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Municipal Stormwater Permits

Issuance Date: August 1, 2012
Effective Date: August 1, 2013
Expiration Date: July 31, 2018
Modification Date: January 16, 2014

Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and
State Waste Discharge General Permit
for discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewers
in Western Washington

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600

In compliance with the provisions of
The State of Washington Water Pollution Control Law
Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington
and
The Federal Water Pollution Control Act
(The Clean Water Act)
Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251 *et seq.*

Until this permit expires, is modified, or revoked, Permittees that have properly obtained coverage under this permit are authorized to discharge to waters of the state in accordance with the special and general conditions which follow.



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Low-impact Development

- Low-impact development (LID) is an alternative to sending stormwater runoff directly into waterways like Puget Sound.
- Incorporates natural drainage solutions into development
- Uses strategies that collect and filter rainfall and protect people from pollution and flooding.



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Low-impact Development



How are we doing?



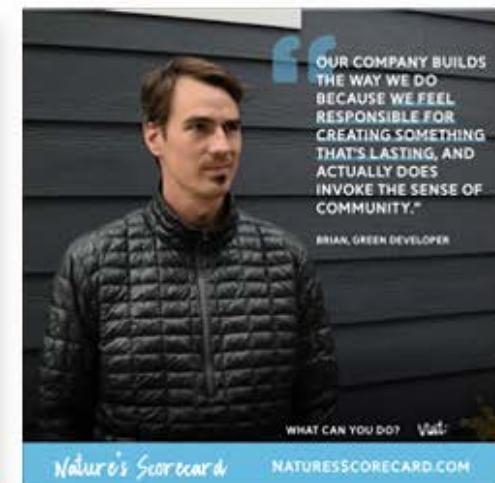
15% failed to meet the permit requirement

38% barely updated, making only minor changes

47% made updates to truly improve their code

- Over 50% of Puget Sound municipalities missed the mark
- 8 municipalities went above and beyond ('Green Stars')

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Accountability

- Relied on Annual Reports and the 4 corners of development codes
- Used Ecology-endorsed resource as objective guide
- Created 5-part checklist along with a fundamental set of Qs



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Our Impact Checklist: TACOMA



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Realizing Impact

- Goal = accessible, engaging
- Making connections through direct outreach, press, action alerts, social media, mailers, presentations
- Creating opportunities to celebrate and take action



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Thank you!



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