

Which Hat Am I Wearing Today?

The Complexities of Being a Phase 2
City

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City Facts

- 102,000 plus population
- 44 square miles
- ¼ in combined sewers
- CSOs
- Industrial history
- Puget Sound and Snohomish River

Stormwater Conundrum

- Cities and counties are permittees AND regulators
- Must strike a balance
- Quality of life through environment AND vibrant business community
- Education before enforcement
- Avoid “do as I say, not as I do”
- Rock and hard place—example: carwashes, detailers, charity

BMPs for stormwater

- Municipalities tied to techniques in 2005 Manual
- Businesses have more latitude for control and new techniques
- For both, implementation and adequate maintenance of BMPs of paramount importance

LID

- Required of Phase 1s “where feasible”
- Strongly encouraged in Phase 2s
- Not the “be all and end all”
- Some application at industrial facilities
- City concerns over GMA in-fill, soils, legacy pollutants
 - How do we maintain these, what is failure, and who will be responsible if it fails?

Liability

- Permit language reads that once it hits your pipes/ditches, it's your responsibility
- How to interface industry permits issued by Ecology with municipal role
- In bad economic times, more passed to cities—change of tune on lawsuits

Questions

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