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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

If you would like to feature a project or success story in the bulletin news section please contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

News State, National & Legislative Update

[Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships Learning Network Meeting #4](#): Community Outreach & Engagement June 4, 2024, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to join the fourth meeting of the CBP3 Learning Network for stormwater management. In this session, we'll hear from experts on how to best perform community outreach, discuss how to design equitable projects and explore metrics for community benefits. We'll also review Ecology's draft CBP3 funding guidelines and provide feedback. [Registration](#). Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

A jurisdiction asks if any other MS4 permittees apply pesticides directly to public catch basins or vaults to control mosquitoes. One such product is the larvicide <https://summitchemical.com/products/mosquito-dunks/>. If you do control mosquitoes in your MS4, what methods do you use, and has your jurisdiction (or the applicator) obtained coverage under the Aquatic Mosquito Control Permit? Send responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Join us for Storm Fest 2024!

StormFest is an outdoor stormwater learning event for students taking place June 4-6 at Des Moines Beach Park. [Educators](#) and [volunteers](#) are needed to help teach and support the programs. We offer stipends for participation as an educator! [Visit our website to find out how you can get involved!](#) Questions? Contact us at HighlineStormFest@gmail.com, lizw@burienwa.gov, or 425-686-8107.

WSC has been asked to generate a list of LID contractors (rain garden, pervious pavement, bioretention, green roofs, etc.) for installation and maintenance. If you have used a contractor that completed quality work please send their contact information to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu. You can enter your recommendations into a [form here](#). Thank you!

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

APWA May 17, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum June 20, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) July 11, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm Virtual

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

Business Inspection Group (BIG) June 18, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting May 16, 2024, 9 am- noon at the Center for Urban Waters, Tacoma in-person. Please register [here](#).

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup May 8, 2024 3:00 PM Meeting topic: [Equitable Language Guide from Public Health – Seattle & King County](#). To attend the meeting contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Resources

[Northwest Center for Alternative Pesticides](#) Healthy Lawns & Yards

The [Clean Rivers Coalition](#) developed three [Lawn Care How videos in Spanish](#): one on save pesticide use, a video specific to natural grass management, and one on fall lawn care practices.

[Hamilton Water Pilots Drone Technology](#)

The drone technology was used to help to Improve data accuracy of stormwater facilities and adhere to new compliance regulations with improved timing of pond dredging. Article.

Social Marketing Basics for Puget Sound Recovery - The Puget Sound Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead

Are you interested in motivating behavior change to affect Puget Sound habitat protection and restoration? Curious about why or how to incorporate “social marketing” into your work? This overview from Puget Sound Institute explains social marketing basics and describes a few key concepts using examples from three local social marketing campaigns funded by the Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead. Included at the end are some resources to help you get started with your own project. Check out the full [blog post](#) for more information.

[NOAA releases new National Water Prediction Service website](#)

NOAA rolls out its new website, NWPS, that aids water professionals with predictions and data.

Salmon Recovery Planning Grant:

The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Puget Sound National Estuary Program and the Stormwater and Habitat strategic initiative leads, are offering [salmon recovery planning grants](#) to local governments and tribes. These funds aim to advance the [Governor's statewide salmon recovery strategy](#) and align with the [Strategic Initiative Leads' priorities](#). Please contact the Growth Management Services Ecosystem Team at angela.sanfilippo@commerce.wa.gov or david.pater@commerce.wa.gov.

Washington Department of Commerce: Community-Based Organization Public Participation Grants Deadline May 30, 2024

Recent [updates to state law](#) require Commerce to advance the participation of vulnerable populations and overburdened communities in comprehensive planning processes. In response, Commerce has established this new grant program. Commerce has budgeted \$2 million of Climate Commitment Act Funds for a community-based participation program.

- Contract award amounts: Between \$35,000 and \$100,000 for the initial year of the grant program (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). Successful applicants will engage in local comprehensive planning processes occurring within cities and counties as a result of funding support. Examples are included in the grant application instructions.

Grant applicants must:

- Be a Washington state-registered non-profit corporation.
- Be licensed to do business in Washington state.
- Participate in comprehensive planning activities in one or more of the following counties or cities within these counties: Clallam, Clark, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, Thurston, or Whatcom Counties.

Please review the [grant application materials \(on Box\)](#) for more information. Contact the Application Coordinator at CBOgrants@commerce.wa.gov.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

EPA: “Empowering Communities for Environmental Equity” theme provides opportunity for conversation about equitable access to healthy and sustainable communities.

EPA’s Mid-Atlantic Region announced today that registration is now open for its 3rd Annual environmental summit, to be held virtually on May 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 4p.m. Free and open to the public, this event will convene representatives from communities, non-profits, Tribes, advocacy groups, industry, academia, and state and local governments from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Senior Advisor and Assistant to President Biden, Tom Perez, will join EPA Deputy Administrator Janet McCabe will offer opening remarks. Anyone interested in the environment, policy, and public health are encouraged to attend.

Full details on the agenda, session descriptions, speakers, and the registration portal can be found here:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/a40840fe-b2dc-4848-81d6-dd2afdbe6c70/summary>.

[Join us for our BRAND NEW webinar Crafting Your Nonprofit’s Generative AI Policy:](#) May 16 10-11 AM (PT) Maximizing the Benefits and Minimizing the Risks and we’ll:

- Give you some practical ways to think about and discuss AI in your organization.
- Explore the primary benefits of using generative AI, such a drafting content or creating visuals, refining the tone and style for target audiences, and curating content.
- Explore the downsides: the legal and ethical concerns about source materials, the lack of authenticity and sameness in the writing, possible impacts on your website SEO, and the potential lack of transparency and accountability internally.
- Review the essential components of a comprehensive policy for the use of generative AI.
- Identify additional actions you can lead or suggest internally.

Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop - Doug McKenzie-Mohr June 3-5, 2024, Virtual, Fee Based

This virtual workshop will particularly interest agencies that promote waste reduction, energy and water efficiency, conservation, sustainable food consumption, invasive species control, electrification, modal transportation changes, and other sustainable actions. View registration information [here](#).

Center for Watershed Protection Stream Restoration Webinars: [Finding Common Ground Free](#)

1. [The Evolution of Stream Restoration - June 4th](#)
2. [A Whole Watershed Approach - June 11th](#)
3. [Assessing Alternatives: Tools and Best Practices to Restoration Approach Selection - June 18th](#)

[Clean Rivers Coalition Forum in-person June 5th, 2024](#) City of Keizer Civic Center

StormCon August 27-29, 2024 Reno, NV. [Lean more here](#).

Online Courses

[Washington Stormwater Center E-School](#) Free online courses: Rain Garden Training Program, Farmers Market and Food Truck Pollution Prevention, and Source Control Inspection Training.

American Waterworks Association CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN - PFAS Self-paced Course Fee \$139.00

The purpose of this course is to provide important information on the scope of the PFAS issue as it relates to drinking water. It covers EPA's integrated approach to PFAS including requirements and best practices for water monitoring, testing, treatment, disposal, and stakeholder communication. [Register here.](#)

[CWT Academy](#) is pleased to announce the release of our industrial or multi-sector stormwater management series! [View courses here.](#)

Job Opportunities

Ecology is currently recruiting:

- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a [Stormwater Monitoring Engineer\(Environmental Engineer 5\)](#) position. Please Note: This is a project position that is funded until December 31, 2025. The funding for this position has a high probability of being renewed for another five years, subject to available funding.
- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a [Duwamish Stormwater Compliance Specialist \(Environmental Specialist 4\)](#) (In-Training) position. This position is located in our Northwest Region Office(NWRO) in [Shoreline, WA](#). Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.
- The Water Quality Program, Central Regional Office (Union Gap, WA) and the Eastern Regional Office (Spokane, WA) are currently recruiting for [Municipal Stormwater Permit Implementation Planners](#), one at each regional office. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station. First screening is scheduled for May 1, 2024. If you have questions please contact Erik.VanDoren@ecy.wa.gov Central Regional Office or Art.Jenkins@ecy.wa.gov Eastern Regional Office.
- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill two [Nonpoint Inspector and Compliance Specialist\(Environmental Specialist 3\)](#) positions. The positions are located in our Central Region Office (CRO) in [Union Gap, WA](#). Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station. Applications due April 29, 2024. Contact Jillian Carver jill.carver@ecy.wa.gov with any questions. [More information here.](#)

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