

**Snohomish County
CY 2019 Annual Report
Attachment for Question 11
Description of Public Involvement Process for SWMP and SMAP**

Special Condition S5.A of the 2019 Phase I Permit, effective August 1, 2019, defines the SWMP as “a set of actions and activities comprising the components listed in S5, and additional actions necessary, to meet the requirements of applicable TMDLs pursuant to S7 Compliance with TMDL Requirements, and S8 Monitoring and Assessment.” The SWMP Plan is the document that describes these actions.

Special Condition S5.C.4.a of the 2013 Phase I Permit, which expired July 31, 2019, stated: “Permittees shall create opportunities for the public to participate in the decision-making processes involving the development, implementation and update of the Permittee’s SWMP.” Special Condition S5.C.4.a of the 2019 Phase I Permit states: Permittees shall create opportunities for the public, including overburdened communities, to participate in the decision-making processes involving the development, implementation, and update of the Permittee’s SWMP and SMAP (SMAP applies to counties).” The “SMAP” is the Stormwater Management Action Plan required by Special Condition S5.C.6.d of the 2019 permit.

In 2019, opportunities for the public to participate in decision-making processes involving the development, implementation, and update of the actions composing the County’s SWMP included:

- ◆ Publishing the 2019 County SWMP Plan on the County’s NPDES website and requesting comments via phone or e-mail.
- ◆ Public meetings and hearings on the County’s 2019 budget.
- ◆ Opportunities for public comment on any amendments to the Snohomish County Code relevant to Phase I Permit requirements.
- ◆ Public notice and comment process for County capital projects and private development projects for which the County issues development permits.

In addition, in order to address the 2019 Phase 1 Permit requirement for specifically ensuring public involvement opportunities for overburdened communities, the County began an internal assessment of County programs that are inherently intended to serve overburdened communities, or for which a basic element is the identification of overburdened communities. The two County departments that primarily implement such programs are Human Services and Emergency Management. Neither of these departments has a primary function related to the Phase I Permit. In fall 2019, SWM began a further assessment of how the programs of these departments can serve as a basis for public involvement actions related to the Phase I Permit in the context of overburdened communities.

In 2019, the County was in the early stages of planning for the development of the SMAP, and did not perform any specific actions related to public involvement for this project.