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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

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.

The Stormwater Strategic Initiative has opened its [Request for Proposals](#) for Piloting Solutions

to CECs in Wastewater. Up to \$1 million in funding is available under this RFP. A successful proposal will address contaminants of emerging concern (CEC) issues in wastewater through new or innovative wastewater or pretreatment technologies. This can include fundamental research, piloting a new technology, installation, or a combination of the three, targeting reduced CECs in wastewater effluent. For more details, please read [our blog post for this funding opportunity](#).

The full solicitation and application can be found on the [Stormwater SIL's funding page](#).

Applications are due by October 22, 2024.

We are interested in working with partners to develop an approach that addresses known

CEC issues in a specific location, and can help facilitate building coalitions to support strong technical proposals. If you're considering an application, we encourage you to contact Frances Bothfeld (fbot461@ecy.wa.gov).

News State, National & Legislative Update

Water Quality Financial Assistance (State Fiscal Year 2026) [Attend a workshop to learn more!](#)

[Water Quality Combined Funding Program](#). applications are open August 13 – October 15! These virtual workshops are free and you can attend one, two, or all three. You must register separately for each workshop you wish to attend. Registration links and instructions are available below.

- [Stormwater Projects: Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, 9 AM - 2 PM](#) This workshop will cover the NEW grants in depth.

Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit: Public Comment Period Extended by request, we are extending the comment period for the Draft Financial Capability Assessment guidance by two weeks to Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024. We are accepting comments on the draft guidance starting June 20 until Aug. 14, 2024, 11:59

p.m. You may find the draft guidance on our web page at ecology.wa.gov/nutrientpermit.

Please submit your comments using our online [commenting platform eComments](#). If you have questions about the draft guidance, please email psnutrientsGP@ecy.wa.gov.

[A new Water Resources Strategic Plan is available online. The Department of Ecology's Water Resources Program is excited share its new 5-year Strategic Plan.](#) The Water Resources Program will rely on this plan to guide annual priority setting and budget development.

Both the Strategic Plan and its executive summary are

available online. We'll discuss the strategic plan at our monthly Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting on August 12. You can also read the plan online.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

Share spreadsheet with 2024 obligations and deadlines

The process to update the **Pierce County Stormwater and Site Development Manual** is underway. The manual establishes design and analysis criteria for almost all types of development activity throughout Pierce County. We're looking for representatives from municipalities within Pierce County, and community members with an interest in surface water protection and policy to help in our update process by providing comments and applying to join the Technical Advisory Committee. [Apply on our website](#), or email Emma Trehitt at emma.trehitt@piercecounitywa.gov.

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 August 15, 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) August 20, 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.

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup August 14, 2024 3:00-4:00 PM Meeting topic: To attend the meeting contact laurie.larson-

Resources

[Washington State Office of Financial Management Official population estimates April 1, 2024](#)

RCW 43.62.030 states that the Office of Financial Management shall annually determine the April 1 populations of all cities and towns of the state. OFM population estimates for cities and towns are used in state program administration and in the allocation of selected state revenues (RCW 43.62.020). Population estimates for counties are used to allocate revenues as specified in RCW 36.13.100 and RCW 43.62.030.

2024 Insights report, a comprehensive study conducted by Quinn Thomas and [DHM Research](#) to support organizations and communicators in authentically connecting with audiences of color in the Puget Sound. Our research explores:

- Personal identity and top values of communities of color Distinctions in news and online habits by age and community Perceptions of Washington state
- [Access the Report](#)

[Collective Impact Forum: The Power of Place-Based Partnerships in the Fight for Equity](#)

NMSA Recorded Webinar: [How MS4s Can Take an Integrated and Long-Term Planning Approach to Reduce Stormwater Impacts.](#)
[More information on NMSA website.](#)

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

[Indian Country 101: Tribal Engagement training for Conservation Practitioners in North America.](#)

The Nature Conservancy's Washington State staff partnered with The Whitener Group, a tribal member-owned consulting firm, to develop this online course to help conservationists work better with Native American tribes and other Indigenous Peoples. Indian Country 101 is a tuition-free, self-paced training for learners interested in gaining foundational knowledge to use in working and collaborating with tribes.

[Making Your Job Easier with MRSC's Services Wednesday, August 21, 11 AM-12 PM](#)

This free webinar will provide a comprehensive overview of MRSC's tools, resources, and information, as well as a live demonstration of our website along with tips to help you quickly find the information you need. No matter what department you work in, MRSC's resources can help you!

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

Job Opportunities

The City of Kent is seeking candidates for an [Environmental Compliance Specialist](#) position and will be accepting applications through **July 31st**. SALARY: \$7,171.00- \$8,717.00 month, depending on qualifications.

Ecology is currently recruiting:

- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a [Nonpoint Source Pollution Control and Water Quality Specialist \(Environmental Specialist 4\)](#) (In-Training) position. This position is located in our Southwest Region Office (SWRO) in Lacey, WA. [Position details](#).
- [Senior Water Quality General Permit Writer \(Environmental Specialist 5\)](#) This position is located in our Central Region Office (CRO) in Union Gap, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.
- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill an [Industrial Facility Management Engineer \(Environmental Engineer 5\) position](#). This position is located in our Central Region Office (CRO) in Union Gap, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.

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