Clark County Clean Water Commission

April 2, 2025



Agenda



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

Phil Struck Salmon Creek Watershed

Clark County Staff Liaison: Alice Millward

Program Assistant Phone: 564.397.5267 Email:alice.millward@clark.wa.gov

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 PSC Conf Rm #698
- Submit comments by 12pm on 4/02 to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov
- By phone +1 (213) 262-7043 (toll free)
 Meeting ID: 826 149 879#
- · By computer: Click here to join meeting
- ** Motion Needed

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 6:00 pm

Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Chair Gathe
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Approve February 5, 2024, Meeting Summary **
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- a. 2024 Annual Report approval *
- b. Survey response summary
 - 1) Assign CWC Work Groups
 - 2) Annual Report Work Session and Symposium Dates
 - 3) Collaboration Priorities

5. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- a. Commissioner Engagement
 - 1) Philbrook RFP debrief
 - 2) Tree planting event
- b. Other opportunities
 - 1) CBP3 Program RFP
 - 2) Urban Tree Canopy Assessment

6. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES

- a. Staff Liaison Report Alice Millward
 - 1) Annual Report Work Session and Symposium Dates
 - 2) Miscellaneous Updates
- b. Manager's Update Devan Rostorfer
 - 1) New CW staff
 - Phosphosorb cartridge grant
 - 3) CBP3 program development + Municon
 - 4) Vancouver Lake Management Plan Phase 2 / Milfoil treatment
 - 5) Summer construction projects
 - 6) SMAP scope of work

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Updates from Commissioner's work in the community, upcoming events and announcements
- 8. ADJOURN Chair Gathe

<u>Mote</u>: 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



Roll Call

Approval of Minutes Feb. 5, 2025



April 2, 2025

Public Comment



Unfinished Business / Actions



2024 Annual Report Approval



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 & Nutrient Management (Symposium)
- Climate Change Impacts & Resilience
- Community Engagement & Inclusion
- Stormwater Management Action Plan



2024 Annual Report

Council Work Session Presentation

- Tentative: June 4 morning (~ 1 hour)
- Hybrid attendance is available
- Alice will notify CWC when confirmed









Survey Response Summary



Thank you for completing the survey!

2025 Clean Water Commission Survey

In order to better meet the commission's needs and scheduling, staff has asked for your input on your Commission experience thus far, your availability for important dates in 2025, and your interest in CWC priorities, educational topics and possible networking with other boards, commissions and stakeholder groups.

Please submit your responses by Monday, March 17 morning so that we can work on priorities and scheduling prior to the April 2 CWC meeting.

* Indicates required question

GENERAL SECTION:



Survey Response – Recommended Workgroups

Nonpoint Source Pollution / Climate Change

Ceravolo, Chatel, DeWillie, Gathe

Stormwater Management Action Plan

Cortes, DeWillie, Schweitzer, Struck

Rate Study Implementation

DeWillie, Gathe, Salakory, Struck

Community Engagement & Inclusion

Chatel, Cortes, Hess, Schweitzer



Survey Response – Tours / Fieldtrips







Legacy Lands Program – Gordy Jolma



Suds Creek / Cougar Creek Projects



Columbia Land Trust – Crane Habitat



Riparian Restoration Work



Clark Regional Wastewater



Lower Columbian Estuary Partnership



Survey Response – Collaboration

County Planning Commission

Vancouver Urban Forestry Commission

Clark Conservation District

Watershed Alliance

Climate Advisory Committee - 20-year Comprehensive Plan



Survey Response – Presentation Topics

Note: Most Commissioners want these during meetings

Urban Tree Canopy Programs

Joint meeting with Vancouver Urban Forestry

Department of Ecology

Clark County Legacy Lands

Nonpoint Source Control & Nutrient Mgt Programs

- Clark Public Health
- Poop Smart Clark

Habitat Restoration Groups

- Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP)
- Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB)

CW Monitoring and Stream Health Report

CW Community Engagement Program & Activities

- Adopt a Drain
- Changing Behaviors to Reduce Nutrients & Pesticides Campaign
- Regional Partnerships: Follow the Water and Stormwater Partners



New Business / Actions



Upcoming Events



2025 Women in Leadership Symposium - April 11



Women in Leadership Symposium

Always welcoming trans, cis and nonbinary identities

The Women in Leadership Symposium is an annual conference that brings local women leaders at all stages of their careers together to network and share leadership best practices. We aim to promote and encourage women to take an active role in defining their own destiny to the benefit of our professions.



Gordy Jolma Open House – April 24

Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area Park Plan Open House



Scan with your phone camera to visit the project website.



OPEN HOUSE

6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 24

Presentation 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., Q&A (question-and-answer) session immediately following

Attend in person:

The Cedars Public House 15001 NE 181st St, Brush Prairie View project information, meet with staff before and after the presentation. Coffee and cookies provided.

Attend online:

Presentation and Q&A session streamed live via Webex.

Online attendees can ask questions during the Q&A using the chat feature.

Register to receive an email link to join the meeting. A meeting link will be posted to the webpage 10 minutes before the presentation. Registration and online meeting information can be found on the

project webpage.

Presentation slides, visual aids and a recording of the presentation and Q&A session will be posted on the webpage within five business days. Materials are available in Spanish, Russian and Ukrainian, and additional languages upon request. To request interpretation, translation or accommodations to participate in the open house, please contact the project manager.

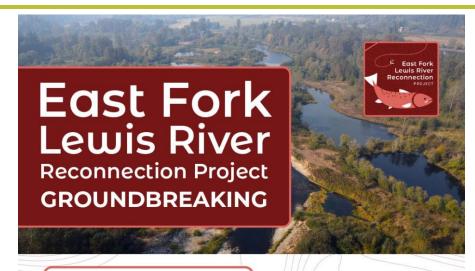
More information can be found at

clark.wa.gov/public-works/gordy-jolma-family-natural-area.

https://youtu.be/MxiLINIP5RU



Ridgefield Pits Restoration – May 9



The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and Clark County invite you to the East Fork Lewis River Reconnection Project groundbreaking celebration.

After a decade of research, collaborative project development, public land acquisitions, and fundraising, this highly anticipated habitat restoration, recreational enhancement, and flood and erosion risk reduction project is finally happening. Let's celebrate!

- Speakers include: Representative Peter Abbarno (WA-20), Clark County Councilmember Sue Marshall, and more
- Tour the project site see the construction crews in action
- After the ceremony and tour, join us at a local taproom (location TBD) and raise your glass to all the dedicated people who contributed to the development of this project and to the hardworking people who are making it a reality today.

Learn more: estuarypartnership.org/EFLR

Friday May 9 2pm

27130 NE 61st Ave Battle Ground Washington





Coming soon: Save the Date 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











MAY 20 & 21, 2025

Hilton Vancouver Washington
Vancouver, Washington



CWC Work Session – June 4th





Heritage Farm Pre-Construction Tour - June 4, 2025





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 District - August TBD





Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association September 14th-17th

PNCWA2025 Flowing Together: Stories of Dedication and Innovation

Annual Conference & Exhibition September 14th - 17th, 2025 Oregon Convention Center Portland, Oregon



We are thrilled to begin planning for the PNCWA2025 Annual Conference!

We received a record-breaking number of presentation abstracts this year! We're thrilled to hear your inspiring water stories and look forward to *Flowing Together* this fall.

March 26 | Sponsorship Opens April 18 | Abstract Reviews Due April 28 | Exhibitor Registration Opens May 19 | Early Bird Registration Begins

More Information



Nonpoint Source Nutrient Management Symposium – October 28th





Stormwater Partners Symposium

November 20th





Clean Water Commission Recruitments

November / December 2025

Commissioners

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Glen DeWillie	12/31/27	Lacamas Watershed
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Columbia Land Trust Crane Habitat Tour Spring 2026 - TBD





Commissioner Engagement Opportunities



Commissioner Engagement

- Philbrook Farms Design RFP
 - Glen DeWillie & Emily Hess
- Tree Potting Event
 - John Chatel & Tracy Ceravolo

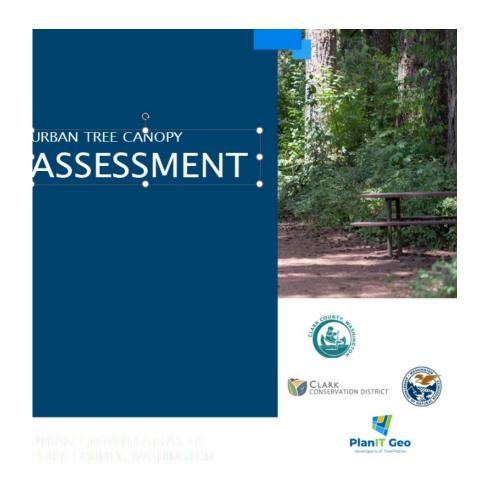




Commissioner Engagement

Future Opportunities

- CBP3 Program –
 October RFP
- Urban Tree Canopy Assessment

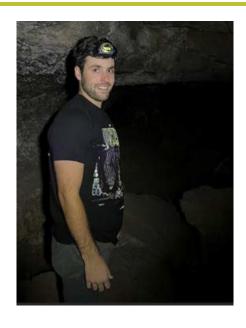




Other Division Updates



New Staff!



Kristian Phillips,
Environmental Operations
Specialist Senior - Private
Stormwater Facilities



Marlena Milosevich Butler
Grants and Special Projects
Coordinator



New Staff!



Chad HoxengMonitoring and AssessmentSection Supervisor



Eric LambertEnvironmental Outreach and Education Manager



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



8 Positions in Roads & Operations



3 Water Quality maintenance staff



3 Pipe inspection staff



1 Street sweeper



1 Drywell inspector



News / Clark County News

Tree canopy taking root in Minnehaha thanks to tree-planting events Updated 2 days up Treeding

'It will reduce the overall temperature on sidewalks and areas where there's concrete, so there's a lot of really good benefits'

By Shari Phiel, Columbian staff reporter Published: February 3, 2005, 1:29pm Updated: February 3, 2025, 3:39pm













Volunteer Hugo Vasconcelos, center, joins members of the Clark County Public Works department and the Clark Conservation District while planting trees at Douglas Carter Fisher Neighborhood Park on Friday afternoon. The event was held after a state study showed a need for an increased tree canopy. (Amanda Cowan/The Columbian)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MQ6tF1SOzk



Phosphorous Filter Media Improvement Implementation

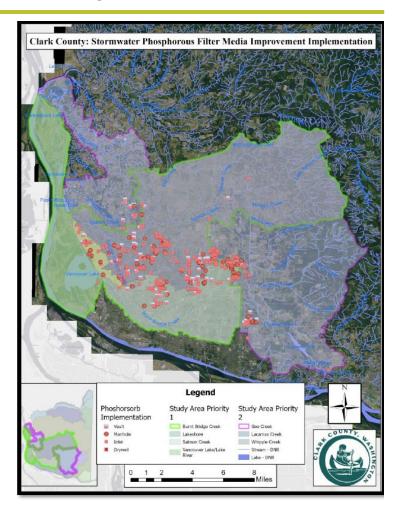
- LCFRB 2024 Small Grants Program
- Replace 2,164 cartridges in 518 stormwater vaults



Photo Credit: Contech Engineered Solutions PhosphoSorb® Filter Media



Photo Credit: Contech® Engineered Solutions Stormwater Filter Vault





Vancouver Lake Management Plan Potential Proviso + Milfoil Grant Outcome





Community Based Public Private Partnerships





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



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



<u>Task 3</u>- Stormwater Management Program Strategy

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



Stormwater Management Action Planning Guidance



<u>Task 4</u>- 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



<u>Task 5</u>- Targeted Public Education & Outreach

<u>Task 6 –</u> Final Report



Stormwater Management Action Planning Guidance



NPDES Permit Updates



2025 Stormwater Management Plan updated



2024 Annual Report submitted on time!



Stormwater Code & Manual Update – *In progress*



Renewed 5-year Interdepartmental Agreements Public Works
Public Health
Internal Services
Community Development



2026 Budget - kicked off this week!





Staff Liaison Report

Alice Millward

April 2, 2025



Staff Liaison's Report Overview

Notable Calendar Dates

- April 25 Gordy Jolma Park Open House
- May 9 LCEPs East Fork Lewis River Reconnect
- June 4 * Annual Report Work Session
- June 4 Heritage Farm Wetland Tour
- **July 16** Vancouver Urban Forestry
- Oct. 28 CWC Nonpoint Source Symposium
- **Nov. 20** Stormwater Partners Symposium

Miscellaneous Updates

- Webpage Update
 - Photos Needed





2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

- February 5, 2025
- April 2, 2025
- June 4, 2025

Note: Work Session AM + Heritage Farm Wetland Tour PM

- August 6, 2025
- October 1, 2025
- December 3, 2025





CWC Opportunities in 2025



Support RFPs

RFP development
Consultant selection
Scope of Work Development



Adaptive Management

Are we implementing the services we planned to implement?

Are we spending the money as we assumed?

Are we achieving water quality outcomes?

Do we need to adjust our assumptions?



CWC Opportunities in 2025



Community Involvement

Volunteer
Advocate for Clean Water
Share Clean Water messages



Show up! Participate

We have a lot of fun and informative tours and events planned for 2025!



Roundtable Discussion Commissioner's Comments



Roundtable Discussion

In-person vs hybrid attendance - Ted

Updates on your work in the community

Upcoming events

Announcements



Meeting Adjourned

Thank you!



Appendix Slides



Current Commissioners

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