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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/ 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

Streamflow Restoration competitive grants open on January 2, 2024. Ecology announces the fourth round of the [Streamflow Restoration competitive grants](#) opens today! **Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Feb. 29, 2024.** Eligible applicants include Tribal governments, state and local agencies, and nonprofit organizations within Washington. For more information, please read our [funding guidelines](#). A virtual workshop for potential applicants is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2024. [Register for the virtual workshop](#). Visit the [webpage](#) for workshop materials and applicant resources.

[Stormwater Parks Call for RFP](#)

The pre-application webinar is scheduled for January 10, 2024, 1-2 PM. [Click here to join the meeting](#).

The Nature Conservancy generate a [template](#) to help conduct planning.

News State, National & Legislative Update

Invitation to the second Ecology CBP3 Learning Network Meeting

Ecology is excited to invite you to our next CBP3 Learning Network meeting, scheduled for January 24th from 10 am to 11:30 am. Alice Lancaster from Herrera Environmental Consultants will join us to present on the Rain City project. We'll discuss the benefits of CBP3 and how to overcome common barriers, and we'll dedicate time to solicit your input on Ecology's funding guidelines and understand what you need to advance a CBP3 in your community. Please register to [join us here](#). Please reach out to [Sarah Ponte](#) with any questions.

As a reminder, here are a few resources from our last meeting:

- Ecology's [Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnership Program](#) landing page
- The [Learning Network Collaboration Site](#), which hosts links to:
 - [Meeting recordings](#)
 - [Meeting slides](#). Please note that there was an error on the Rain City slide, which we will be clarifying at our next meeting.

- Additional resources, such as the 2019 guide for stormwater managers
- Information about our next meeting.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

Statewide MS4 Permittee Mentorship Program:

Stormwater program staff from Thurston County, King County, and Redmond have been chatting about the value of establishing a WA State MS4 Permittee Mentorship Program and are interested in your thoughts. This brief survey will aid in evaluating the level of interest as well as how such a program might be structured to support you or someone else in your jurisdiction. Thank you. [Complete the survey here.](#)

For more information, contact:

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Larry Schaffner: larry.schaffner@co.thurston.wa.us

The **City of Normandy Park** has a **part-time GIS intern** looking for an entry-level full-time GIS technician position. Contact [Jessie Medrow](#) for more information.

A jurisdiction is asking for information on swimming pool discharge guidance from other jurisdictions.

Does anyone have any information or guidance on swimming pool discharge best practices? Do you have outreach materials you send to residents discouraging discharge to the street? Please send your responses or information to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu. (24.09.01BM)

A jurisdiction is looking for information from other jurisdictions regarding how they deal 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? Currently, we don't have anything in our code to prevent them from providing these services.” The inquiring jurisdiction asks that you send your responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu to forward. (12-5-2023 OL)

Does anyone have examples of Adjustments or Exceptions to the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington? We have to make that decision for a development proposed in the city. 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. Please send responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu. (11.14.23FL)

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 February 15, 2023, 1:00-3:30 pm

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

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

Business Inspection Group (BIG) January 20, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting Symposium STORM February 8, 2024, 9 am-noon at Shoreline City Hall and hybrid. [Register here.](#) [STORM | Public Library\(pugetsoundstormgroup.org\)](#)

Resources

The Washington Stormwater Center has created a webpage to house GROSS grant reports and resources. View the completed GROSS grant documents for eastern and western Washington [here](#).

EPA's [Community Change Grants](#):

EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges. Apply by November 21, 2024. For more information, visit the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

[The PSP Funding 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.

EPA's [Bioretention Design Handbook](#):

This handbook was developed to inform practitioners about the latest approaches and lessons learned for bioretention design, construction, inspection, and operation and maintenance. The handbook contains a compilation of the current state of knowledge from published literature, interviews, and site visits with leading municipalities and practitioners across the United States. A unique feature includes the numerous photographs of bioretention facilities from more than 20 municipalities across the contiguous United States that showcase the adversity of design techniques.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

[Washington Dept. 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](#)

ArcGIS Reality no-cost live Training January 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

In one hour, the presenters will discuss workflows to create highly accurate 2D and 3D imagery products.

Two sessions are available—each will include time for questions and answers. All you need to attend is a broadband internet connection and a web browser that supports video streaming. [Register here](#).

[Edge Civil Design and Education courses:](#)

- Practical Guide to Stormwater with WWHM Tuesday, January 16th and Wednesday, January 17th
- Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington - Volume 1 Thursday, 1st and Friday, February 2nd

The Center for Watershed Protection's 2024 National Watershed & Stormwater Conference will take place on Monday, April 8th through Thursday, April 11th, 2024, in Kansas City, MO. All Early bird pricing ends on 1/31/24. [Register 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

City of Monroe is hiring for an Environmental Services Program Analyst; the position is looking for a candidate with an NPDES background. [Job announcement](#)

City of Olympia Public Works Water Resources is seeking a seasoned environmental professional for the Environmental Services – [Program and Planning Supervisor position](#). Please apply through the [City of Olympia Careers webpage](#). Be sure to include a letter of interest and resume.

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