

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.

The City of Lake Stevens and the Snohomish Conservation District are partnering up to host “I Love Lake Day” on Saturday, August 19, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm at the pavilions in Lundeen Park. It’s a combined public outreach of various elements of the surface water and stormwater programs of the City and the “I Love Lake” campaign. Bring the family to celebrate and learn about beautiful Lake Stevens with activities, education, and food trucks. The event is free, and you can sign up at this link [I Love Lake Day Tickets, Sat, Aug 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

New Legislation Related to Climate and the Natural Environment HB 1181

MRSC article Incorporating Climate Change into Comprehensive Plans view [here](#)

Water Quality Financial Assistance (State Fiscal Year 2025) (see attached Water Quality Grant-Loan Applications Workshops) **Ecology Water Quality Grant and Loan Applicant Workshop Series Aug. 22-24, 2023** Each session will be lead by experts for the project type, and will emphasize requirements and expectations that are specific to stormwater, nonpoint/OSS, or wastewater. Stormwater Projects: Aug. 22, 2022, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

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

Virtual Sessions

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

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 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

Stormwater Partners Symposium Nov. 16, 2023 Do you have a project, program or something you'd like to share during the 15-minute report presentations? Please let Eric Lambert Eric.Lambert@clark.wa.gov know by Aug. 18 for consideration.

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 August 17, 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 July 27, 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](#)

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:

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 new source control educational and outreach materials have been added in Spanish, Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/chapter-7-education-outreach/>

NEW online course: [Farmers Market Pollution Prevention](#)

This short course consists of a video that will cover pollution prevention topics such as safer cleaning products, waste management, proper site set-up, good housekeeping, vendor and organizer training, and post-event clean-up. Sign up for the free course at <https://laurie-s-school-71dc.thinkific.com/courses/farmers-market-pollution-prevention>

UW Puget Sound Institute: Our Water Ways Salish Sea Model tracks pollution, currents and climate change. This article is the latest in a series about the use of ecosystem models and other virtual experiments. [Read more.](#)

MuniCon recordings are now posted to the website. You can now view the presentations and workshop recordings [here](#).

Strategic Initiative Leads Release Stormwater and Shellfish Chapters of 2023 Investment Plan

The Puget Sound Strategic Initiative Leads (SILs) are pleased to announce the Stormwater and Shellfish chapters of the joint [Strategic Initiatives' 2023 Investment Plan](#). The Plan details the investment priorities that the Strategic Initiative Advisory Teams have been working on for the past few months. The Investment Priorities will be the focus of competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for the next year to award EPA Puget Sound Geographic Program Funds for investments across Puget Sound. The Habitat SIL and Cross-cutting Investment Priorities chapters will be released in Fall 2023. Learn more about the Investment Plan in this [blog post](#).

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

Chemical Action Plan Implementation Funding Opportunity - Reopened through August 15

In addition, \$2 million remains available for projects under the CAP Implementation funding opportunity, which is accepting a second round of applications through August 15, 2023. The CAP Request for Proposals targets projects to reduce PFAS, PCBs, and PBDEs in Puget Sound waterways. Projects may involve environmental monitoring, replacing products with safer alternatives, treating contaminated stormwater, or other actions recommended in Chemical Action Plans. Projects that address tribal treaty rights or include an environmental justice component to support historically underserved communities or vulnerable populations are especially encouraged to apply. More information on this RFP is available on our blog <https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/2023/06/05/stormwater-sil-cap-application/>

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

American Water Works Association "Move the Dial on Your Utility's DEI Program August 16, 2023

11:00 am-12:30 pm MDT Webinar fee per person: FREE for Member/\$25 Nonmember

In this 2-part series, attendees will hear from utility leaders on learn how to adapt and implement strategies to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion at your utility, regardless of size. Speakers will share the importance of having an education and communication strategy before beginning outreach to the community for workforce development or launching a DEI initiative. They will identify key areas, objectives, and goals to include in overall communication strategies to advance DEI in the utility. [Learn More.](#)

ESRI Academy Field Maps Designer August 17, 2023 9:00-10:00 am and 11:00 am-12:00 pm Free Online [Registration](#)

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PSRC Equity-themed Passport to 2044 Webinar August 22 from 10 AM to 12 PM via Zoom.

Presenters from PSRC and Race Forward will cover guidance and resources for incorporating equity into local comprehensive plans. We have also developed a powerful new [Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report](#) that will be instrumental in helping local jurisdictions with these efforts. [Register for the webinar.](#)

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

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](#)

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

Center for Watershed Protection Back to the Basics' virtual training series Aug. 11, 2023

These virtual training modules are 2-hour interactive, trainings with Center for Watershed Protection staff and expert guest speakers. Attendees will enhance their industry knowledge and skillset, network with industry professionals, receive access to guidance documents and manuals, and earn Center for Watershed Protection continued education units (CEUs) or professional development hours (PDHs). 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

NEBC Washington State Department of Ecology Meet & Greet September 7, 2023 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Hotel Murano 1320 Broadway, Tacoma, WA. Join us for a discussion with the Washington State Department of Ecology and network with others from the industry. Director Laura Watson, Deputy Director Heather Bartlett, and other members of Ecology's executive team will share new initiatives and other important agency information for the industry. Register Now

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

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](#)

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>

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

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) view the full job description at:
<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/>

City of Tumwater has a job opening for a Stormwater Inspector more information [here](#)

City of Poulsbo has an Development Review Engineering position open. This position will review site plans including traffic, stormwater, and geotechnical studies for proposed developer projects. The first-round review will be August 3rd. Here is a link to our job posting page:
<https://cityofpoulsbo.com/human-resources-employment-opportunities/>.

Snohomish County has the following job openings for SWM Capital Projects Engineer. [Engineer IV \(SWM Capital Projects\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

City of Federal Way has a job position open for Public Education and Outreach Supervisor
[Public Education and Outreach Supervisor | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

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

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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-IIIIII---Stormwater>

Lewis County Senior Engineer surface Water & Utilities position. View the job details at

<https://jobs.lewiscountywa.gov/#590>