

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

The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance has announced that it is recognizing November 16 as [“National Stormwater Day.” NMSA is hosting a webinar on November 16, 2023, from 1-2:15 p.m.](#) (Eastern Standard Time) that will feature speakers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.), and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE; Reston, Va.).

Oil Spill Equipment Grants – Department of Ecology grants can be used for oil spill cleanup tools and training. Oil spill equipment grants are open to Washington counties, cities and municipalities, ports, public utility districts, special purpose districts like clean air agencies and fire protection groups, federally recognized Tribal governments, and Washington state agencies. Recipients of previous grant cycles are eligible to apply again. Ecology is accepting applications now through **5 p.m. Tuesday, 11/14** For details on the funding guidelines and how to apply, please click [HERE](#).

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Municipal Stormwater Public Workshop & Hearing more information [here](#)

Eastern WA

- November 6, 2023, 1:30 PM [Register here](#) virtual

Western WA

- Nov. 6, 2023, 9 a.m. - [register here](#)

[Washington Depart. Of Ecology Streamflow Restoration Grants Applicant Workshops](#)

We have some important updates to share with you regarding our upcoming round of Streamflow Restoration grants. The grants will help Tribal governments, state and local agencies, and non-profit organizations, implement local plans and projects to improve streamflow and aquatic resources. First and most importantly, our [funding guidelines](#) are now available online. Contact: Vanessa Brinkhuis, Streamflow Restoration Grant Unit Supervisor <mailto:sfrprjgrants@ecy.wa.gov>

The following links to our event pages provide more information about the workshops:

- [Nov. 3 – Lacey](#)
- [Nov. 6 – Shoreline](#)
- [Dec. 1 – Union Gap](#)
- [Dec. 8 – Spokane](#)
- [Jan. 16, 2024 – Online Webinar](#)

[EPA launches new Land Use and Green Infrastructure Scorecard](#) An update to the 2009 Water Quality Scorecard, EPA’s new Land Use and Green Infrastructure Scorecard provides guidance for municipalities to implement green stormwater infrastructure practices.

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

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

APWA November 17, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum Dec. 21, 2023 1:00-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) January 25, 2024, 1:00-3:30pm virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group Jan. 25, 2023, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) December 19, 2023, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Quarterly meeting

STORM November 30 Symposium, 9 am-4 pm at Brightwater Environmental Center, Woodinville.

[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 88 programs please visit [HERE](#).

Sustainable Forestry Standard for Urban Forestry – The Sustainable Forestry Institute released a new standard for Urban and Community Forestry during the summer of 2023. This community-based standard is the first of its kind and prioritizes nature-based solutions for resilience to climate change. The standard is applicable worldwide and to communities of all sizes. It serves as a guiding light to successful urban forestry management. Learn more about the SFI Urban Forestry Sustainability Standard, click [HERE](#).

Sound Choices Checklist for Comprehensive Plans – 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. This checklist also highlights best practices to support local planners in their comprehensive plan updates.

2022 Salish Sea Toxics Monitoring Synthesis – The Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) has announced the release of the **2022 Salish Sea Toxics Monitoring Synthesis, found here [2022 Salish Sea toxics monitoring synthesis: A selection of research | Encyclopedia of Puget Sound \(eopugetsound.org\)](#)**. This is the third synthesis published, with those prior in [2016](#) and [2018](#). Together they provide a suite of snapshots of activities that document progress in our investigation, understanding, and management of anthropogenic chemicals. The main goal is to provide a summary of toxics-related monitoring and research in a single document to 1) communicate the range of efforts currently underway, 2) provide a brief summary of findings to managers and policy makers, and 3) form a basis to develop an inventory of research needs and monitoring gaps.

Fish Passage Funding— The NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation is [announcing that two fish passage restoration funding opportunities are open under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act](#), with one dedicated for tribal applicants. Tribes around the country, including the Great Lakes, are eligible to apply to both funding opportunities.

Nearly \$85 million in funding is available for fish passage and tribal capacity building under the [Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal](#) funding opportunity. This fish passage funding will facilitate tribes and tribal supporting organizations in building capacity and implementing projects that reopen migratory pathways and restore access to healthy habitat for tribally-important species. NOAA will accept proposals between \$300,000 and \$12 million total over the award period. For more information, view the [Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal](#) funding opportunity. **Applications are due by November 8, 2023.**

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

Pollution Prevention Resource Center: Pacific Northwest Pretreatment Workshop Nov. 6-8, Vancouver, WA [Visit the events page](#)

Stormwater University BMP S=Assessments for TMDL Compliance & Mitigation Webinar Nov. 7th, 2023, 1 PM CT \$79 This live webinar will delve into a methodology developed in Florida that enables communities to assess and categorize BMP costs and performance accurately. [Registration](#)

The Annual SPARKS Conference 2023: The Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association is excited to announce it's in person two-day event, **December 4-5, 2023** at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Day 1 features over a dozen social marketing experts speaking on behavior change initiatives. Day 2 includes in-depth in-person training. [More information here.](#)

NEBC Business & the Environment Conference Dec. 5-6, 2023, Portland, OR

Business & The Environment focuses on industry-wide issues and is a collaborative endeavor presented by the Northwest Environmental Business Council (NEBC), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). [More information here.](#)

[Social Marketing Introductory Workshop: Fostering Sustainable Behavior](#) Dec. 6, 7, & 8.

Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr will be delivering an introductory community-based social marketing training virtually in December. This workshop will be of particular interest to agencies working to promote waste reduction, energy and water efficiency, conservation, sustainable food consumption, the control of invasive species, modal transportation changes and other sustainable actions. This training will also be of interest to organizations promoting health and safety (e.g., hand washing, active lifestyles, immunization, cancer prevention and screening, blood donations, earthquake and fire safety, workplace safety, etc.). Community-based social marketing is a unique approach to fostering both environment and health-related behavioral changes and is now being utilized globally. See attached flyer Introductory CBSM Workshop.

[How to Design a Compelling Grant Proposal and Presentation](#) Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, 10 AM – 12:00 PM

Online Zoom. Fee \$95.00 What critical items must be included for your proposal to be taken seriously? How do you design a presentation that will wow the funding agency? What are some of the biggest ongoing frustrations of review teams? Using practical advice and insights gained from funding agencies

and other experts, Cathy Angell will help you create a proposal and presentation that clearly communicates the story behind your project in an engaging and visually-pleasing way.

MRSC Digging Into Public Works Fundamentals: Sequim Dec. 14, 2023, 8 AM – 3:30 PM In-Person, Free 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. These trainings will help provide local government public works staff with a better understanding of the common elements of public works contracting, the process to manage L&I prevailing wage requirements, tax considerations, and upcoming legislative changes to public works requirements. [More information here.](#)

On-line Courses: no new courses at this time

Stormwater University “Highlights and Big Ideas of Washington’s Municipal Stormwater Permits.
Instructor: Abbey Stockwell, Washington State Dept. of Ecology \$75.00

[Stormwater University “Low Impact Development \(LID\) Done Right](#) Cost \$158.00

Join Stormwater University for this educational course as returning speaker Doug Beyerlein, PE, PH, D.WRE, presents the big picture of what LID is, how it works, and where it is most effective in managing stormwater. This course will include information on the actual mechanisms that make LID effective and how much of a reduction in stormwater runoff can be expected for different types of LID in different parts of the country.

[Watershed Permit Compliance - Permittees, Politics, Partners and Patience](#) \$75.00

Watershed approaches have their benefits, but also require a different set of compliance skills. This presentation will focus on the lessons learned watershed based compliance.

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

City of Walla Walla has two job opportunities:

- Stormwater Engineer:
<https://www.wallawallawa.gov/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/575/4110>
- Stormwater Coordinator:
<https://www.wallawallawa.gov/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/577/4110>

[City of Lacey is hiring a Engineering Technician III – Stormwater](#)

City of Vancouver is hiring a Senior Engineering Technician

This position performs a variety of engineering and technical tasks. Duties include reviewing development applications for small projects for compliance with City standards and NPDES requirements; providing support to civil engineers with capital project design and delivery; investigate and respond to customer inquiries regarding stormwater runoff and on-site drainage. To view the full posting and/or apply, please visit: [Careers \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](#)

City of Federal Way is hiring for the Public Education and Outreach Supervisor [public-education-and-outreach-supervisor | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

[King County Water Quality Planner/Project Manager III](#) Closes 11/05/23

City of Tacoma is hiring an Environmental Services Civil Engineer, PE. [More information here.](#)
City of Tacoma has a Manager opening for our Stormwater Management and Planning Group, (NPDES Permit Management and Watershed Planning). [Career Opportunities | \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)