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Here are my comments on SSWP

Rain water is necessary to re-fill the aquifer, but the plan does not show how that will be accomplished. Rather, it takes the approach which talks about "non-point" runoff, but to turn back and realize that rain should stay where it falls, requires some re-thinking the urban environment. What percentage of rainwater might stay on the East side if there were swales along each street instead of curbs, gutters and storm drains? What about rain gardens? Couldn't there be an incentive for homeowners who want to forego a lawn and instead build a rain garden? If you are going to rely on the public to control these non-point sources, then the public should be given incentives (help in creating/maintaining) rain gardens.

Aquatic Habitat challenges really start with the micro organisms that create the base of the food chain. Giving priority to healthy streams in the SSWP would mean projecting the cost to daylight streams so that phytoplankton have a chance to grow and consume some of the pollutants.

I'm no scientist, but these things seem obvious. Business as usual will not create a healthy South Sound.

Please use your clout and scientific know-how to turn this document into a plan to correct 100 years of mis-management. Instead, what I see is finger pointing and a blue print for more loss.

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