



Municipal Stormwater Bulletin:

[Inquires](#) | [Resources](#) | [News](#)

October 16, 2024

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

Governor Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring November 9-16, 2024, as **Stormwater Awareness Week** in Washington State! You can see the **proclamation** on the [Washington Stormwater Awareness Week](#) website. Also on this website are resources for all jurisdictions to pass a proclamation for Washington Stormwater Awareness Week. These resources include a language template and a letter of support from WSC for your use. As it states on the website, a Proclamation is a strategic tool that can inspire collective action and foster a sense of responsibility throughout the community. We want to help you leverage this week!

[MuniCon 2025 Call for Abstracts](#) Closes October 31! Get your abstracts in now! Registration on the [MuniCon 2025 website](#). We want to know about your successes, lessons learned, and your innovations. The lead presenter of each selected abstract will receive complimentary registration for MuniCon 2025, with a second presenter eligible for a discounted registration fee.

[The Washington Stormwater Center Stormwater Week website](#) is live! We are sponsoring workshops to celebrate **National Stormwater Awareness Week** November 9-16, 2024. The Center is hosting an [in-person IDDE / Spill Control Workshop](#) for municipal employees on November 12, 2024, 8:00 - 11:30 at the Extension Center 2606 W. Pioneer Ave, Puyallup. In the afternoon, there will be a [Source Control Inspection Workshop](#) from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. You must register to attend. **New virtual seminars** have been added; please see the website for a full schedule with registration links and plan to attend!

Ecology is opening a [Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant program](#). The funding window opens November 5, 2024. A schedule of webinars to assist prospective applicants is on the [Ecology funding website](#).

Funding Opportunity: **[\\$8.6 million available through upcoming funding opportunities with the Stormwater Strategic Initiative](#)**. The Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead [will open Requests for Proposals](#) on October 23. If you are considering an application under one or more of these opportunities, please submit this short ["Interest in Applying" form](#) as soon as possible to help us connect you with resources to develop a strong application! For more information and RFP contact information, [please visit our blog post](#). Contact Stormwater SIL leads Derek Day (derek.day@ecy.wa.gov) and Emily McCartan (emily.mccartan@ecy.wa.gov).

News - State, National & Legislative Update

Ecology is proposing [updates to the human health criteria of WAC 173-201A-240](#), Toxic substances to incorporate existing federal human health criteria for Washington into the state water quality standards. Human health criteria are pollution limits on toxic substances to protect people who eat fish and shellfish and drink untreated water from the long-term health effects of pollution in rivers, lakes, and marine water in Washington. Human health criteria proposed changes comment period 12 a.m. on Sept. 17, 2024, until 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 25, 2024. There is a webinar on October 22, 2024, at 5:30.

STORMCON 2025 CALL FOR PAPERS NOW OPEN! Proposal Deadline: Friday, November 15, 2024
[SUBMIT PROPOSAL HERE](#)

Ecology is updating a state rule to adjust **water quality permit fees**. Ecology wants to learn from community members about **environmental justice considerations** that may be connected to water quality permit fees rulemaking. Ecology is hosting an online session Monday, October 21, 2024, 10am - 11:30 am, to receive thoughts and considerations. [Environmental Justice Listening Session - Washington State Department of Ecology](#).

Ecology's [Annual TMDL Prioritization Feedback webinar](#) is Thursday October 24, 2024, 9-11 am. The comment period is October 24, 2024 - November 24, 2024.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

A jurisdiction is experiencing **trespass issues at a storm detention pond** and wants to know if any community has posted "no trespassing" signs at stormwater facilities. Staff would like to know about any experiences other jurisdictions have had with restricting access to stormwater facilities. Please reply to Laurie Larson-Pugh at Laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

[Take the 2024 Water Year Impacts Survey](#) for The University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and Office of the Washington State Climatologist, in collaboration with the NOAA National Integrated Drought Information System. The survey is anonymous and asks about impacts and response actions that were implemented during the 2024 water year by sector due to either abnormally dry or abnormally wet conditions. The [survey](#) should take about 15 minutes to complete and will be open through **Wednesday, November 27**.

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings

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

APWA November 15, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum October 17, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) October 24, 2024, from 1:00 - 3:30 pm.

South Sound Phase II Coordinators Group October 24, 2024, 9:00-11:00 am

North Sound Phase II Coordinators Group November 5, 2024, 10:00 to 12:00.

Business Inspection Group (BIG) December 17, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM - Save the date for the **STORM 2024 Symposium** which is Thursday, November 21, 2024, 9 AM - 3 PM at Brightwater Center in Woodinville. This is an in-person event. Contact anne.melrose@wsu.edu.

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup (for municipal staff only) November 15, 2024, 3:00-4:00 PM Meeting.

EJ Salon November 26, 2024, 2:00-3:30. To attend either of the EJ meetings contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Ecology's **Stormwater Working Group** meets November 13, 2024, 9:00 am to 12:00.

Resources

In commemoration of Climate Week NYC, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and AmeriCorps announced the [Environmental Justice Climate Corps](#), a new partnership launched as part of President Biden's American Climate Corps to open doors for people to serve in careers that benefit disadvantaged and other low-income communities. This partnership will support more than 250 AmeriCorps VISTA members nationwide over three years, with each new participating member completing a one-year term of service. Applications for the Environmental Justice Climate Corps will open in early 2025, with a goal for its first cohort to start later that year. To sign up for updates on the program, [visit EPA's website](#).

Elgin Street Sweeper company has posted an article, "[6 Ways to Prepare your Street Sweeper for Leaf Season](#)."

[The American Water Works Association](#) has announced its 2025 [AWWA Scholarship Program](#). There are 28 academic scholarships for graduate and undergraduate studies and research in water. APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 20, 2024

The Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC) released a [6PPD and 6 PPD Q](#) website which contains plain English definitions with links for further reading. There are some great science citations.

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) has released a report on "[Nurturing Tomorrow's Green Workforce](#)" in their "[Stormwater Report](#)."

EPA's Nonpoint Source Management Branch has released a new Escaped Trash Risk Map. This map is designed to help local governments and communities identify high-density escaped trash areas so they can evaluate impacts and consider how to take action. [EPA's Escaped Trash Assessment Protocol \(ETAP\) | US EPA](#)

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

October

The **National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA)** is hosting a **free webinar** on Wed, **Oct 16** from 12-1:30pm (Eastern) titled, "[Biochar & Green Infrastructure: Nature-Based Solutions for PFAS and Other Emerging & Legacy Contaminants for Sustainable Stormwater Management In the Age of Climate Change](#)." Contact seth.brown@nationalstormwateralliance.org for presentation materials as this is very short notice.

California Stormwater Quality Association Annual Conference: October 21-23, 2024, in Sacramento. To register, go to the [Annual Conference Page](#).

The EPA's [Healthy Watersheds Program](#) is excited to announce the third meeting of our webinar series, the [Healthy Watersheds Learning Exchanges](#). The upcoming call on Wednesday, October 23rd at 1 PM EST will feature data tools and resources to advance the identification and protection of healthy watersheds. Visit our webpage for more information about this webinar series and [use this link to register](#). Previous webinar recordings may be found on their [YouTube channel](#).

Announcing the 19th annual [Oregon-Washington Water Year meeting: 2024 Recap and 2025 Outlook](#). Held as two virtual morning meetings on Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30. No cost to attend. [Registration required](#).

[Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships Learning Network](#). The CBP3 Learning Network helps Washington stormwater managers accelerate stormwater program delivery and build a state funding program that works for them. [Meeting #5: Contracting Innovations with the Private Sector](#) October 30th, 2024, 9:30 am - 11:00 pm PST. Contact Sarah.ponte@ecy.wa.gov for information.

November

[CWP](#) is happy to share the first set of products from the National Watershed Research Network! Visit this link to access a white paper with actionable recommendations for **adapting state stormwater standards to climate impacts** and a review tool for municipal stormwater

managers to evaluate and improve their stormwater standards: [Accounting for Climate Change in Post-Construction Stormwater Standards](#). Join the meeting link below for access to a [FREE lunch & Learn on November 7th from 2-3pm EST](#) to learn more. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Titus.

Greenbuild is hosting **Greenbuild International Conference and Expo** November 12 - 15, 2024, in Philadelphia, PA. [More information on the website](#).

NMSA Celebrates 2nd Annual National Stormwater Day: NMSA will once again celebrate National Stormwater Day by hosting a free webinar to celebrate milestones, accomplishments and leaders in the stormwater sector. To [register for the National Stormwater Day webinar](#) to be held from 1-2:30pm (Eastern) on Friday, November 15, 2024.

This year's **Stormwater Partners Symposium** is Wednesday, November 20 from 1-4:30 pm at the Lcamas Lake Lodge (see attached). Contact Eric Lambert at Eric.Lambert@clark.wa.gov for agenda and information.

With support from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington Department of Ecology, the Seattle and Bellevue 2030 Districts are hosting a series of **PCB Awareness and Removal Workshops**. The workshops are free to attend and are targeted at property owners and managers who may have PCBs present in their building materials. The purpose of the workshops is disseminating Ecology's materials for proper PCB remediation and disposal to prevent pollution of our waters. Register by clicking on the date: [November 19th \(Virtual\)](#) or [December 4th \(In-Person\)](#)

December

[The Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association's SPARKS 2024](#) conference is a two-day event December 9-10 at the Cascadia College in Bothell. Registration closes December 6, 2024.

Online Courses & Related Skill Training

The [Clean Water Academy](#) will be teaching an in-person [CESCL full certification](#) class [October 30-31](#). They are offering a recertification class on November 7, 2024, also in Bothell.

This is a new class [Delivering an Effective Presentation to Decision-Makers](#), geared for city and county employees and others who make presentations to commissioners, council members, and boards. This class teaches a different approach to text-heavy, complicated presentations. Cathy Angell is offering this class twice virtually with public registration on November 14 and January 14, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm Pacific Time.

King County Skills Training:

- L0105 Public Information Basics – FEMA PIO class at Snohomish County DEM, Nov. 12-14 [Register here](#), there is a waitlist at this time.
- L0105 Public Information Basics – FEMA PIO class at Puyallup P.D., Dec. 3-5 [Register here](#).
- MGM-318 Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident, at Snohomish County DEM, Dec. 10-11, [Information and register](#).

Job Opportunities

The City of Lynnwood is hiring an [Engineering Technician - Environmental and Surface Water](#). The job closes on October 20, 2024.

The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a [Nonpoint Source Water Quality and Shellfish Specialist \(Environmental Specialist 3\)](#) position. This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA. First Screening occurs October 24, so submit your application by October 23, 2024.

The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a [Freshwater Quality Implementation Lead \(Environmental](#)

[Planner 4](#)) position. This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA. This is a **project position** that is funded until June 30, 2028. First screening occurs October 24, 2024.

Laurie Larson-Pugh
Permit Assistance Program Manager
Washington Stormwater Center
2606 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup WA 98371
360-721-8032

Have information you would like to be featured in a future bulletin?

[Submit Here](#)

[Subscribe](#) to never miss a future bulletin!

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)

