

2015-2021 Storm and Surface Water Management Plan

Plan Scoping
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Storm and Surface Water Utility

Responsibilities

- Flooding
 - Full responsibility
- Water Quality
 - Responsible for managing runoff contaminants
 - Many other sources and dynamics
- Aquatic Habitat
 - Limited regulatory authority compared to the State
 - Ability to influence local landscapes

Current Goals

- Flooding... reflects expectation of minimizing and fully managing problems
- Water quality... seeks to improve runoff water quality with a focus on retrofitting older arterial roadways
- Aquatic habitat... focuses efforts on protecting intact habitat and riparian areas as well as Budd Inlet

Planning Context

- City initiative... no State mandate or guidelines
 - Different than the NPDES-required plan
- Expect engaged and opinionated public involvement
 - Key environmental issues
- Challenges associated with urban natural resource management
 - Outcomes often linked to individual behaviors
- Historical tendency to do what is feasible with reasonable costs

Your Thoughts

