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This is the last issue of the Bulletin for 2023. The next Bulletin is scheduled for January 3rd of 2024. Thank you all for supporting the Bulletin, your responses to the peer-to-peer inquires is appreciated.

I wish you all happy holidays and look forward to working with you all in 2024!

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

News

RELEASED TODAY

Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead Request for Proposals: Climate Resilience and SW Parks RFPs

The Puget Sound Stormwater Strategic Initiative is pleased to announce that two grant application [Requests for Proposals](#), totaling \$2 million available funds, are now open. This opportunity is seeking local jurisdictions and partner organizations that are interested in supporting climate resiliency in stormwater management, and proposals that support the planning and community engagement needs for new stormwater parks throughout Puget Sound. Applications are due by 5pm PST on February 12, 2024 (a future round of proposals may be available in spring of 2024 if funds remain). All eligible parties, including state, local, and tribal governments, non-profit organizations, and institutions of higher learning are encouraged to apply.

- Accelerating the Distribution and Effectiveness of Stormwater Parks (up to \$100,000 per award)
- Increasing Climate Resiliency in Stormwater Management (up to \$250,000 per award)

The Stormwater SIL will hold pre-application office hours online on January 10 and February 7 to provide assistance to applicants developing their proposals. Find all the information and application instructions for these funding opportunities [here on our blog](#). This opportunity is funded by the EPA Puget Sound Recovery National Program Office.

Free Training Program for Homeowners and Non-Professionals from the Washington Stormwater Center

Are you ready to transform your outdoor space into a thriving rain garden that not only enhances the beauty of your surroundings but also

contributes to a healthier environment? We're thrilled to re-introduce our Rain Garden Training Program tailored for homeowners and non-professionals eager to impact their community positively. The training is available at no cost to the student. Enrolling in our Free Rain Garden Training Program is easy! Simply visit our [sign-up page](#) for instant access to all four modules. Join the movement to create beautiful, functional rain gardens that make a positive impact on both your property and the environment. [Rain Garden Training flier.](#)

News State, National & Legislative Update

Public comment period Comments due on Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit by Dec. 29, 2023.

Ecology is releasing the draft Aquatic Mosquito Control National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit(permit) and associated SEPA documents for public comment. The current permit was last issued in June 2019 and is scheduled to expire July 4, 2024. The draft permit and SEPA documents are available for review and public comment from Nov. 15, 2023, through Dec. 29, 2023, 11:59 p.m. We will also host informational workshops and public hearings on the draft permit.

The draft permit, fact sheet, and SEPA documents are available on our [Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit webpage](#) by end of day Nov. 15, 2023. You may also request copies from Jackie Lince at (360) 407-6600 or by email at jackie.lince@ecy.wa.gov.

The purpose of the workshops is to explain the general permit and to answer questions prior to the formal public hearings. The purpose of the hearings is to provide an opportunity for people to give formal oral testimony and submit written comments on the proposed draft permit. Oral testimony will receive the same consideration as written comments.

The public hearings will begin immediately after each workshop and will conclude when testimony is complete.

The workshops and hearings will be held:

- Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at 9 a.m.
[Register for the webinar](#)
- Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
[Register for the webinar](#)

[DNR Opens Application Period for Record-Shattering Urban and Community Forestry Grant Opportunity](#) The Washington State Department of Natural Resources began accepting applications Monday for what is by far the largest amount of urban and community forestry grant funding ever offered by the agency. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 8, 2024, with awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$350,000 to be announced in the spring. Funds will go to support both single-year projects, as well as those that take multiple years to implement.

To learn more about the DNR Urban and Community Forestry program, visit <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/urbanforestry>. For more information about the Washington Tree Equity Collaborative, visit washingtontrees.org.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

A jurisdiction is looking for information from other jurisdictions regarding how they are dealing with mobile fueling vehicles.

"Shell gas stations have a mobile fueling vehicle that goes to wherever you are located, upon request, and fuels up your vehicle. The City of Bothell has rejected these services because they are more at risk for spills and the city does not want to be liable. But they are pushing back and have said other cities like Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett have let them provide these services in their jurisdiction.

Is your jurisdiction having a similar issue? And how did you deal with it? As of right now, we don't have anything in our code to prevent them from providing these service" The inquiring jurisdiction asks that you send your responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu to forward on.

(12-5-2023 OL)

Business Inspection Group (BIG) is asking for Topic Ideas for the February 20, 2024 meeting. Please send your topic ideas to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Does anyone have examples of Adjustments or Exceptions to the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington? We are facing having to make that decision for a development that is proposed in the City of Olympia. The developer is unable to comply with Wetland Hydroperiod Protection for the daily discharge volumes from the site and is seeking an Adjustment from Minimum Requirement #8 Wetlands Protection. If you have any examples or can point me to someone who may have already had to do something like this, that would be great. We've reached out to Ecology, but so far I've only received one example which was an Adjustment to MR #7 in Bonney Lake. Jeremy mentioned the Municipal Permittee Bulletin, would that be a good idea? Send responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.
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Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

APWA January 19, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum **Canceled Dec. 21, 2023** 1:00-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) January 25, 2024, 1:00-3:30pm virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group Jan. 25, 2024, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) December 19, 2023, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Quarterly meeting Symposium STORM February 8, 2024

Resources

WSC 6PPD-q: A new 2-page informational flier aims to raise awareness and shed light on the current research findings around the common rubber preservative 6PPD-quinone. Developed by Washington Stormwater Center researchers in collaboration with Washington State University, The University of Washington, and The Center for Urban Waters, this resource graphically illustrates what the compound is, what habitats are most at risk, and what we can do to curtail its impacts on our ecosystems. "[Mitigating tire wear particles and tire additive chemicals in stormwater with permeable pavements](#)" in Science of the Total Environment is out and ready to help change the world.

Salmon Habitat Grants in the Works – The Department of Ecology will use \$30 million to help restore, protect streamside habitat in areas where native trees and vegetation are allowed to thrive along a riverbank, streams typically have better water quality, provide more suitable habitat for salmon and are more resilient to climate change. To boost the health of streams and rivers in the Puget Sound region, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Washington Department of Ecology up to \$30 million to be disbursed over the next six years. The funding comes through the federal [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#). To learn more about this upcoming funding, click [HERE](#)

Drought Preparedness Grant Guidance Available

First and most importantly, our [funding guidance](#) is now available online. This guidance outlines our consistent and transparent process for awarding these grants. Eligible applicants are limited to Federally recognized tribes, county or city governmental agencies, Public utility districts, water and sewer districts, conservation districts, irrigation districts, port districts, and watershed management partnerships. More information about these grants and details on how to request a pre-application meeting can be found on our website:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/DPP-grants>.

Application Opens: Jan. 16, 2024, at 8 a.m. Application Closes: March 14, 2024, at 5 p.m.

We are hosting a workshop on January 9, 2024, at 10 a.m., to help inform potential eligible grant applicants about the process and purpose of the grants. If you cannot make this time, we will post the recording on the grant webpage. Register: [Applicant Workshop Zoom registration link](#)

Upcoming Grant Opportunity: Coastal Protection Fund - Terry Husseman Account (THA)

THA grants support locally sponsored projects that restore or enhance natural habitat that is in or adjacent to streams, lakes, wetlands, or the ocean. To be considered, projects must provide primary benefits to public resources (land or water stewardship) and affiliated infrastructure.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. For the 2024 funding cycle, we have approximately \$1 million available to award. The typical grant award ranges from \$10,000 to \$25,000, with a maximum award of \$50,000. Funded project timelines typically run 12 to 18 months. Applications must be received via Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL) online system by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024. Read the [Funding Guidelines](#) for additional information about applying.

West Coast SETAC Seminar Series Recordings Available.

The recordings or slides from each of the talks are available via link or attached:

- [USTMA: slides](#)
- Dr. Markus Brinkmann: recording [here](#)
- [Dr. Leah Chibwe: slides](#)
- Dr. Kelly Moran: recording [here](#)

PSP's Funding Tool– After much anticipation and with great excitement [the Funding Announcement Tool](#) is ready for use. The goal of this tool is to help distill information on the unprecedented amount of funding opportunities into a central location. This is a place to find those funding opportunities relevant to Puget Sound and salmon recovery. You can also use the Connections tab to find others that are interested in collaborating on the same funding opportunity. PSP anticipates that over the coming weeks and months they will be able to add more funding opportunities to the tool. If you would like to add an opportunity, please email strategicfunding@psp.wa.gov .

State and EPA ready grants to restore salmon habitat, improve water quality near Puget Sound

Ecology is working in partnership with the [Washington State Conservation Commission](#) and [Bonneville Environmental Foundation](#) to establish criteria for evaluating potential riverbank restoration projects throughout Puget Sound. The department will invest some of the funding to help ensure an adequate supply of native trees and bushes is available to be planted at project sites. [Read more here](#). Contacts: Curt Hart, Ecology communications curt.hart@ecy.wa.gov 360-701-1220 or Bill Dunbar, EPA communications dunbar.bill@epa.gov 206-245-7482.

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 88 programs please visit [HERE](#).

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

[Washington Depart. Of Ecology Streamflow Restoration Grants Applicant Workshops](#)

We have some important updates to share with you regarding our upcoming round of Streamflow Restoration grants. The grants will help Tribal governments, state and local agencies, and non-profit organizations, implement local plans and projects to improve streamflow and aquatic resources.

First and most importantly, our [funding guidelines](#) are now available online. Contact: Vanessa Brinkhuis, Streamflow Restoration Grant Unit Supervisor at_sfrprjgrants@ecy.wa.gov

The following links to our event pages provide more information about the workshops:

- [Jan. 16, 2024 – Online Webinar](#)

MRSC Digging Into Public Works Fundamentals: Sequim Dec. 14, 2023, 8 AM – 3:30 PM In-Person, Free

MRSC is partnering with Labor & Industries (L&I) and the Department of Revenue (DOR) to offer free, in-person regional training sessions across the state focused on the fundamental elements of public works contracting. These trainings will help provide local government public works staff with a better understanding of the common elements of public works contracting, the process to manage L&I prevailing wage requirements, tax considerations, and upcoming legislative changes to public works requirements. [More information here](#).

Online Courses

National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) Online Training Fee based

Includes access to online training modules that can be taken within one year after enrolling, PDF certificates, and PDH's. Courses featured subjects: Municipal construction inspection, Erosion and Sediment control, IDDE, Street Sweeping, landscaping for MS4 staff, construction and industrial training. [More information here](#).

CWT Training Academy: [Overview of WA 2020 Industrial Stormwater General Permit](#) \$99.00. View the course catalog for municipal

courses [here](#).

Job Opportunities

[The City of Federal Way's Environmental Services Division is seeking a Public Education and Outreach Coordinator.](#) The position provides outreach and education to residential, multifamily, and business sectors, with a focus on two areas: Solid Waste & Recycling and Surface Water Quality Programming. The position also coordinates communications for the Public Works Department. Please apply and tell us about your skills in program budgeting & planning, procurement and vendor relationships, and volunteer management.

Come join our dynamic team- the **City of Kirkland is hiring a Surface Water Planner!** This position provides planning, policy development, and program implementation for surface water management activities.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kirklandwa/jobs/4290346/surface-water-planner?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>. Job is open until filled, with a first look on December 7th. Questions? Reach out to Rachel Konrady at rkonrady@kirklandwa.gov

[Snohomish County Engineering Technician](#)

[Ecology Intake Permit Administrator & Contaminated Site Coordinator](#)

City of Walla Walla has two job opportunities:

- Stormwater Engineer: <https://www.wallawallawa.gov/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/575/4110>
- Stormwater Coordinator: <https://www.wallawallawa.gov/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/577/4110>

[City of Tacoma Source Control Representative](#)

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