Our Green/Duwamish
Watershed-Wide Stormwater Strategy

Vision Statement

In the Green/Duwamish watershed, stormwater runoff is sustainably managed to support and enhance the environment, human health and the economy.

Mission Statement

We will improve and accelerate watershed-scale stormwater runoff management actions in the Green/Duwamish watershed, **collaboratively**, with community, jurisdictions, agencies, nonprofits and businesses. We will manage the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff by:

*preserving and restoring receiving waters * securing sustainable funding resources * aligning non-regulatory and regulatory interests * advancing equity, social justice and the economy * prioritizing actions with multiple benefits.

Goal 1: Reduce priority toxics and other pollutants discharging to receiving waters.

Objective 1: Improve source control across multiple sectors (commercial, industrial, agriculture, residential).

Objective 2: Increase and improve maintenance practices for stormwater infrastructure.

Objective 3: Increase research on sources of priority toxics.

Objective 4: Retrofit stormwater infrastructure to address flow control and water quality impacts.

Goal 2: Foster partnerships, broad participation and collaboration amongst watershed stakeholders and communities.

Objective 1: Increase cross-sector and cross-jurisdictional partnerships and collaboration.

Objective 2: Develop tools to increase collaboration amongst stakeholder.

Goal 3: Increase access to existing data, research and resources.

Objective 1: Compile and centralize access to existing, available stormwater information.

Objective 2: Use existing information to prioritize actions regionally.

Objective 3: Develop prioritized list of capital infrastructure needs (based on agreed-upon priorities).

Goal 4: Restore natural hydrologic functions through reduction in uncontrolled stormwater runoff flows.

Objective 1: Increase stormwater infiltration and permeability.

Objective 2: Ensure all properties have and maintain stormwater controls.

Objective 3: Perform watershed – level basin planning.

Goal 5: Increase innovation in stormwater runoff management.

Objective 1: Evaluate and implement incentive programs.

Objective 2: Increase research in key stormwater management areas.

Objective 3: Support stormwater NPDES permit implementation.

Goal 6: Increase awareness and an understanding of stormwater runoff management.

Objective 1: Research and carry out best methods for stormwater management messaging to target audiences.

Objective 2: Expand stormwater management education, advocacy & training.

Goal 7: Build a coalition or collaborative entity to carry out the vision for the Green/Duwamish watershed wide stormwater management strategy.

Objective 1: Develop a strategy to build the coalition or collaborative entity.

HOW - Use a pro-equity approach to selecting and implementing stormwater actions

WHAT – Build on current areas of stormwater management:

- Collaboration/ Integration/ Incentivization
- Education
- Enforcement/ Compliance
- Funding
- Maintenance
- Infrastructure
- Policy
- Research and innovation

Next Steps

Recommendation 1: Build a coalition/organizing structure for watershed-wide stormwater management in the Green/Duwamish Watershed. This should include considerations for representation (who and the number of people engaged), a timeline for implementation, guidelines and purpose of coalition, roles and responsibilities. The information presented in this report provides the foundation for this work.

Recommendation 2: Develop a final Watershed-Wide Stormwater Strategy and associated implementation plan.

Recommendation 3: Identify and consider implementing early actions. Early actions are those that have the potential to be implemented quickly and already have some momentum in the watershed behind them. The project team should work with the coalition/organizing structure to identify the early actions that can be accomplished.

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