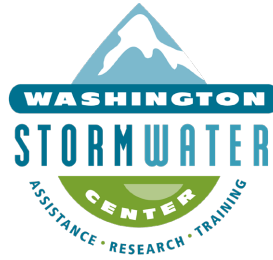


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This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/training, and news. There are a lot of tools, resources and job postings. Please share the information with others.

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News

MUNICON

MuniCon 2025 is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with Washington stormwater professionals. There are opportunities to exhibit and support the event as a sponsor. We only have **5** spaces left! View the [Exhibitor Opportunity](#) and [Sponsor Information](#) sheets! **Current draft agendas** for the May 20 Workshops and the May 21 Presentation Tracks are posted on the [MuniCon 2025 website](#). The room block at the Vancouver Hilton has sold out; additional hotel options near the Convention Center are posted on the website. Government employees can ask these hotels for the government per diem rate.

News - State, National & Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS! Ecology is providing [no-cost disposal of AFFF](#) for local Fire Departments – FREE DISPOSAL OF AFFF. [The aqueous film-forming firefighting foam \(AFFF\) contains PFAS](#), a chemical harmful to human and wildlife health. Washington State Department of Ecology is accepting **applications for disposal through April 30, 2025**. Please contact Sean Smith, 425-324-0328 or Sean.Smith@ecy.wa.gov, if you have any questions or need further assistance.

The **Washington Stormwater Center** has released a new short class: [“Introduction to: Erosion and Sediment Control for Small Projects.”](#) This 90-minute course is a great opportunity to learn about the common BMPs utilized on small projects.

Washington Stormwater Center is issuing an **RFP for developing and maintaining a model policy and practices clearinghouse to improve practices to support clean water**. [It is RFP Stormwater Ref # 25-0117JMC](#).

Peer to Peer Request for Information

The **Washington Stormwater Center** wants to know into what **language** we should translate materials to best assist your education and outreach efforts in your communities. Contact Anne.Melrose@wsu.edu to register your needs.

The City of Camas would appreciate any Phase II SMED templates that any jurisdiction is submitting along with their annual report. Please contact BMonnin@cityofcamas.us and laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu. Note that the City of Bellevue was awarded a grant to develop a SMED template. Herrera is the consultant and WSU is coordinating the TAC for the work.

There is new legislation called [The Missing Middle, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1110](#) which increases the number of allowable units per residential lot. This law became effective on July 23, 2023, with jurisdictional ordinance changes required by mid 2025. [This is a good explainer of the bill](#). The City of Olympia is wondering whether this legislation requires an **increase in the allowed maximum impervious surface coverage for residential parcels**? Can a jurisdiction require new BMPs for properties with multiple Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) even though the legislation states that development standards can't be more stringent than those on single family parcels? James Patton at the City of Olympia would like to have a discussion about how jurisdictions are responding. WSC is considering developing a round table to discuss this; please email laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu if you are interested.

NMSA Supports WEF MS4 Needs Assessment Survey - The Water Environment Federation (WEF) has launched its fourth iteration of the National Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Needs Assessment Survey. The window to provide input to this survey is still open as the deadline has been temporarily extended. [Click here](#) to access the survey.

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings

Click on "[Regional Stormwater Coordinator Groups](#)" for information on the below groups.

APWA: The next meeting is March 15, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Contact stormwater.apwa@gmail.com for the meeting link.

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum: Next meeting is February 20, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program): Next meeting is April 24, 2025, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

South Sound Phase II Coordinators Group: Next meeting is April 24, 2025, from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm.

North Sound Phase II Coordinators Group: May 6, 2025, from 10:00 to 12:00.

Business Inspection Group (BIG): Next Meeting is April 15, 2025, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The WSC EJ has a webpage. To attend either of the EJ meetings contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup (for municipal staff only): Marh 12, 2025, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

EJ Salon: Next meeting is February 25, 2025, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

STORM has its first 2025 Quarterly meeting February 27, 2025, 9 am to noon. Here is the [Meeting Link](#).

Ecology's [Stormwater Work Group](#) is in May and will be virtual and in-person, times and location TBD. Contact madison.bristol@ecy.wa.gov for registration information.

Resources

The Water Resources Research Act Program which is managed by the [State of Washington Water Research Center](#) is looking to [fund proposals on water related topics](#). There are six priority topics, one of which is Fate and transport of nutrients and emerging contaminants in the environment. The Center anticipates funding three proposals for \$30,000 for a year. Proposals are due March 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

The [Climate Impacts Group](#) is excited to announce they are [now accepting applications](#) for their three-week summer graduate program. Please help spread the word to eligible students (master's, doctoral, and post-doc) and practitioners (within five years of a terminal graduate degree). Internship information and links below. The priority deadline to apply is February 28 and the final deadline is March 17 @ 5PM PT.

Kitsap County Conservation District has posted some [Rain Garden factsheets and information](#).

A [Rain Garden Outreach Communications How to Guide](#) has been published. Many Puget Sound Agencies contributed to this guide.

Stormwater Solutions has posted new virtual magazines: [Stormwater Management](#), [Erosion Control](#), [Green Infrastructure](#), and [Stormwater BMPS](#).

NMSA Introduces Bulk Virtual Training for Non-Technical Staff - NMSA is now offering online training through the NMSA Learning Management System (LMS) on topics such as IDDE, spill prevention/good housekeeping, and erosion and sediment control. This training targets all municipal staff who are required to be trained to meet permit compliance. Individual and bulk rate packages are available to MS4s and a NMSA membership is included with all bulk training packages. To learn more, [click here](#).

STEPP Program Readies for First Verification Completion - NMSA launched the Stormwater Testing and Evaluation for Products and Products (STEPP) program in April 2024 and has received several applications to verify the performance of trash capture technologies. We anticipate verification services for hydrodynamic separators will be available soon with these services expanding to filter products by the end of 2025. Field testing verification processes and protocols are being developed currently. To learn more, [click here](#).

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

February

The **International Erosion Control Association (IECA) Annual Conference and Expo** is February 25 - 28 in Richmond, Virginia. The [Conference website](#) is accepting [registrations](#).

[The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association](#) is hosting their [Spring Summit February 26-27, 2025](#), at the University of Washington. Thursday looks to be the most relevant to our community.

[NMSA is hosting a free webinar Friday, February 28, 2025 from 12:00 - 1:30](#) focusing on the impacts of the recent Supreme Court rulings on stormwater.

March

[Managing Stormwater in Washington Conference in Tacoma, WA](#) March 4, 2025. This is the annual conference for ISGP holders and practitioners.

[The Seattle 2030 District](#) is holding its third event in the **PCBs in Building Materials Series** on [March 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM](#). This virtual event will cover PCB removal tools and techniques.

April

[2025 ISGP Workshop](#) by CWT Training Academy April 1, 2025, in Puyallup, April 7 in Woodinville, and April 30 in Bellingham. [This workshop](#) will cover the new 2025 ISGP requirements and go in depth on programmatic elements. This is a paid seminar.

[The National Stormwater Policy Forum](#) will take place on Monday, April 7, 2025. This is an opportunity for interested parties to learn about current policy issues driving the stormwater sector. This is part of Water Week.

The [Center for Watershed Protection](#) is having its [annual conference April 8-10](#) in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The **Water Environment Federation** is hosting [National Water Policy Fly-In is April 8-9](#) in Washington, DC. This event is part of Water Week 2025, April 6-12, 2025.

May

A collaborative team of NGOs, Universities, and the City of Vancouver are hosting a two-day workshop **Protecting Salmon from Tire Wear Toxins: 6PPDQ Workshop 2025** on May 8-9, 2025, in Nanaimo, BC on **6PPD-Q related policy, engineering, and solutions**. You need to register for each day. This is the link: [EventBrite link](#).

June

[Fostering Sustainable Behavior virtual workshop on June 3-5, 2025](#) with Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr. Early-bird pricing is in effect until

March 15, 2025.

Online Courses & Related Skill Training

Skills Training:

- L0105: **Public Information Basics** – [FEMA PIO Class at Thurston County OEM. April 22-24](#), 2025.
- [PIO Academy for Government Agencies](#) - March 19 - 20, DuPont, WA.
- MGT-467: [Sport and Special Event Public Information and Emergency Notification](#), WA EMD (Camp Murray), May 6-7, 2025.

Job Opportunities

The **City of Lacey** is hiring an [Engineering Technician III - Stormwater](#).

The **City of Mountlake Terrace** is hiring for an [Environmental Programs Manager](#). The application period closes February 28, 2025.

Lake Forest Park is recruiting for a [Stormwater Program Coordinator](#).

The **City of Redmond** has a new posting for [Stormwater Private Drainage and Wastewater FOG Program Administrator](#).

The **City of Milton** is recruiting for a [Stormwater Compliance position](#).

Ecology is recruiting for a [Stormwater Work Group Project Manager](#) (Environmental Planner)

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