



# Municipal Stormwater Bulletin:

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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**

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## News

**SAM Street Sweeping Study needs municipal permit staff's input for the Street Sweeping Manual! Your expertise and insights are the critical in shaping the future of municipal street sweeping programs.** We have developed a survey that aims to collect information from municipal permittees to gain an understanding of Permittee priorities to inform the street sweeping manual content.

Please share with your staff/departments (stormwater program managers, staff overseeing and implementing street sweeping programs, street equipment operators, etc.) involved in your jurisdiction's current or future street sweeping program. [Complete the Survey](#) by Wednesday, May 23, 2024 by 5 PM. Contact [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu) with any questions. Information will be posted to the [Street Sweeping website](#) as available.

PSEMP & The Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead announce a Lunch and Learn Use of Science in Ecosystem Recovery Partnerships in Puget Sound: A Survey Report for Stakeholders June 10, 2024 12:00 PM. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) Report available at this [link](#). [Registration information](#).

## News State, National & Legislative Update

### Public comment period open for the Industrial Draft Permit

Ecology proposes to reissue the Industrial Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit(permit). The current permit was last issued in November 2019 and is scheduled to expire Dec. 31, 2024. We will host informational workshops and public hearings and will accept public comments on the draft permit from Wednesday, May 15 until Friday, June 28, 2024 at 11:59 pm. The revised draft permit and fact sheet, which explains the legal and technical basis for the permit, are available with associated documents on our webpage.

The draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available on Ecology's [Industrial Stormwater General Permit webpage](#). You may also request hard copies from Jackie Lince at [jackie.lince@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jackie.lince@ecy.wa.gov) (360) 407-6600.

**EPA Region 10 Announces 2024 Regional Pollution Prevention Award Program Applications** will be accepted through May 24, 2024. [Read more on the website.](#) Contact: [EPA Region 10 Press Team.](#)

## Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

**Call for Speakers:** The North America Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) is a non-profit, membership-based association of individuals, businesses, government officials, academia, and non-profit organizations dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing the hazardous components entering municipal waste streams from households, small businesses and other entities. Contact: [Heidi Zarghami.](#) [Informational flyer.](#)

**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](mailto: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** June 12, 2024 3:00 PM Meeting topic: To attend the meeting contact [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu).

## Resources

**Puget Sound Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead funded three tools** built to help prioritize recover actions. The tools assist in integrating data into habitat recovery planning processes. Read more in a [blog post](#).

[WEF Stormwater Report Green Infrastructure Article: First-of-its-kind Pocket Forest planted in New York City](#)

[EPA Announces Online Collection of Environmental Justice 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.

**Research on the effect of permeable pavement on remediating 6PPD Q** by [Dr. Ani Jayakaran and Chelsea Mitchell, WSU.](#) [Additional information.](#)

**Ecology: Is there a connection between old concrete and water quality?** New Study to identify possible pollution and guide the industry. [Read more about concrete and water quality.](#) Ecology contact is [Colleen Keltz](#).

[Integrated science for the study of microplastics in the environment](#)—A strategic science vision for the U.S. Geological Survey

(usgs.gov)

[WEF Article: Proactively Planning for PFAS](#)

[WEF Article: Unraveling the PFAS Problem](#)

## Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

EPA Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA): Helping communities Access Funding May 22, 2024 2-3 PM EST  
[Registration. For more information.](#)

**Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center Webinar:** Addressing Stormwater Challenges with EPA technical Assistance and Funding May 29, 2024, 1-2 PM EDT. This webinar will introduce water technical assistance (Water TA) and funding available through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address stormwater-related challenges. Participants will learn about stormwater solutions, including green infrastructure or nature-based solutions, implemented through Water TA and EPA funding sources. The topics covered are:

- EPA's free water technical assistance programs (Water TA)
- BIL funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)
- Detailed description of how Water TA can assist communities in identifying solutions and addressing stormwater challenges from Delta Institute, a Water TA provider.

This webinar is intended for communities facing stormwater challenges, as represented by utility staff, stormwater program staff, municipal officials, community organizations, and other stakeholders. The content is especially relevant for underserved communities and those that have not previously accessed SRF funding. [Registration for webinar here.](#)

[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.

**Clean Rivers Coalition Forum In-person Event in City of Keizer June 5, 2024 10am - 2pm.**

Agenda: Follow the Water Campaign, content Idea Brainstorm, Lightning Talks from Coalition Partners, What's Ahead for 2024. [Please RSVP.](#)

**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 Stormwater Channel on YouTube](#)

Did you know that the Washington Stormwater Center has a YouTube Channel with over 400 videos? We have free trainings, webinars, original series like Stormwater Talks, archived conference presentations, and much much more! Subscribe now, like your favorite videos, and click the bell icon to receive notifications when we publish new content.

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

## Job Opportunities

**City of Redmond Public Works department is hiring a Source Control Program Administrator.** This role will implement source control inspection programs focused on hazardous materials reduction/elimination and stormwater pollution prevention. Other responsibilities include code enforcement support and leading source control efforts aimed at protecting the quality of the City's drinking water aquifer. See job posting at: [Source Control Program Administrator | Job Details tab | Career Pages\(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

[King County Stormwater Services Section manager position.](#)

[City of Anacortes Stormwater Inspector Position job announcement.](#) For questions contact Aaron Esterholt, [aarone@cityofanacortes.org](mailto:aarone@cityofanacortes.org).

Tacoma tree Foundation is hiring a full-time planting Director. This is a new permanent position. [Please check out the job description.](#)

### **Ecology is currently recruiting:**

SAM coordinator position: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/4376601/stormwater-monitoring-engineer-environmental-engineer-5>

- 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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