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## **Snohomish County Public Works Hosts Resources for Healthy Water Event for Lower Stillaguamish Basin Area Residents**

*Resources and Incentives for Livestock, Pet, and Septic System Owners  
November 14, 2015 at Stanwood High School*

**EVERETT, Wash., November 2, 2015** – With significant bacterial pollution problems in the Lower Stillaguamish River Basin area, Snohomish County and partners are providing resources to area residents to help identify and correct these problems. This pollution, fecal coliform bacteria, is found in feces of humans, livestock, pets, and wildlife, and can get into local waterways causing potential illness and disease. Whether individuals live in a town, on a farm, or near a stream or storm drain, there are many ways to prevent these bacteria and other pollutants from getting into nearby waters.

Come learn about how to keep our local waters clean by controlling bacteria on your property. Your actions can help your family, pets, livestock, and neighbors stay healthy.

**Event:** Resources for Healthy Water – Lower Stillaguamish Basin Area

**When:** Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Stanwood High School  
7400 272nd Street Northwest  
Stanwood, WA 98292

**Who Should Attend:** Lower Stillaguamish River Basin area residents, especially livestock, pet, and septic system owners

**What:** Attendees will learn about pollution, water quality, and how to help ensure clean water for their families and businesses. The following will be available:

- Technical information for agriculture best management practices, pet owners, and on-site septic system repairs
- Financial assistance opportunities for livestock, agriculture, and septic system owners
- Giveaways to encourage and promote healthy water practices, including a free pet waste scooper or pasture stick for first 50 attendees (one per household)

This event is sponsored by the Lower Stillaguamish River Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program, which is led by Snohomish County Public Works in coordination with multiple local agencies. The PIC Program helps identify and correct sources of bacterial pollution in the Lower Stillaguamish River Basin that affects 4,950 acres of commercial shellfish growing areas as well as recreational water uses in South Skagit Bay, Port Susan, and the Stillaguamish River. It is one of the primary ways the county is working to restore water quality in the Stillaguamish River Clean Water District.

If you have questions about the event, contact [allison.tabiando@snoco.org](mailto:allison.tabiando@snoco.org) or call 425-388-3126. For more information about the PIC Program visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/LowerStillyPIC](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/LowerStillyPIC).

### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversee the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).