

**Snohomish County
CY 2021 Annual Report
Attachment for Question 35
Stormwater Planning – Coordination with Long Range Plan Updates**

Annual Report Question #35 “Based on the projected population densities and distribution of growth over the planning period, describe how stormwater runoff impacts are forecasted. Does stormwater management information (including water quality) direct where growth is directed?”

Stormwater runoff impacts are forecasted based on comparison of land use alternatives and on hydrologic modeling as part of the SEPA process for major comprehensive plan updates, or at the project level when drainage plans are being prepared for a specific development.

Stormwater impacts are incorporated into land use planning at several levels:

- In goals, objectives and policies in the comprehensive plan that influence the development of regulatory and non-regulatory programs that contribute directly and indirectly to watershed protection.
- In assignment of land use designations where the expected densities include the amount of land needed for infrastructure of all types, including stormwater facilities.
- In determining urban growth area boundaries such that areas poorly suited to supporting urban levels of development are preserved as rural or resource lands (ex. Little Bear Creek Basin).
- Land use data, maps and forecasts are used in subarea plans to identify specific stormwater-related project needs and costs.