

Clark County Clean Water Commission

June 4, 2025

Heritage Farm Wetland Project Tour and Meeting



Agenda



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON
PUBLIC WORKS
CLEAN WATER

CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

CWC Members:

Tracy Ceravolo
Gee Creek Watershed

John Chatel
Whipple Creek Watershed

Alejandra Cortes
Salmon Creek Watershed

Glen DeWillie, Vice Chair
Lacamas Watershed

Ted Gathe, Chair
Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed

Emily Hess
Vancouver Lake / Lake River Watershed

Alison Schweitzer
West Slope Watershed

Rudy Salakory
Vancouver Lake / Lake River Watershed

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TBD Watershed

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2025 Regular Meetings:

Feb. 5, 2025
April 2, 2025
June 4, 2025
Aug. 6, 2025
Oct. 1, 2025
Dec. 3, 2025

The public is encouraged to participate in this hybrid meeting in following ways:

- Attend in person 78th St. Heritage Farm
- Submit comments by 12pm on 6/04 to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov
- By phone +1 (213) 262-7043 (toll free)
Meeting ID: 826 149 8798
- By computer: [Click here to join meeting](#)

**** Motion Needed**

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 - 6:00 pm
78th Street Heritage Farm Grounds and Conference Room
NE 78th St &, NE 19th Ct, Vancouver, WA 98665

1. **TOUR of 78th STREET HERITAGE FARM**
Meet at south parking lot (near front steps) for 1 hour long staff-lead tour of wetland restoration and parks projects
2. **CALL TO ORDER** (7pm in Conference Room) - Chair Gathe
3. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Approve April 2, 2025, Meeting Summary **
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
5. **NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS**
 - a. Recap of Council Work Session
 - b. Work Group Updates
 - 1) Climate Change Implementation (Salakory)
 - 2) Community Engagement & Inclusion (Cortes)
 - 3) Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium (Chatel)
 - 4) Rate Study Implementation (Gathe)
 - 5) SMAP (DeWillie)
6. **CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES**
 - a. Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - 1) July 16 - City of Vancouver's Urban Forestry Commission
 - 2) Aug. 6 - Comprehensive Plan's Climate Change Element & Community Engagement Efforts
 - 3) Oct. 28 - "What's the Point? Nonpoint Source Pollution" Symposium
 - 4) Miscellaneous Update
 - b. Manager's Update – Devan Rostorfer
 - 1) Miscellaneous Update
7. **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**
 - a. Updates from Commissioner's work in the community, upcoming events and announcements
 - b. Agenda building for future meetings
8. **ADJOURN** – Chair Gathe

Note: An audio/video recording of this meeting will be available through the county website at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>



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Roll Call

Approval of Minutes April 2, 2025



June 4, 2025

Public Comment



Public Comment – Peter Bracchi

Greetings Commissioners,

My name is Peter Bracchi, and I'm here to raise a critical issue regarding Vancouver's stormwater planning and its impacts on Clark County's shared water resources.

The City of Vancouver has chosen not to document or address pollution originating from city-run homeless camps—specifically those along Burnt Bridge Creek—in its Stormwater Management Program Plan. This omission is more than just an oversight. It directly conflicts with the requirements of the City's NPDES Phase II permit, which mandates identifying and managing all sources of pollution affecting our stormwater systems.

By failing to include these known pollution sources, the City jeopardizes its own permit renewal and undermines the credibility and effectiveness of the Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership, a collaborative restoration initiative in which both the City and WA Ecology are invested.

We know these camps generate waste—including gear treated with toxic chemicals like PFAS, human waste, and trash—that leaches into our soils and waterways. This is happening in real time, and yet it's completely unacknowledged in the City's formal stormwater planning documents.

This pollution doesn't stop at city boundaries. It flows downstream, affecting the aquifer recharge zones, recreational water uses, and our long-term public health. PFAS exposure, as many of you know, has been linked to cancers and other chronic illnesses.

Clark County has a right and a responsibility to question whether its partner jurisdictions are fulfilling their legal and environmental obligations.

I urge you to formally recommend that the City of Vancouver revise its Stormwater Plan to include these pollution sources and work collaboratively with county and state agencies on meaningful mitigation.

Let's make sure all pollution is acknowledged—regardless of its source—and that our stormwater strategy reflects the reality on the ground.

The health of our watershed and the integrity of our environmental partnerships depend on it.

Thank you.

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Subject: Public Comment on 2025 Vancouver Stormwater Management Program Plan

From: Peter Bracchi – Vancouver Resident

Peter Bracchi

peterbracchi@aol.com

June 1, 2022

Request

We have a need for a land restoration and water pollution mitigation Plan for the Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed Critical Area.



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New Business / Actions



Recap of 2024 Annual Report Work Session



2024 Annual Report Highlights



2024 CWC Highlights of Activities & Challenges

- Vancouver Lake Symposium
- Clean Water Bus Tour
- 5 New Commissioners
- Rate Study Work Group
- Environmental Justice and Watershed Health

2025 Action Plan Work Groups

- Rate Study Implementation
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium
- Climate Change Impacts & Resilience
- Community Engagement & Inclusion
- Stormwater Management Action Plan



2024 Work Session Recap



What are Council's 2025 priorities for the
Clean Water Commission?

Work Group Updates



2025 Work Group Updates



Climate Change Implementation



Leader: Salakory



Members: Ceravolo, Chatel, Cortes, Salakory



Meetings: April 25



2025 Work Group Updates



Community Engagement & Inclusion



Leader: Cortes



Members: Chatel, Cortes, Hess, Schweitzer



Meetings: May 13, June 10

2025 Work Group Updates



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium



Leader: Chatel



Members: Ceravolo, Chatel, Gathe, Schweitzer



Meetings: May 15, June 5, July 9



2025 Work Group Updates



Rate Study Implementation



Leader: Gathe



Members: DeWillie, Gathe, Salakory



Meetings: June 12



2025 Work Group Updates



SMAP (Stormwater Management Action Plan)



Leader: DeWillie



Members: DeWillie, Hess



Meetings: May 14, June12

Division Updates



Staff Liaison Report

Alice Millward

June 4, 2025



Staff Liaison's Report Overview

- **Notable Calendar Dates**
 - **July 16** Vancouver Urban Forestry
 - **Aug. 6** County's Comp Plan Climate Change Element & Community Engagement
 - **September** Clark Regional Wastewater Tour
 - **Oct. 28** CWC Nonpoint Source Symposium
 - **Nov. 20** Stormwater Partners Symposium
- **Miscellaneous Updates**
 - Vacancy and Recruitment
 - Photos Still Needed



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Vancouver Urban Forestry Commission

July 16, 2025

Urban Forestry Commission



The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council on local and regional tree-related issues. The commission assists the city to develop good management practices to conserve the city's trees and forests, educate community members on the importance of urban trees and organize tree plantings.

Clark Regional Wastewater Tour

TBD - Fall 2025



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium

October 28, 2025



Columbia Land Trust Crane Habitat Tour

Spring 2026



Clean Water Commission Recruitments

Fall 2025

Commissioners

Name	Term Expires	Watershed
Glen DeWillie	12/31/27	Lacamas Watershed
Tracy Ceravolo	12/31/25	Gee Creek Watershed
Alejandra Cortes	12/31/26	Salmon Creek Watershed
Rudy Salakory	12/31/26	Vancouver Lake / Lake River Watershed
Phil Struck	12/31/26	Salmon Creek Watershed
John Chatel	12/31/27	West Slope Watershed
Alison Schweitzer	12/31/27	West Slope Watershed
Emily Hess	12/31/25	Lake Shore Watershed
Ted Gathe	12/31/25	Burnt Bridge Creek



Manager's Update

Devan Rostorfer

June 4, 2025



New Staff!



Celina Montgomery,
Outreach Specialist Senior



Aaron Cronk,
Natural Resources Specialist II



New Staff!



James Morrill,
Natural Resources Specialist II



Megan Palko,
Natural Resources Specialist II,
Project position



Up next!



Quarter 2

Engineering Technical Senior,
Mapping & Inventory

**Environmental Education and
Outreach Senior + Technician**

**Environmental Operations
Specialist Senior,** Source Control



Quarter 3

Program Coordinator II, Lakes &
Watershed Coordination

Program Coordinator II, NPDES
Program Support

Engineering Services Manager I,
Asset Management



MuniCon 2025



WASHINGTON STATE
MUNICIPAL
STORMWATER
CONFERENCE

MAY 20 & 21, 2025
Hilton Vancouver Washington
Vancouver, Washington

Menu



MuniCon 2025 Presentations

Community Based Public Private Partnerships



MuniCon 2025 Presentations

Mobile Business Identification for Stormwater Source Control



Vancouver Lake TAG - *Phase II*



Final Meeting – May 15

1. Public Participation
2. Governance Memo
3. Beach Management Plan
4. Flushing Enhancement Analysis
5. Invasive Species Survey

Vancouver Lake Management Plan

Potential Proviso + Milfoil Grant Outcome



Summer Capital Projects - Summer 2025



- **3 Major Maintenance projects**
Implemented by Road Ops
- **Schriber Reforestation –**
Implemented in Partnership with
County Lands
- **Heritage Farm Wetland
Construction**
- **Highway 99 – County Road
Project**
- **Columbia River High School
road retrofits**



Stormwater Management Action Plan

Task 2- Lower Salmon Creek Watershed's upper Curtin Creek and Urbanized Mill Creek Capital Improvements

- Data collection & field reconnaissance
- Infiltration Feasibility Desktop Study
- Problem Area Identification
- Site Selection Prioritization
- Project Fact Sheers



Stormwater Management Action Planning Guidance

*Phase I and Western Washington Phase II
Municipal Stormwater Permits*



Stormwater Management Action Plan

Task 3- Stormwater Management Program Strategy

- Land-development management
- Targeted IDDE Field Screening & Source Control
- Monitoring & Assessment Recommendations



Stormwater Management Action Planning Guidance

*Phase I and Western Washington Phase II
Municipal Stormwater Permits*



Stormwater Management Action Plan

Task 4- Asset Management Program Framework

- Street and Road Sweeping Plan
- Pipe Cleaning & Rehabilitation Plan
- Recommendations for Enhanced Maintenance
 - Ponds, ditches, bioretention, filter cartridge cleaning, catch basins, and UIC wells



Stormwater Management Action Planning Guidance

*Phase I and Western Washington Phase II
Municipal Stormwater Permits*



Stormwater Management Action Plan

Task 5- Targeted Public
Education & Outreach

Task 6 – Final Report



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ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Stormwater Management Action Planning Guidance

*Phase I and Western Washington Phase II
Municipal Stormwater Permits*



2026 Budget + 2025 Supplemental



Roundtable Discussion Commissioner's Comments



Roundtable Discussion

- Updates on your work in the community
- Upcoming events
- Announcements
- Agenda building for future meetings



Meeting Adjourned

Thank you!

