

Municipal bulletin Aug. 10, 2020

Good morning Municipal Stormwater Permittees,

This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information to be shared, including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/trainings, and news. There is a lot of useful information please take a look and share with others who could use the information.

PERMITTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: If you are looking for information from other permittees send the inquiry to Laurie Larson to be sent in the next bulletin.

City of Newcastle has been researching the benefits and challenges of cattails in stormwater ponds, and we are curious how other cities and counties deal with cattails. We created a quick survey - could you share the survey with the Central and/or the Eastside NPDES Permit Coordinators groups? Hoping that permittees could take the survey by 8/17.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FRJGZRH>

RESOURCES:

Financial Assistance Workshops for State Fiscal Year 2022 Water Quality Combined Funding Program

The Washington State Department of Ecology is holding its annual applicant training workshops. The workshops will include information about the Water Quality Combined Funding Program [1] (WQC) and the State Fiscal Year 2022 (SFY22) application process. In prior years Ecology held workshops in each of its four regions, but this year the workshops will be held online due to COVID-19 protection orders.

There is no cost to attend the workshops. Contact: Daniel Thompson daniel.thompson@ecy.wa.gov

Stormwater Projects: August 27, 2020 9:00am-12:00pm

Evaluating Stormwater Infrastructure Funding and Financing

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-04/documents/efab-evaluating_stormwater_infrastructure_funding_and_financing.pdf

It's the results of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) study on stormwater funding needs. Their conclusion is that "current stormwater funding mechanisms and public education initiatives are not sufficient to confront the significant needs across the nation. Federal investment is required to address the lack of state and local funding and to improve multi-jurisdictional stormwater management. Programs and investments similar to those that support the drinking water and wastewater sectors are needed for the stormwater sector to close the estimated \$7-10 billion annual funding gap."

WORKSHOP/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: *These dates are subject to change depending upon COVID-19 containment measures. <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/financial-technical-assistance-and-tools-water-infrastructure#tools>

National Municipal Stormwater Alliance and EPA for "National Municipal Stormwater Alliance: An Introduction to the National MS4 Online Resource" on **Aug 12, 2020 1:00 PM - 2 PM EDT**. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3401337429983063055>

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ICID Training Update: (information flier attached)

The Training Workshops for the 2020 Illicit Connection and Illicit Discharge Field Screening and Source Tracing Guidance Manual (IC-ID Manual) will be shifting to a virtual format. The Training will be offered eight times from September through November 2020. Training dates and times will be posted soon. There is no charge for attendees; trainings are funded by the SAM program and municipal permittees.

UW Climate Impacts Group Webinar series:

- August 18, 9:00am-10:30am PT | Climate Adaptation in Public Works

Presenter: Fred Buckenmeyer | Director, City of Anacortes - Public Works

Registration: https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TVbLkZtFQmC--ioa_FLVRQ

- August 25, 9:00am-10:30am PT

Throw Away Your Crystal Ball: A Stress Testing Approach to Infrastructure Planning Under Climate Change Uncertainty

Presenter: Nishant Parulekar | Civil Engineer, City of Portland - Bureau of Environmental Services

Registration: https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XWvyyYZ3QHWOD7ctm02FGQ

The Stormwater Scoop: NFWF Regional Collaborative Spotlight Series

Join Chesapeake Bay restoration practitioners and stakeholders for a five-part series to explore and elevate understanding of what constitutes effective, regional-scale collaborative approaches for Bay restoration, including the key factors that contribute to their success and how collaboratives evolve, adapt, and mature to sustain progress. Our workshops are FREE! Register at:

<https://forms.gle/V5yQNobHcCSsAiAu9>

International Social Marketing Association (iSMA) registration is now open for the *Introduction to Social Marketing* 12-week online course. You can earn a professional certificate of completion. Space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Register: Just add your basic information here in [this short form](#). iSMA will then follow up with your confirmation and instructions for payment of the US\$800 course. **Scholarship?** iSMA is pleased to cover the full cost of the course for one student. The scholarship application form is [available here](#)

ECOSS E-Learning Municipal Stormwater Training Classes July and August 2020 (fee based)

Find more information at https://ecoss.org/event/m_e-learning-2/.

Conference: Managing Stormwater in Washington, NEBC Virtual Event Sept. 10, 2020.

<https://washingtonstormwater.com/>

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

The Thurston County Public Works Department, located in Olympia, Washington is recruiting for the following two positions:

Senior Civil Engineer to lead a water resources oriented team that provides utility planning and project delivery of water, sewer, stormwater, and other public works projects. See this [posting](#) for further information along with instructions on how to apply.

Utility Planner to assist with all aspects of planning for the County's drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities. See this [posting](#) for further information along with instruction on how to apply.