



SAM Newsletter #14 - July 2023

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SAVE THE DATE! SWG is hosting the Round 4 SAM Study Proposals Workshop

All MS4 permittees that fund SAM and interested stakeholders are invited to join us in late August to hear about the proposed studies. This workshop is an opportunity to learn more about each proposal before voting begins in September. Permittees will vote for their top three project proposals and a SWG will make a final funding decision in November. This workshop will be hybrid-- attend in-person or virtually. Light refreshments will be provided.

SAM 2023 Project Selection Workshop
August 29, 2023, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Ecology's Shoreline Office
[15700 Dayton Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133](https://www.ecy.wa.gov/locations/shoreline)

RSVP: [SAM 2023 Project Selection Workshop](#).

We will use this form to order refreshments and keep you aware of any workshop changes.

All of the Round 4 SAM Study Proposals are available on the [SAM Website](#). Project proponents submitted eight full proposals for effectiveness studies or projects supporting implementation of the NPDES Phase I and Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater permits. The SWG Study Selection Subgroup is wrapping up the reviews of each proposal. Successful studies will be funded as part of the current permit cycle, 2019 - 2024 and carried forward into the next permit cycle.

Catch up on completed or nearly complete SAM projects!

All active SAM projects have a dedicated webpage at www.ecy.wa.gov/SAM.

Find deliverables from the completed SAM projects on the topic pages: [Effectiveness Studies](#), [Source ID Projects](#), or [Status and Trends](#) long-term studies. Check them out!

So far this year:

- **The Behavior Change project was completed in February.** This project identified stormwater problems that are amenable to, and best addressed by, behavior-change efforts. Local programs will find the literature review of pollutants, online decision tool, the reporting templates, and evaluation guidance can be used to inform new campaigns or evaluation of existing efforts. The template and guidance are written for use on large and complex campaigns or small and simple ones; [Read Fact Sheet 28: Behavior Change Design and Evaluation](#).
- **The Source Control Inspection Program Guidance Manual project is complete.** The Washington Stormwater Center's website [Source Control Inspection Program Guidance Manual](#) for this SAM project provides the Manual by chapter and also will also provide the online training video soon.
- **The effectiveness study evaluating added [outlet controls to bioretention](#) wraps up next month.** This project compared hydraulic performance and water quality impacts for discharges from bioretention facilities for both typical media filter hydraulic controls and bioretention facilities with underdrains and a flow controlling outlet. The final report is under review.

Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM) is a collaborative, regional stormwater monitoring program that is funded by more than 90 Western Washington cities and counties, the ports of Seattle and Tacoma, Washington State Department of Transportation, and the US Navy.