



Stormwater Action Monitoring

Collectively improving stormwater management

Call for ideas

Do you have an idea for future SAM studies? We want to hear them! We have begun a year-long process of identifying questions and topics for future SAM solicitation rounds. [Please fill out the survey.](#)

Studies could address:

- a. Stormwater management problems your agency is facing
- b. Questions about shaping a stormwater management program
- c. Issues in implementing permit requirements

The survey will close on Friday, October 12.

Save the date

SAM will host a free stakeholder workshop on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Renton Community Center. From 10am-12pm we will discuss the ideas gathered in the survey and begin to set priorities for the types of effectiveness studies and source identification projects that will be funded by permittees' contributions during the 2019 permit cycle. From 1-3pm, we will discuss proposed adjustments to the study design for SAM status and trends monitoring in receiving waters. Lunch will be provided for a small fee. [Learn more...](#)

New Fact Sheets Published

Study authors write brief 2-page fact sheets for every completed SAM project. All of the fact sheets are posted on the SAM webpage. Read these recently published fact sheets:

- [FS #009 Puget Lowland Streams - Evaluation of the First Year \(2015\) of Monitoring](#)
- [FS #010 Puget Nearshore Sediment Monitoring](#)

[Learn more...](#)

Receiving Water Findings Symposium presentations available

About 75 people attended the SAM Receiving Water Findings Symposium on September 13 in Tacoma. SAM scientists shared findings from the 2015-2016 first round monitoring of lowland streams and nearshore mussels and sediments in Puget Sound, including a quantitative regional assessment of receiving water conditions, risk assessment results, and correlation of receiving water indicators with stressor variables. Download the [agenda](#) and all of the [presentations](#). [Learn more...](#)

New projects are underway

Contracts were recently signed for these new SAM projects. Two are Low Impact Development best management practice effectiveness studies and one is a source identification project.

- [Longevity of biological protection using bioretention](#)
- [Water budgets of individual trees](#)
- [Regional spill hotline feasibility study](#)

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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, and the Washington State Department of Transportation.