

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

**WSC announces the launch of a new construction stormwater website, offering comprehensive guidance to Construction Stormwater General Permit holders.** This site encompasses every step of the permit process from the initial application to site monitoring and beyond." For more information, contact Brandon Boyd at [Brandon.Boyd1@wsu.edu](mailto:Brandon.Boyd1@wsu.edu), and kindly share this valuable resource with permittees who may need assistance."

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/csgp-assistance/>

**NEW online course:** [Farmers Market Pollution Prevention](https://laurie-s-school-71dc.thinkific.com/courses/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>

**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/>

**[ANNUAL REPORT FOR OUR GREEN/DUWAMISH](#).** There are lots of exciting updates from our partners that we wanted to highlight in that 2022 annual report.

We also wanted to let you know we now have a stipend we can offer participating organizations – any type of organizations can access the stipend. This is intended to help promote Partner engagement. More information about the stipend can be found [here](#). You're more than welcome to share this with anyone that would be eligible to apply.

**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.

-Nominations for lake friendly landscapes and gardens in the City are open until July 31. To nominate someone, click on this link [6th Annual Lake Stevens Cascade Award \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

-For information on rain barrels (for painting) [I Love Lake Day Rain Barrel Painting 2023 — Snohomish Conservation District \(snohomishcd.org\)](#) -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**

**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](#).

**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](#)

**July 31 Webinar: Helping Communities Solve Water Challenges through EPA’s Water Technical Assistance July 31, 2023, 1:00pm ET** Please join us and learn about EPA’s Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) efforts to provide free hands-on support for communities to assess their water needs, identify potential solutions, and apply for federal funding to address their water challenges. The webinar is on July 31st, 1:00-2:00pm ET. [RSVP here today!](#) For more information on WaterTA, please visit [www.epa.gov/WaterTA](http://www.epa.gov/WaterTA) and check out the fact sheet below.

### **WEF MS4 Needs Assessment Survey**

Full results from WEF's 2022 U.S. MS4 Needs Assessment Survey are now available. The biennial survey, which includes responses from regulated U.S. stormwater organizations of all sizes and contexts, aims to take a national-level pulse of common stormwater challenges as well as identify gaps in resources and information. [Browse the results for a glimpse into the stormwater sector's most pressing needs.](#)

**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 on who jurisdictions hire for staff training on managing development Bonds.** Please send your suggestions to [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu).

### **WSDOT Stormwater Retrofit Prioritization Survey** (flier attached)

WSDOT is soliciting recommendations for high priority stormwater retrofit locations on WSDOT infrastructure. WSDOT values the knowledge and expertise of local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties, who have intimate understanding of their jurisdiction or area. Maybe there is a specific watershed that is the focus of a city or county’s restoration goals, or maybe there is known urban runoff mortality syndrome observed for salmonids in a specific stream reach near WSDOT infrastructure. Please consider recommending these types of high priority locations for stormwater retrofits. WSDOT will consider this information in determining where to invest \$500 million over the next 16 years for WSDOT stormwater retrofits throughout the state. Access a folio with background

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information and a flier sharing the Survey123 to provide up to four priority locations here:

<https://ftp.wsdot.wa.gov/public/StormwaterRetrofitMoveAheadWashington>.

**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](#)

### RESOURCES:

**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** \_ For more information Contact Brandon Boyd, Permit Assistance Coordinator

### SAM Mobile Business Stormwater Source Control and Coordination Study

As a subset of commercial enterprises, mobile businesses have unique challenges related to stormwater and pollution prevention that will be better understood by a focused study. In this project, King County and Aspect Consulting will develop and test new tools and guidance to support municipal stormwater permittees in identifying and inspecting mobile businesses for compliance with the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit Section S5.C.8 for source control from exiting development. Study information is posted on the SAM website.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Stormwater-monitoring/Stormwater-Action-Monitoring/SAM-source-identification/Mobile-business-source-control>

**PSP's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tracker**\_ This tool tracks funding in the BIL related to Puget Sound recovery priorities, to view the BIL funding tracker please click [HERE](#) (updated regularly). PSP also produced an End-of-Session Review for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, to read up on it click [HERE](#).

**NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge** – Approximately \$575 million is available for projects that build the resilience of coastal communities to extreme weather (e.g., hurricanes and storm surge) and other impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and drought. Click [HERE](#) for more info. **The**

**focus of this grant program** is on collaborative approaches to achieving resilience in coastal regions. Proposed projects should address risk reduction, regional collaboration, and equity, and build enduring capacity for adaptation. Use this [information resource](#), and view the video below, to learn more. **NOAA technical assistance** is available for organizations applying for and receiving a grant. Many technical assistance options are available, including data, tools, training, and access to NOAA expertise. Visit the [technical assistance page](#) to learn more.

There are two parallel but separate funding tracks.

- Track One: Regional Collaborative Building and Strategy Development
  - **Funding Availability:** NOAA will select 20 to 25 applicants, to receive \$500,000 to \$2 million each, which will be spent over three to five years. Typical Track One awards are anticipated to be \$1 million. Total funding for all Track One awards may be up to \$25 million.
  - **Eligible Activities:** activities to 1) build and expand regional collaboratives; 2) engage and partner with marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities; 3) assess risk and vulnerability; 4) plan resilience strategies and adaptation actions; and 5) build community and workforce capacity for climate adaptation efforts. The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) provides additional examples.
  
- Track Two: Implementation of Resilience and Adaptation Actions
  - **Funding Availability:** NOAA will select approximately 15 applicants to receive \$15 to \$75 million each, to be spent over five years. Typical Track Two awards are anticipated to be between \$25 and \$50 million. Total funding available for all Track Two awards is up to \$550 million.
  - **Eligible Activities:** activities such as 1) acquiring vulnerable land; 2) building natural infrastructure; 3) hybrid green (natural) and gray (structural) construction activities; 4) strengthening or protecting public access to coastal natural resources; 5) building the region's capacity for ongoing actions that increase resilience; 6) planning and preparing for community-led relocation; and 7) updating state and local codes and policies. The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) provides additional examples.

**The First Step:** Outline your proposed project and **submit a letter of intent**. NOAA will invite selected applicants to submit a full application. Details regarding the letter of intent and the application are provided within the [funding announcement](#).

- **Due Dates:** For the letter of intent: Monday, August 21, 2023. For the full application: Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Coastal states, territories, counties, cities, tribes, and tribal organizations; public or private nonprofit organizations; and institutions of higher education.
- **Matching Funds:** There is no matching requirement for this funding.
- **Technical Assistance:** NOAA may provide technical assistance for applicants developing letters of intent and full proposals. Visit our [technical assistance page](#) to learn more.

### **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:**

**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](mailto:info@CWTAcademy.com) for more information.

### **American Water Works Association Utility DEI Programs**

[Move the Dial on Your Utility's DEI Program, Part 1](#) August 9, 2023 11:00-12:30 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.

- In part 1, utility leaders will speak about evaluating organizational readiness for change, determining a baseline understanding of DEI concepts, and using that information to identify objectives and goals for their utility's strategy. The session will cover the importance of leadership buy-in and how to gain it. [Learn More](#).
- In part 2, August 16, 2023 11:00-12:30 MDT 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](#).

### **National Municipal Stormwater Alliance Training Courses fee based online courses**

<https://nationalstormwateralliance.org/trainings/>

### **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](mailto:brandi.lubliner@ecy.wa.gov)

**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 & Stormwater Protection Virtual Training Refresher Courses** Fee based  
[Registration Information here](#)

**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 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 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 Kirkland has an opening for a Surface Water Planning Supervisor.** View the job details at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kirklandwa/jobs/4091780/surface-water-planning-supervisor?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs/>

**City of Port Angeles has an open position for a Stormwater Engineer.**

<https://www.cityofpa.us/1286/CivilUtility-Engineer-III---Stormwater>

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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](#)**