

Building Cities in the Rain  
Working Group  
August 20, 2014  
Meeting Summary

Participants: De'Sean Quinn, South Central LIO; Bruce Wulkan, Puget Sound Partnership; Andy Rheame, City of Redmond; Erika Harris, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC); Dan Gariepy and Abbey Stockwell, Department of Ecology (Ecology); Doug Navetski, King County; Larry Schaffner, Thurston County; Lorna Mauren, City of Tacoma; Kerry Ritland, City of Issaquah; Don Robinett, City of SeaTac; Heather Trim, Futurewise; John Palmer, EPA; and Heather Ballash, Department of Commerce.

Ground rules agreed upon:

- One person talks at a time
- Respect each other
- No personal attacks
- Stay focused on task and agenda process
- Keep comments short (big ideas or concerns in 30 seconds)
- Everyone participates
- No side conversations
- All comments about the topic are valid
- Give everyone an opportunity to speak before others can speak again
- Tilt up card to speak – take down once facilitator calls upon you
- Don't take anything personally

Public Comment

Kerry Ritland, City of Issaquah – He would like to see some things happen. He is here to observe and see how he would become involved.

Don Robinett, City of SeaTac – He would like to work on the settlement issues with Ecology and Commerce regarding the language that addresses small lots in urban centers. He would like to have this in the work plan.

Updated Work Plan

The group worked to update the work plan by refining the problem and need statement to reflect objectives of equity, economic development and other goals of the Growth Management Act (GMA).

Task 4 was refined to:

- Recognize aquatic ecosystem protection recovery as a goal not mutually exclusive of compliance with the municipal stormwater permit.
- Ensure that there is a nexus between the stormwater mitigation areas prioritized with the development area.
- Recognize watershed and other approaches for gathering data to support prioritization.

A potential future Task 6 was added to look at other possible programs, including incentives for developers.

With these changes and clarifications, the work plan update was finalized by group consensus.

Next steps

### *Presentations of Models*

The group would like to look at a number of models for prioritizing stormwater mitigation areas. This would include the Redmond, WSDOT, King County and Kitsap County programs. This will help inform the group as to what the elements of a program might be, and what examples and options might be included in the guidance.

### *Next meeting*

The next meeting of the working group will be at the Center for Urban Waters in Tacoma. Presentations on the four models – Redmond, WSDOT, Kitsap County and King County – will be the focus of the meeting. Heather Ballash will recruit a speaker from Kitsap County. Heather B. will also send out a doodle poll for the second and third week of September, and work with Lorna Mauren to schedule the meeting.

### *Follow up*

After the next meeting in September, a smaller group of those wishing to participate in a brainstorming exercise will meet to come up with ideas for the guidance. The results of the brainstorming will be shared with the larger group by email with an assignment to do more research and to bring back ideas and options for consideration at the next full meeting of the working group. The assignment will be due to Heather Ballash to compile in preparation for the third meeting of the working group.

### *Other participants*

The group agreed that the federal services, NOAA Fisheries and US Fish and Wildlife, and WDFW should be looped into the project. Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz with WRIA 8 will also be contacted. Heather Ballash will follow up with these contacts.

It was agreed that we should invite Dave LaClergue with Seattle because of his expertise. However, no more cities or counties need to be recruited to the working group at this time. Once guidance is drafted, the draft will be widely shared for comment with permittees and other stakeholders.