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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 informational tools and resources. Please share with others who could use the information. **By: Laurie Larson**

News

[Salamanders, Stormwater, and Skateboards: The Ecological Marvel of Yauger Park](#) article by Susan McCleary, Jessica Sandoval, Max Lambert, Claire Kerwin, Summer 2024. “Yauger Park is not only an urban oasis where people and animals can thrive; it’s a critical part of the City of Olympia’s stormwater management system.”

You are invited to the **Washington Stormwater Center webinar with James Tupper from Marten Law** to discuss the Industrial Stormwater General Permit from a legal perspective. **September 12, 2024** at 1 PM. free. [Registration](#).

News State, National & Legislative Update

Announcing adoption of updates to [Aquatic Life Toxics Criteria \(WAC 173-201A\)](#). The Washington State Department of Ecology revised chapter 173-201A WAC, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington. For rulemaking information please contact Marla Koberstein at marla.koberstein@ecy.wa.gov or at 360-628-6376.

CBP3 Provides New Stormwater Opportunity. A new funding opportunity for stormwater parks and water quality has emerged. [Washington State’s Department of Ecology’s Water Quality Combined Funding](#) is a new program that provides a new funding stream for the [Stormwater Community Based Public Private Partnership \(CBP3\)](#). Applications for funding is open between August 13, and October 15, 2024.

EPA Shares Findings of the 2022 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey. The Clean Watersheds Needs Survey compiles data on existing clean water infrastructure and the need for future investment to address the water quality objectives of the Clean Water Act (CWA) over the next 20 years. These data represent a nationwide picture of clean water infrastructure across four categories - wastewater, stormwater, decentralized wastewater treatment, and nonpoint source control. The 2022 CWNS reflects an increase in needs in the stormwater sector that is 365% greater than the previous CWNS survey from 2012. The CWNS data dashboard summarizes data in 2022 CWNS

Report to Congress; the underlying data is also available for download. To see the full report, please go to:
<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-05/2022-cwns-report-to-congress.pdf>.

Senator Merkley of Oregon held a hearing on 6PPDq. [You can view the recording here.](#)

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

A jurisdiction is working on updating their Private Stormwater Facility Inspection Program. They are investigating how other cities send out letters to applicable property owners to inform them that their systems need to be inspected by a qualified professional. They are asking if there is a county or statewide list of qualified professionals, or what the best way might be to identify a mostly comprehensive list of contractors who could do this type of work. Please send your responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu to pass on to the inquiring jurisdiction. 82324-SH-W

The City of Port Angeles is looking for assistance from anyone who has developed an Ecology approved Enhanced Maintenance Plan (EMP) to justify a grant funded permeable pavement cleaning machine purchase.

If you have gone through this process and are willing to help, please reach out to me at mmoore@cityofpa.us. Thanks!

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

APWA September 20, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum October 17, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) October 10, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm Virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group October 24, 2024, 9:00-11:00 am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) October 15, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting Sept. 12, 2024 9 am - 12 pm, location: [virtual](#). Save the date for the STORM 2024 Symposium Thursday, November 21 2024 9 AM - 3 PM at Brightwater Center in Woodinville. Contact anne.melrose@wsu.edu.

- [Puget Sound Starts Here \(PSSH\) Month 2024 one-page summary](#)

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup September 11, 2024 3:00-4:00 PM Meeting topic: To attend the meeting contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Resources

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights has published an updated version of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Community Change Grants Program (CCGP). The Program is accepting applications through November 21, 2024. To learn more, visit EPA's [Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#) webpage. Read the [July 25, 2024 Community Change Grants Initial Selections Announcement](#).

Stormwater News: [Article for Stormwater Inspector New Hires](#). Charles Jacobi breaks down some of the best practices for stormwater inspector new hires and refreshes good habits for long time employees.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has recently highlighted the work PSRC staff have done on the new [Equity Tracker](#). The Equity Tracker is a tool that measures disparities between different communities, analyzes the region's performance in equity related matters and monitors the progress of equity-related programs and policy implementation. [Learn more.](#)

Stormwater SIL work, Dustin Bilhimer from Ecology (and lead of the Toxics in Aquatic Life Implementation Strategy) and Heidi Siegelbaum, SIL have put together a [blog about non-toxic consumer products information](#) and a link to a collection of consumer information weblinks that we curated and worked on. The list includes and promotes many state programmatic and non-profit resources and laws, and includes a portion of the [Toxics Synthesis](#).

The Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead Announces [Two Funding Opportunities](#):

1. Restoration effectiveness of soft shore alternatives to hard armor. The HSIL will invest up to \$1 million in proposals to improve our understanding of the effectiveness of different soft shore designs on allowing physical processes to maintain shoreline structure and function.
2. This funding is also focused on the effectiveness of soft shore designs against the current and future threat of sea level rise and related climate change hazards. Planning for sea level rise and climate related hazards to nearshore habitat. The HSIL will invest up to \$1 million to fund near term activities that increase long-term strategic coastal resiliency.

Key Dates: Request for Proposals Closes: 5 p.m. on August 27, 2024. Technical Assistance Office Hours: July 16, 2024, 9 - 11 a.m.; August 8, 2024, 1 - 3 p.m.

Application materials are available on the [HSIL's Request for Proposals webpage](#). For questions, contact Matt Lurie (WFDW, matthew.lurie@dfw.wa.gov). Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead accelerates Puget Sound recovery by improving the health of the rivers, forests, shorelines, estuaries, and marine vegetation through advancing Habitat Implementation Strategy outcomes.

National Culvert Removal Replacement and Restoration Grant Program U.S. Department of Transportation. Awards grants to eligible applicants for projects for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs that would meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. Proposals due by: September 23, 2024

Funding Available: This program runs through FY 2026 with \$196 million available annually. Note- there is a 20% match for States and local governments, and ZERO % match requirement for Tribes. [More information](#).

[MRSC Growth Management Act - Table of Contents](#). This page provides links to MRSC's resources related to the Growth Management Act (GMA) and comprehensive planning in Washington State.

[U of W Puget Sound Institute Article: A New Beginning for endangered Chinook](#) by Eric Wagner, Staff Writer

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

[The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance \(NMSA\) will be holding the 8th annual public meeting](#) at StormCON in Reno from 12:45-2:15pm (Pacific) on Tues, August 27. NMSA staff and leadership will provide information on the status of NMSA, activities led by the organization in the last year, and anticipated areas of focus in 2025 and beyond. This event will also include featured presentations by Chris Kloss and Lisa Biddle, who lead EPA's MS4 group in the Office of Wastewater Management in the agency. Lisa and Chris will provide an overview of EPA priorities and activities impacting the MS4 sector and will highlight tools and products developed by EPA for the benefit of the MS4 sector.

Webinar hosted by Stormwater University titled, **Use of Emerging Contaminants in Urban Runoff: Biochar to Treat Legacy and Emerging Toxic Pollutants including PFAS**: Webinar to be held on from 12-1:30pm (Eastern) on Thursday, September 26. Details on this webinar have yet to be determined, but you can register free at this time at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5785829638085356380>.

STORM: Save the Date for Nancy Lee In-Person Workshops:

Mark your calendars for the dates of Nancy Lee's next Social Marketing workshops, August 23 and Sept. 6 as well as Oct 4 and 18. They are 2-day workshops and will be held in Seattle on King St in the 8th floor of the Conference Center. Contact anne.melrose@wsu.edu for more information.

StormCon August 27-29, 2024 Reno, NV. [Lean more here](#).

Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association 12-week online course on "Developing a Strategic Social Marketing Plan" with Nancy Lee and fast forward your career in Social Marketing! Enroll now: <https://bit.ly/iSMA-Learning>. Course dates: September 15 – December 7, 2024. This 12-week course provides an in-depth model and planning framework for developing a strategic social marketing plan to improve public health, prevent injuries, protect the environment, engage communities or enhance financial wellbeing.

[WEFTEC 2024 Conference October 5-9 in New Orleans](#)

Online Courses

[NOAA Coastal Training Classes](#) fee based. At your own pace.

Job Opportunities

The City of Kirkland is now hiring for an [Environmental Education and Outreach Program Coordinator](#).

King County is hiring Water Quality Planner III. Find more information on the [King County career pages](#).

University of Washington is excited to [announce our search for a director](#) to lead, support and plan the activities of the Climate Impacts Group. We are seeking a candidate with a Ph.D. or the equivalent in knowledge and experience. Candidates should have nine years of experience in a complex organization providing research, services and programs relevant to climate resilience, with at least five years in a leadership role. The salary range for this position is \$13,916 to \$15,333 per month or \$167,000 to \$184,000 annually. Although this position will remain open until filled, applicant screening will begin October 14, 2024.

Washington Sea Grant is hiring for a [Water Quality Specialist](#). The notice is posted on our website

Ecology is currently recruiting: The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill two [Nonpoint source Water Quality Specialist \(Environmental Specialist 4\)](#) positions. The positions can be located in either our Northwest Region Office (NWRO) in Shoreline, WA or our Bellingham Field Office in Bellingham WA.

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