

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

MuniCon 2023 is next week in the City of Wenatchee! We hope to see you there or on camera.

The City of Anacortes hosted a training session on Common Issues in **Site Plan Review with Doug Howie, Ecology**. The recording of the training is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oodbsgUenKs>. If you have any questions, contact Diane Hennebert at dianeh@cityofanacortes.org.

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

NMSA Celebrates Congressional Funding Appropriations to Support Stormwater Centers for Excellence Funded Through the Infrastructure Bill. Congress has provided \$3 million in initial funding for the establishment of three to five Centers of Excellence for Stormwater Infrastructure Technologies (CESITs), a new program authorized in the Infrastructure and Investment in Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021. Beyond this initial funding, the appropriations packaged signed into law provides for at least \$3 million in funds for the CESITs for four additional years for a total of a minimum of \$15 million over a five-year period. The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF) worked over multiple years to advocate for funding to establish and support the CESITs. Efforts will be made to build upon this initial funding to extend the amount of funding beyond the five-year period as well as broaden the level of funding. For more information see:

<http://nationalstormwateralliance.org/nmsa-wef-celebrate-federal-funding-of-centers-of-excellence-for-stormwater-infrastructure-technologies/> and see: <https://stormwater.wef.org/2023/02/appropriations-set-stage-for-stormwater-centers-of-excellence/>.

MS4 Needs Assessment Survey Preliminary Results: Following the data collection and analysis, the WEF [MS4 Needs Assessment Survey](#) Team has been working on developing the report. If you provided input or helped share the survey, THANK YOU! Our analysis shows statistical significance like in previous years and we are looking forward to sharing preliminary results during the National Stormwater Policy Forum with detailed results to be shared during the [WEF Stormwater Summit](#) to be held in Kansas City, MO on June 28 and 29.

PFAS with your Fish? High levels found in freshwater fish. Eating a single U.S. freshwater fish in a year is enough to cause a nontrivial jump in PFOS levels in blood serum. See: <https://thehill.com/policy/equilibrium-sustainability/3815490-study-suggests-us-freshwater-fish-highly-contaminated-with-forever-chemicals/> and see: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0013935122024926>

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

The **WSC Environmental Justice Salon** has a peer-to-peer request for information. This group is a discussion platform for individuals to talk about Environmental Justice issues and how they relate to stormwater.

1. The EJ Salon would like to hear about how your municipality works with private developers to improve public spaces. We want to know about public features built through partnerships with developers. What do you require for frontage improvements? Does your municipality require green space and public stormwater improvements?
2. Do you have an ordinance that outlines policy for supporting equity and justice goals? Please share the language developed to implement environmental justice goals into your planning, projects, and policy. Please send responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu or Maddie Burke Madeline.Burke@cityofvancouver.us

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

APWA May 19, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum June 15, 2023 1:00-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) July 13, 2023, 1:00-3:30pm Federal Way

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group July 27, 2023, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) June 20, 2023, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Quarterly meeting May 18, 2023 In-person at the Center for Urban Waters, Tacoma, Here is the [Eventbrite Registration Link](#)

Visit Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-I-R10-PS-2023-002 for more information and to apply. For questions, contact Sean Macduff at macduff.sean@epa.gov.

RESOURCES:

University of Washington Tacoma's Center for Urban Waters [Home](#) | [Center for Urban Waters](#) | [University of Washington Tacoma \(uw.edu\)](#). PSI Water Quality Workshop videos online. A full collection of videos from the Science of Puget Sound Water Quality workshop series is now available on our YouTube channel. In 2022, PSI and its partners hosted a series of scientific workshops for utilities, environmental community-based organizations, scientists, agencies, and the tribes to explore and address some of the technical uncertainties related to nutrient impacts and water quality. [The Science of Puget Sound Water Quality - YouTube](#)

Collective Impact Forum Recorded Webina: [How to Support a Sustainable and Resilient Collaboration](#)

In this webinar, we discuss practices that can support a sustainable collaborative. As part of the discussion, we explore the Tamarack Institute's new free resource guide, ["10: A Guide for Building a Sustainable and Resilient Collaboration."](#)

UWT Puget Sound Institute: A new oral history project looks at the unique development of natural resource policy in Washington. The Center for Urban Waters and external partners will examine 50 years of collaborative leadership in the state leading to groundbreaking outcomes on forest, fish, wildlife, land, and water management. Funding secured to date includes generous gifts and pledges from Anchor QEA, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, the Nisqually Tribe, the Puget Sound Partnership, the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribe, the Suquamish Tribe/Suquamish Foundation, the City of Tacoma, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Washington State University. Read more at [A new oral history project looks at the unique development of natural resource policy in Washington state](#) | (pugetsoundinstitute.org)

Rainwater harvesting getting some traction in arid southwest. See:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2023/03/27/raincatching-arizona-navajo-water-access/?wpisrc=nl_sb_smartbrief&utm_campaign=342EDBBF-6969-43D6-9184-EA6BA68C4EAD&utm_content=7D4BA5D9-E5DB-410A-A78E-D51EECAE2071

EPA Funding Availability for Ensuring Environmental Justice, Human Wellbeing, and Ecosystem Recovery in Puget Sound Applications are due May 31, 2023 Informational webinars will be held April

18. Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov no later than Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 11:59pm (Eastern) in order to be considered for funding. Visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) [Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-I-R10-PS-2023-002](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346567) for more information and to apply. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346567>

WEF Article: Stormwater pond Sediments: the next frontier for Beneficial reuse? Learn more about how De. Kelly-Hooper's work is paving the way for a new perspective on stormwater pond sediments at:

<https://stormwater.wef.org/2023/04/stormwater-pond-sediments-the-next-frontier-for-beneficial-reuse/>

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

2023 National Stormwater Policy Forum on April 24th! - The event is a half-day event co-led by the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Stormwater Institute and NMSA. This annual event held in Washington D.C. brings together stormwater water professionals from across the country to engage with national policymakers. This year it is co-hosted by the National League of Cities (NLC) and the National Association of Counties (NACo), the Forum provides an opportunity for WEF, NMSA, NLC, NACO, and all other stormwater professionals to learn about current policy issues driving the stormwater sector. The event will be held from 12:30-5pm (Eastern) on Monday, April 24th. **Attendees can engage virtually at no charge by registering at:** https://nlc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iNhxvePJR0SDzhPlpuHU-g#/registration.

Water Week! April 25 – 27, Washington DC. Register: <https://www.waterweek.us/nwpf/>

MuniCon 2023 April 25-26 at the Wenatchee Convention Center more information at <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/municon2023/> Contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu

CWP National Watershed & Stormwater Conference April 24-27, 2023 in San Diego, CA

The conference will provide a forum for watershed and stormwater professionals throughout the nation to learn how to increase the resiliency of our communities in response to emerging and persistent threats to our water resources — from headwaters to coasts. More information <https://cwp.org/2023-conference-registration/>. Conference contact Karen Titus at kmt@cwp.org

The Pacific Northwest Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Annual Meeting May 22-24, 2023 More information at <https://pnw-setac.org/annual-meeting>

2023 Ohio Stormwater Conference May 10-12, 2023 Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH See: www.ohstormwaterconference.com

WEF Stormwater Summit 2023 June 27-29, 2023 Kansas City, Missouri register at: [sw-23-online-program.pdf \(wef.org\)](https://www.wef.org/sw-23-online-program.pdf)

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:

Snohomish County [Supervisor III \(Construction Management and Property Acquisition\) – Surface Water Management | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)[Construction Representative, Senior \(Surface Water Management\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

Thurston County is hiring a Civil Engineer in their Public Works Water Resources Division. Apply at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thurstonwa/jobs/3730367/civil-engineer>