.pdf>

Fostering Behavior Change Introductory Workshop with Doug McKenzie-Mohr, Ph.D. Dec. 6-8 8:30-12:45 PT Fee based. The workshop consists of three four-hour sessions spread over December 6th, 7th, & 8th: The introductory workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied worldwide to foster behavior change. [Learn more here.](#)

Online Training:

American Water Works Association Stormwater Best Practices for Rural Communities \$175.00.
[Registration information.](#)

CWT Training Academy now is a really good time to purchase packages at a discount that you can use over the next 12 months. Whether you are looking for CESCL certification or other trainings on IDDE, source control, spill control or other subjects we have created some discount packages specific to municipalities and engineering firms. Check out our [Mid-Year Summer Specials](#) and the CESCL packages attached. Contact Us at info@CWTAcademy.com for more information.

National Municipal Stormwater Alliance Training Courses fee based online courses
<https://nationalstormwateralliance.org/trainings/>

Stormwater University ON-Demand Courses fee based

- Erosion control guru Jay Selby (President, SSEC) for this erosion control how-to! \$79.00
[Register here](#)
- The ABCs of BMP Installation \$250.00 This course provides Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) practitioners, inspectors, regulators, construction staff and others an opportunity to learn and experience what is necessary to install and complete a BMP installation inspection.
[Register here](#)

Center for Watershed Protection Watershed & Stormwater Virtual Training

To register online, please visit: <https://www.cwp.org/training/>. Rates are for individual participants. For group rates please contact Lea Spencer at lrs@cwp.org

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

Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources Surface Water Management is hiring Engineering Technician Senior, Lead | [Job Details tab](#) | [Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

City of Olympia has a couple of job postings:

- [Operations Supervisor – Storm & Surface Water/Wastewater](#)
- [Senior Stormwater Engineer](#)

UW Climate Impacts Group is hiring a **Climate Resilience Specialist** Action is happening at state and local levels to ensure that Washington’s people, ecosystems and economy are resilient in the face of a changing climate. This includes the recent passage of legislation to support Washington’s agencies, local jurisdictions and communities to enhance their resilience. [Apply here.](#)

Department of Ecology Water Quality Program is looking to fill a [Construction Stormwater Permit Manager \(Environmental Specialist 4\)](#) position. This position is located in our Eastern Region Office (ERO) in Spokane, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.

King County Stormwater Services is hiring source control – Business Inspection Manager
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/4152352-0/source-control-business-inspection-manager-water-quality-planner-project-manag>

City of Battle Ground Stormwater Program Coordinator job posted. (see attachment Stormwater Program Coordinator 8.2023.pdf) closes 9/4/23 view the full job description at:
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofbg>

City of Tumwater has a job opening for a Stormwater Inspector closes 8/27/2023 more information [here](#)

City of Lake Stevens has a Surface Water Specialist job position now open
Under the direction of the Surface Water Manager, the incumbent is responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of tasks under the [City’s Surface Water Program](#). This is a skilled technical position where the incumbent will use knowledge of stormwater systems and surface water practices to collect and analyze data to track and document program compliance and make program recommendations and decisions. Please take a look at the full job description [here](#).

City of Port Angeles has an open position for a Stormwater Engineer.
<https://www.cityofpa.us/1286/CivilUtility-Engineer-III---Stormwater>

Lewis County Senior Engineer surface Water & Utilities position. Closes Sept. 15, 2023 View the job details at <https://jobs.lewiscountywa.gov/#590>