

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

Puget Sound Day on the Hill video and the articles for Making Waves! I don't know if Jon already sent you the link to the final video, but I wanted to pass it along just in case. Here's the video: <https://vimeo.com/823524889>. And the new issue of Making Waves includes the video and the articles highlighting recently funded projects from the Strategic Initiatives: [homepage - Making Waves](#)

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Save the date! Water Quality Grant and Loan Recipient Webinar Series

The Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program invites all recipients with active agreements, as well as those who will be receiving SFY 2024 funding**, to attend our annual Recipient Training.

July 17th - Wastewater Facility Projects
July 18th - Stormwater Facility and Activity Projects
July 19th - Nonpoint Source Activity Projects
July 20th - Cultural Resources for All Projects
July 20th - Environmental Review for Loan Projects
August - FY25 Applicant Workshops (Dates TBD)

** This training announcement is not a funding offer.

You may be receiving this announcement because you applied for a SFY 2024 Funding Opportunity with Water Quality. Your project may or may not receive funding for 2024. We are extending this invitation to you now, in the event that your application receives funding. Water Quality's Final Offer List comes out in May. Questions? Please email Sarah Ponte at sarah.ponte@ecy.wa.gov.

National Stormwater Policy Forum Provides Updates On State Of U.S. Stormwater Sector

On April 24, approximately 50 stormwater professionals from all corners of the U.S. met in Washington, D.C., to participate in the seventh-annual National Stormwater Policy Forum. The event provided participants a deep dive into the latest legislative, regulatory, and political trends shaping the U.S. stormwater sector. Read more at [National Stormwater Policy Forum Provides Updates on State of U.S. Stormwater Sector - Stormwater Report \(wef.org\)](#)

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

A Jurisdiction is asking for information and ideas on how to respond to and support their code enforcement related to Artificial Turf installations in residential areas. A homeowner recently installed 100% of their landscaping with this material, unpermitted. It was installed with a compacted 1.25" *minus* fill to 2 inches or greater depth. This would imply an impervious surface (although it does not have underdrains). It should be noted that many suppliers *specify* compacted fine granular rock as the

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subbase for home installations, which does not correlate to the language developed for artificial turf in the SWMMWW. As I understand how it is written, all turf and artificial turf is considered pervious unless equipped with underdrains. Have other jurisdictions had similar situations? If so, did they have more diplomatic solutions to address corrective action, other than immediately telling the homeowner to remove a very expensive installation? Please responds to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

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

RESOURCES:

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 for more information and to apply. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346567>

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

Free U.S. EPA's Integrated Planning Webinar May 23, 2023 2pm-3pm ET

Join U.S. EPA on May 23rd for their launch of a new Integrated Planning Toolkit for Permitting Authorities and technical assistance opportunities. Robyn DeYoung, U.S. EPA's Integrated Planning and Green Infrastructure Program Lead and Heather Huddle, U.S. EPA's Stormwater Expert, P.E. will dive into how this toolkit can help the permitting authority promote and support integrated planning for NPDES permittees. Find out what type of technical assistance EPA is

providing alongside the toolkit to increase the promotion and use of integrated planning to meet clean water goals. Technical assistance will be on a first come first serve basis. Register here: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_YHzGTJzYQ0yadxWkziVLNQ

MRSC Free Webinar Making Your Public Works Contracts More Inclusive Thursday, May 25, 10 AM – 11:30 AM. This webinar will cover five easy-to-administer contracting strategies that local government agencies can use to promote inclusion and encourage more bid responses from a wider bidding pool. Registration link: <https://mrsc.org/training/upcoming-trainings/making-your-public-works-contracts-more-inclusive>

Stormwater Summit 2.0: Join King County on **May 31, 2023, from 11:00 to 1:30** to hear from Executive Dow Constantine and local and regional clean water leaders. It will be held online. Learn lessons from elected officials who have built regional collaborations around salmon recovery and climate change commitments. There will be opportunities for discussions with EPA Region 10, WA. Department of Ecology, State Salmon Recovery Council, and WSDOT. Registration for the next event in the Stormwater Summit series is now live [at this link](#). Questions? Contact John Brosnan jbrosnan@kingcounty.gov or Megan Smith megan.smith@kingcounty.gov.

Webinar on Leveraging Historic Federal Funding on Join us on Monday, June 5th from 2:00-3:30 pm ET for this interactive discussion on ensuring that this wave of funding, as well as other federal and state funding, has a meaningful impact on advancing equity and opportunity. The last 30 minutes of the webinar will be reserved for Q&A, and you can submit questions for the panelists with your registration. Registration link https://fsg.zoom.us/webinar/register/4716837401609/WN_oF7TR6x1TJivaCsBJGDHZA#/registration

CWT has two courses STORM-E School available now – both as a stand alone and as part of STORM-E School. Information attached.

IDDE Overview – It explain IDDE and identifying sources and activities that can contribute to the MS4. (~1 hr) <https://www.cwtacademy.com/courses/idde-overview>

Source Control Program Overview – It talks about all the pieces that may be necessary to go into a Source Control Program. (~2 hrs) <https://www.cwtacademy.com/courses/source-control-program-overview>

PSCICTM (Professional Source Control Inspector Certification) This will be an 8-9 week course that will have exercises and homework to complete. Additionally, we go to about 9 different locations to conduct site inspections. We have information on both above ground and below ground inspections along with sampling considerations. We are in the hustle to get this done. <https://www.cwtacademy.com/courses/pscic-certification>

How to Communicate Science, Share Data, and Build Trust: Presentation Skills for Scientists and Public Officials. This training will be held virtually on **June 8 and 22**, 8-2 Pacific Time. Transform your presentations and have the chance to receive coaching and feedback. To learn more, please visit [Ticket Tailor](#) to register. Presented by Cathy Angell, Presentation Coach and Trainer.

Northwest Toxics Summit June 6, 2023 Miller Hall World Forestry Center, Portland, OR

At this summit we are gathering knowledgeable environmental professionals with different experiences and perspectives to talk about TOXICS: What do we know and what should we do about it? Registration: <https://elecenter.com/product/northwest-toxics-summit-in-person-regular-registration-rate/>

The Washington State Department of Ecology is hosting a training **Tuesday, June 27 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** for members of the regulating community that are interested in learning about the [How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials](#) guidance we developed under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [National Estuary Program](#). It focuses on:

- PCBs in building material regulations.
- Steps needed to identify building materials that may contain PCBs.
- Options for characterizing and managing these materials.
- How to protect stormwater while these materials are left in place or when they are abated.

The training is on Follow the link below to register. Please share the registration link with anyone that could benefit from or is interested in the information we will present. [Follow the link to register](#)

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

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:

City of Tumwater Environmental Specialist 4 (DOH7319) closes May 29. Review job description at [Washington State Department of Health | . \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

City of Shoreline positions:

- Environmental Services Program Manager closing date 5/25/23
- Engineering Support: This is a temporary, part-time position to support surface water education and outreach programs, including our GSI rebate program. Closing date 5/30/23

Snohomish County positions:

- Surface Water Management Habitat Specialist, Surface Water Management [Habitat Specialist, Senior \(Surface Water Management\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)
- Supervisor III (Construction Management and Property Acquisition) – Surface Water Management <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/snohomish/jobs/3908799/supervisor-iii-construction-management-and-property-acquisition-surface-water?page=9&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

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

Ecology is hiring a [Municipal Stormwater Permit Implementation Planner](#)

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>