



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating November 9-16, 2024, as “Stormwater Awareness Week” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, stormwater comes from precipitation that falls on hard surfaces and does not soak into the ground, becoming runoff, and runoff becomes polluted (by tire wear particles and vehicle fluids, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, sediments, litter, and/or pet waste) as it runs along roads, sidewalks, parking lots, roofs, and lawns; and

WHEREAS, most runoff flows into the stormwater system that eventually flows, mostly untreated and at rapid pace, into waterways (rivers, lakes, streams, and Lake Washington); and

WHEREAS, onsite improvements, such as porous pavement, stormwater ponds, native plants, rain gardens, bioswales, detention vaults and tanks, filter cartridges, and other best management practices, help with pollution prevention and treatment of stormwater runoff by allowing plants, soil, or built infrastructure to filter and slow down water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is a leader in promoting pollution prevention and mitigation of altered flow for our stormwater; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland recently received three national awards for innovative stormwater management projects recently completed; and

WHEREAS, by focusing attention on the variety of actions the public and the City can take to improve stormwater, the City of Kirkland will continue to meet the challenges associated with stormwater runoff; and

WHEREAS, Stormwater Awareness Week is an opportunity for local government, industry, and environmental organizations to recognize the potential to improve our rivers, lakes, streams, and other water bodies through increased stormwater management;

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Kelli Curtis does hereby proclaim the week of November 9 – 16, 2024 as “Stormwater Awareness Week” in Kirkland and calls upon all community members and businesses to protect our water bodies by implementing best management practices for stormwater.

Signed this 6th day of November, 2024

Kelli Curtis, Mayor