

**Building Cities in the Rain
Working Group
Draft Agenda
8-20-14**

Puget Sound Regional Council
5th Floor Board Room
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98106

Time	Topic	Action Needed
1:00 p.m.	Introductions	Role of the facilitator; introductions by all
1:10 p.m.	Ground Rules	Agreement on ground rules
1:20 p.m.	Public Comment	
1:30 p.m.	Updated scope of work (see attached draft)	Finalize scope of work
2:30 p.m.	Process for developing the guidance	Outline of the process
2:45 p.m.	Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting date and location • Other counties/cities to be invited to working group? • Upcoming engagement/outreach opportunities 	Update web site with this information
2:55 p.m.	+/ Δ	Meeting evaluation
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Other work outside the meeting:

- Finalize one-pager explaining the project for sharing and posting on the project web site
- Scheduling upcoming meetings

Directions to PSRC

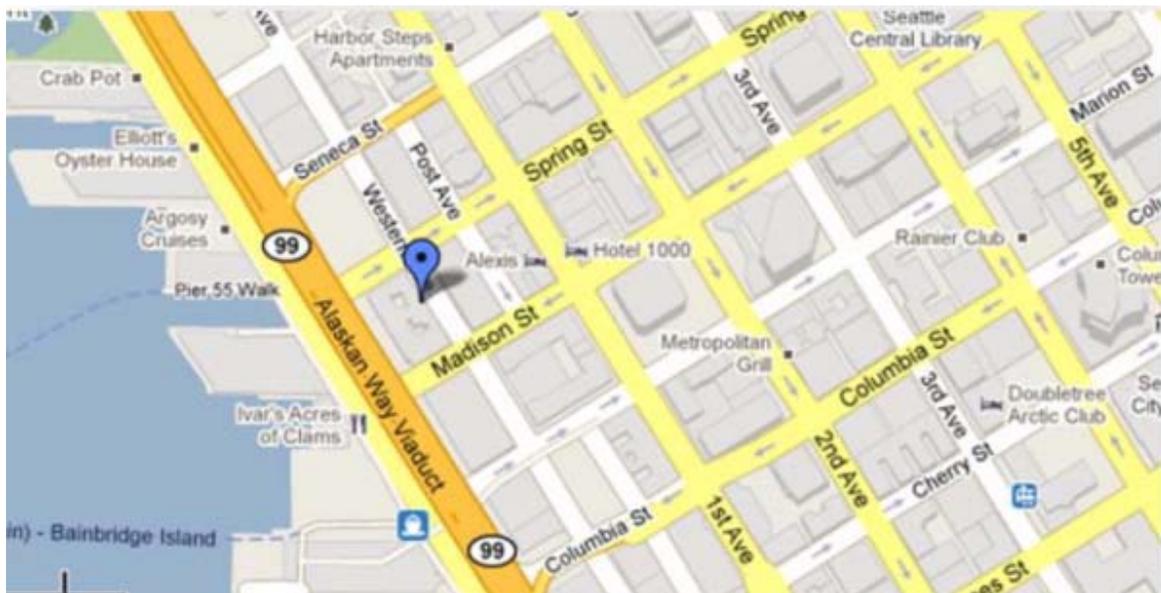
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Building Cities in the Rain
South Central Action Area Local Integrating Organization:
Stormwater and Infill Development

Draft Project Work Plan – Updated August 2014

Purpose and Need:

Current regulatory and legal requirements, including stormwater management, provide important environmental protections, but can also make development in urban centers more expensive than in less dense areas. What approaches can the region use to increase infill development in urban centers while meeting stormwater requirements and GMA mandates?¹

The complex challenge of meeting growth management and stormwater goals involves many disciplines, such as: water resources management, fisheries, stormwater science and engineering; environmental advocacy; architecture; real estate development and finance; land use transportation, and environmental planning; and urban design, among others. Infill and redevelopment can include costs for demolition, brownfield remediation, historic preservation, aging infrastructure repair, and stormwater infrastructure. These types of costs can ultimately make infill and redevelopment projects more expensive than a similar project in a less developed area. Some developers may choose to look outside of concentrated growth centers for lower cost strategies or options for their projects. As a result, for many jurisdictions, it becomes difficult to balance between equally critical growth management and environmental protection. However, dense urban centers reduce sprawl, protecting air and water quality, while accommodating the growing population in Puget Sound. These objectives should be aligned, as focusing growth in compact urban centers reduces per capita impacts to water quality. A clear understanding of the elements that contribute to the challenge is needed to effectively identify solutions.

Goals:

- To develop recommendations for incentives and cost-effective approaches to encouraging infill and redevelopment within urban centers while addressing stormwater problems in developed areas.
- Create alternatives within existing stormwater regulations to improve water quality in a way that works in concert with achieving growth management’s goal of supporting dense urban centers.

¹ This goal is included as a current local action of the South Central Action Area LIO, SC13: “Complete Regional Alliances Project and share results to increase infill development in urban centers while meeting stormwater requirements and GMA mandates. Through the Regional Alliance Project, develop recommendations for incentives and cost-effective tools to meet stormwater management and GMA requirements for development in urban areas in order to encourage infill development in urban centers instead of greenfield locations and to improve water quality. Develop recommendations related to comprehensive plan policy and development regulations to inform 2015 updates. Other actions may be identified. Key partner in these efforts: Washington State Department of Commerce, PSRC Growth and local governments participating in this work.”

Scope of Work

Task	Responsible Entities	Time Line	Deliverable
<p>Task 1. Collect and organize existing information into a background report on stormwater management for urban centers from PSRC Growth Management Policy Board meetings. Document basic issues, requirements, options, etc.</p>	<p>Commerce, with assistance of Ecology, EPA and others</p>	<p>August – Sept 2013</p>	<p>Draft Memo to steering committee Sept 30, 2013</p> <p>Final in October 2013 after review Completed</p>
<p>Task 2 Attend meetings of builders, planners and stormwater managers to gather information and discuss specific challenges, approaches, and solutions. Identify groups, meet with participants and record information. Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPDES Permittee Coordinators (10/17) • Planning directors/staff: County planning groups (e.g., Pierce Co Regional Council GMCC subcommittee 9/26) • Master Builders Association (Pierce Co. 9/6) • APWA stormwater manager’s Group (9/20) • Others? 	<p>Commerce to attend meetings with assistance of LIO member entities.</p>	<p>Sept - Dec 2013</p>	<p>Report summarizing meetings and interviews</p> <p>Final background report in October 2013 Completed</p>
<p>Task 3. Identify innovative strategies and approaches that have been adopted or considered by local jurisdictions to address LID and stormwater requirements in redevelopment.</p> <p>Identify key questions, assumptions, and conditions that potential solutions would need to address.</p>	<p>Commerce: Contract with consulting firm specializing in land use and stormwater engineering</p>	<p>October 2013 – Jan 2014</p>	<p>Presentation identifying innovative approaches</p> <p>Final presentation in April 2014 Completed</p>

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<p>Task 4</p> <p>Primary: Recommend an approach that jurisdictions can use to address challenges of infill and redevelopment to inform future stormwater management/[aquatic ecosystem recovery?] efforts in designated urban growth centers. The approach would recognize the role that urban density can play to reduce impacts to water quality [, aquatic ecosystem protection and recovery,?] and greenfield preservation. Develop guidance for how a jurisdiction would prioritize stormwater mitigation areas for stormwater facilities, including where and how a jurisdiction may obtain adequate data for an watershed assessment. This guidance will complement and integrate with Ecology’s intent to develop mechanism guidelines for a stormwater control transfer program.</p> <p>Secondary: Recommendations to inform next update of Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda Near Term Actions.</p>	<p>Working Group² with assistance from LIO Subcommittee³</p>	<p>June 2014 – December 2014</p>	<p>Presentation to PSRC Growth Management Policy Board – April 2015 Completed</p> <p>Interim Report – November 2014</p> <p>Final Report – January 2015</p>
<p>Task 5</p> <p>Develop and implement a communication plan for engaging stakeholders - Tribes, environmental community, PSSRC, cities/counties, building community, REALTORS, Phase II permit coalition, etc.</p>	<p>Working Group with assistance from LIO Subcommittee</p>	<p>June 2014 July – October 2014</p>	<p>Outreach Plan Outreach implementation</p>

² The Working Group consists of staff from the Washington State Departments of Commerce, Ecology, the Puget Sound Partnership, City of Redmond, Puget Sound Regional Council, South Central Caucus/LIO, other cities and counties interested in working on this project, and Futurewise.

³ The LIO Subcommittee consists of participants from WRIs 8, 9 and 10 who want to work on this project.

Potential Future Tasks			
Task	Responsible Entities	Time Line	Deliverable
<p>Task 6 Identify and seek funding opportunities for pilot projects</p>	<p>Working Group with assistance from LIO Subcommittee</p>	<p>Fall 2014 – 2016</p>	<p>Memo that describes pilot project proposals match with potential funding opportunities: 1.Recommendations/solicitations to funders; and 2. Suggestions/support for cities seeking funding for pilot projects</p>
<p>Task 7 Develop and implement educational outreach/training plan in coordination with Ecology outreach and training programs as already budgeted for Low Impact Development and the 2012 stormwater management manual training. stormwater control transfer program guidance per Task 4.</p>	<p>Working Group with assistance from LIO Subcommittee</p>	<p>January 2015 – June 2016</p>	<p>Educational outreach/training plan</p>