

SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT STORMWATER EDUCATION PROGRAM 2017 REPORT



Figure 1 Fall 2017 Watershed Masters - Values & Functions of Estuaries Field Day

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Skagit County

Storm Water Education Program Summary

This progress report summarizes the storm water public education and outreach and the public participation and involvement activities that were completed by the Skagit Conservation District (SCD) over the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The primary purpose of the Skagit Conservation District's Storm Water Education Program is to assist local jurisdictions with compliance efforts for the "Public Education and Outreach" requirements of the NPDES storm water permit by facilitating greater public awareness of the sensitivity of local surface waters, their beneficial uses, the detrimental effects of polluted stormwater and illicit discharges, and measures that can be taken to reduce stormwater pollution (inspiring behavior change).

Skagit MS4 Partners: The SCD's Stormwater Education Program is a local partnership formed to develop and implement a comprehensive water resource education, outreach, and public involvement program. The SCD has formed partnerships with the City of Mount Vernon, City of Burlington, City of Sedro-Woolley, City of Anacortes, and Skagit County. With the exception of the Skagit Conservation District, all partners are MS4 communities required to prepare Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) in accordance with Phase II of the Clean Water Act. The purpose of the partnership is to work together cooperatively, share a common message, avoid duplication of efforts (which in turn will save money and resources), utilize existing programs when possible and to share resources and expertise.

Program Overview: An informed, knowledgeable, and engaged community is crucial to the success of a stormwater management program. Between 2011-2017, the Skagit Conservation District, in partnership with the Cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley, and Skagit County, has provided a comprehensive and multifaceted series of programs and opportunities aimed at educating, engaging, and inspiring local stewardship so that the goal of reducing stormwater pollution impacts to our local waterways can be achieved. A variety of education methods and stewardship opportunities were incorporated to reach a wide-range of interest groups, including homeowners, businesses, contractors, youth, and the general public.

2017 Activities

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Task 1.1 Host Private Storm Water Facility Maintenance Workshop

A Private Storm Water Facility Maintenance Workshop was coordinated and held at the Port of Skagit County on July 24, 2017 with **35 attendees**. The agenda included a municipal overview provided by Lori Wight, Skagit County Public Works; Detention Pond Maintenance: Nuts and Bolts provided by Reid Armstrong, Kulshan Services, LLC; and Involving your Neighborhood



Figure 2 The 2017 Detention Pond Maintenance Workshop was held on July 24th with 35 attendees.

Community provided by Kristi Carpenter, Skagit Conservation District. The last hour of the training included a "hands on" field tour to stormwater detention pond facilities on Port of Skagit County property for training on how to inspect and maintain your stormwater detention facility. Handbooks were compiled by SCD staff and provided to all attendees. Promotion of the event was conducted via direct mailing to HOA contact lists in each jurisdiction, press releases provided to all local media, two promotional ads in the local newspapers, promotional fliers distributed throughout the community and posted on websites and SCD and County facebook, and through SCD and partners email distribution lists.

Task 1.2 Watershed Masters Volunteer Training Program

The 2017 Watershed Masters Volunteer Training program was conducted September 26th through November 15th (8-week training) with **24** individuals completing the training. The overall goal of the program is *"to increase public awareness on a variety of water quality problems and solutions and to promote community stewardship in regards to water quality."*



Figure 3 The Fall 2017 Watershed Masters pose for the camera during an evening field tour at Taylor Shellfish Farms.

Participants attend 8 evening lecture sessions and 3 Saturday field days. The training is provided and supported by local and state experts. The program is designed to educate and involve interested community residents (age 17 and up) and to give participants information on ways to make positive behavioral changes in their own lives to protect water quality and to inspire local stewardship of our water resources.

Volunteers who complete the training return forty hours of service. SCD staff works with each Watershed Master Volunteer who has completed the training to design a plan of action for returning the forty hours of training. Watershed Masters are encouraged to pursue projects that best meet their interest, skills, and schedule.

Over the years, participants of the Watershed Masters program have played a leading role in promoting watershed stewardship throughout our community by implementing sustainable landscaping practices in their own backyard, participating in local stewardship projects, and educating their friends, family, and neighbors.



Figure 4 On Nov. 29th, a group of Watershed Master Volunteers planted 180 plants at the Bay View United Methodist Church Rain Garden and Compost Sock Terrace project.

Over 5,050 volunteer hours were reported by Watershed Master Participants in 2017. Over the last year, volunteer activities have included *participation in the Skagit Stream Team, Storm Team, and Marine Biotxin monitoring programs, providing volunteer support for the*

raingarden and compost sock terrace project at the Bay View United Methodist Church (one volunteer with EcoPro Certification also designed the landscape plan for the rain garden and terrace), providing staff support in hosting the “Puget Sound Starts Here” display and educational activities at numerous local events, assisting with stream restoration projects throughout the community, conducting heron foraging counts, conducting salmon spawning surveys, leading tours at the Marblemount Fish Hatchery, providing presentations on sustainable gardening at local workshops, maintenance work parties and leading community tours at the Naturescape Demonstration Garden (installed with support from WSM in 2014 at the Alger Community Hall), storm drain labeling, assisting with maintenance at the Native Plant Demonstration Garden on Memorial Hwy., participating in the community wildlife habitat program, conducting surf smelt surveys in Fidalgo Bay, assisting staff in planning/coordinating community events and workshops, such as the Sustainable Samish Garden Tour, Kids in Nature event, and more.

In addition, this year a Watershed Master, Nicolette Harrington, has been working with SCD staff and has recruited 7 local artists to conduct a "Rainworks Art Trail" in Mount Vernon which will have a water theme. We are excited about the opportunity to educate about stormwater through this fun art project. Rainworks images only appear when it is raining. The Rainworks Art trail is scheduled to kick off on April 1, 2018.



Figure 5 This image showing how stormwater ends up in the nearest stream was designed by local artist Stella Spring and will be included on the Rainworks Art Trail in April 2018

A few examples of comments from 2017 Watershed Masters participants:

- *Excellent program! Incredibly valuable information. Thank you for sharing this class!*
- *I had such a wonderful time in this class, and I can't wait to work with Skagit Conservation District and other organizations to complete my 40 volunteer hours.*
- *I was very impressed by the professionals who shared their experience. I found them passionate and knowledgeable. I appreciated the good communication and coordination by Kristi and staff.*
- *This has been a wonderful and enriching program. It was very well organized. I am energized to give back the knowledge learned through the class.*
- *I have enjoyed this class so much. Many of the experiences are always going to be rememberable...*

Task 1.3 Skagit Stream Team

The Skagit Stream Team Program was established in 1998 to educate and involve local citizens in the protection and stewardship of local streams. Urban stream reaches, including Kulshan Creek & the Trumpeter basin (Mount Vernon), Gages Slough (Burlington), and Ace of Hearts (Anacortes) were added to the program over the last 7 years as part of this interlocal agreement. In addition, Stream Team volunteers

participated in a 3 year study of Brickyard Creek in Sedro-Woolley between 2009 & 2011. All streams are monitored twice a month with the exception of Gages Slough, which is monitored monthly.

The goals of the Skagit Stream Team program are to:

1) Inspire community stewardship of water resources by educating local citizens about land use and non-point sources of pollution and involving them in the process of water quality data gathering; 2) to develop and implement a routine sampling program that can be used to assess water quality trends, characterize the existing water quality of priority freshwater drainages, and determine how water quality conditions compare to State Standards; 3) to document improvements to water quality as a result of the implementation of Best Management Practices and storm water prevention measures; and 4) to teach community volunteers the sampling and analytical techniques used by environmental professionals, how to manage the data collected and create a database, and the importance of establishing a long-term water quality monitoring program.



Figure 6 Pictured above, new Stream Team volunteers learn about Stream Ecology during the annual Stream Team training in September.

Parameters measured by Stream Team volunteers include fecal coliform (FC) bacteria, dissolved oxygen (DO), water temperature, turbidity and total depth.

- 5 Stream Team volunteers monitored the water quality of Ace of Hearts Creek in Anacortes over the 2016/2017 monitoring season (Stream Team monitoring year is October through September). The Anacortes Waste Water Treatment Plant conducts lab analysis for this program.
- 12 Stream Team volunteers monitored Kulshan Creek and Trumpeter Basin in Mount Vernon.

Mount Vernon Waste Water Treatment Plant conducts lab analysis for Kulshan and Trumpeter.

- 2 Stream Team volunteers monitored Gages Slough through the 2016/17 sampling season. Burlington Waste Water Treatment Plant conducted lab analysis for the Gages Slough Stream Team.
- **74** Stream Team volunteers participated in the 2016/17 Stream Team program overall, with a total of **71** currently participating in the 2017/2018 program.
- Other streams monitored by Stream Team volunteers include Joe Leary Slough, Bay View, Samish River (upper and lower), Nookachamps Creek (upper and lower), and No Name Slough. In addition, 8 volunteers conducted storm event sampling in the Padilla Bay watershed during the 2016/2017 season in support of the Padilla Bay TMDL and Clean Samish Initiative (Storm Team).



Figure 7 Kulshan Creek Stream Team volunteer, Maria Magana, teaches kids about water quality monitoring and the value of healthy streams at the annual Kids in Nature event on Aug. 19, 2017.

- A Total of 50 monitoring stations were monitored twice a month by Stream Team volunteers, with the exception of Gages Slough which is monitored monthly.
- The Annual Year-End Stream Team Celebration and Recognition event was coordinated and held on June 10, 2017. 74 Stream Team/Storm Team volunteers were recognized.
- **1,200+ Stream Team volunteer hours** reported for the 2016/17 Stream Team program.
- The Annual Stream Team training was coordinated and held Sept. 6th, 7th, and 9th.
- Data was entered on excel spreadsheet.
- The 2016/17 Annual Stream Team Report is in progress and will be completed in March 2018.
- The annual “How Clean is Your Neighborhood Stream?” meeting was coordinated and held on March 1, 2017 with **26 attendees**. The purpose of the meeting is to present the annual Stream Team report and provide a water quality update to the community. Rick Haley, Skagit County Water Analyst, also provided an update on the County’s water quality monitoring program at this annual public meeting.

Task 1.4 Storm Drain Labeling Program

Storm drain marking kits are available at the Skagit Conservation District. Community groups and residents are encouraged to participate in the protection of water quality by marking storm drains in their neighborhoods and throughout the community.

- Staff recruited and provided support to volunteers in Mount Vernon. Over **230 storm drains** were labeled. Efforts will continue in the spring of 2018.
- Mount Vernon High School Marine Science class labeled 46 storm drains throughout the high school campus.
- Eagle Scouts labels 108 drains in the Riverside Drive neighborhood and business district.
- A Fall 2016 Watershed Master Volunteer labeled 97 drains in the LaVenture neighborhood.
- Staff coordinated with volunteer and scout groups to continue labeling in Burlington beginning spring 2018.
- 175 + promotional fliers were distributed at local events, including the Detention Pond Maintenance Workshop, Watershed Masters, Backyard Conservation, and Stream Team trainings and to local schools. The program is also promoted on SCD’s website and Facebook media.



Figure 8 Mount Vernon HS Marine Science class labeled 46 storm drains throughout the high school campus.

2. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Task 2.1 Backyard Conservation Stewardship Program

One of the priority behaviors targeted through the Skagit partnership outreach effort has focused on yard care techniques protection of water quality. The Backyard Conservation Stewardship Short Course targets local homeowners and provides education on sustainable landscape practices as promoted by the Sustainable Sites Initiative. Program objectives:

- *Participants will learn practices that can be applied in their own backyards to help reduce storm water pollution and create a healthy and more sustainable environment.*
- *Participants will be provided with the tools and resources to design sustainable, natural, backyard landscapes.*
- *To encourage community participation in the Backyard Wildlife Habitat and/or Backyard Sanctuary Certification programs.*
- *To create a network of community residents willing to share their love of gardening and the outdoors to inspire others to create environmentally friendly gardening practices that will benefit our community.*

Topics included in the 6-week short course include proper use and disposal of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers (and use of non-toxic alternatives), use of native plants in landscaping, reducing size of lawn, gardening for wildlife, using bees as pollinators, applying low impact development/rain gardens, use of permeable pavement for driveways and patios, composting, managing non-native invasive plants, how to build healthy soils, proper disposal of pet waste, preventive car maintenance, and more. Sessions are taught by a knowledgeable and enthusiastic slate of local and state experts.

- The 2017 Backyard Conservation Stewardship Short Course was held every Wednesday evening beginning March 22nd and continued through April 26th (6 weeks). The program also included two Saturday field tours, including a visit to the WSU Extension Discovery Garden (composting, soils, native plants, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM)), and a Saturday field tour of resident's homes who have taken the class in previous years and have employed sustainable backyard practices on their properties.
- **65 individuals completed the 2017 Backyard Conservation Short Course.**



Figure 9 The 2017 Backyard Conservation Stewardship class poses in front of the Skagit County Administration Building during a tour of the County's rain garden and LID parking lot.



Figure 10 Backyard Conservation class learning about rain gardens and rain garden plants during a plant tour at Azusa Farm and Gardens

Outcomes: The Backyard Conservation Stewardship Short Course has played a key role in our efforts to increase levels of voluntary implementation of conservation practices on private lands in both urban and rural areas of our community and to promote natural yard care principles. In addition to making sustainable changes in their own backyards, four grassroots community volunteer groups have now convened from this program, including the Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat Group in Anacortes, Skagit Valley Backyard Wildlife Habitat Team (Mount Vernon, Conway, LaConner, & Bow), the Friday Creek Habitat Stewards, which includes Burlington and Sedro-Woolley, and the "Backyard Eco Garden Club" emerged from the 2016 class. The Fidalgo, Skagit, and Friday Creek habitat teams have registered our communities with the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat Program (Fidalgo and Skagit have already received national recognition as a "Community Wildlife Habitat," and Friday Creek is in progress). Over 1,000 Skagit County residents, and including schools, parks, farms, & businesses, have certified their yards through this program.



Figure 11 40 participants of the 2017 Backyard Conservation Short Course volunteered their time to plant a native plant hedgerow at the Sedro-Woolley Food Forest in celebration of Earth Day (April 22nd).

- Staff provided ongoing support and assistance to Backyard Conservation Stewardship program volunteers throughout the year.
- Staff provided ongoing support to the new "Backyard Eco Garden Club," and attended monthly meetings.
- Staff hosted and facilitated monthly meetings with the Friday Creek Habitat Stewards.
- The habitat team volunteer groups hosted educational displays at numerous community events, including local farmers markets, Alger Fun Raiser, Skagit River Salmon Festival, Festival of Family Farms, Kids in Nature: Families Outdoors at Pomona Grange Park, DASSH 5k Family Fun Run/Walk, Storming the Sound, Sustainable Samish Garden Tour, and at numerous related workshops held in the community.
- The volunteers hosted 4 garden tours and 2 maintenance work parties at the Demonstration Naturescape Garden at the Alger Community Hall. The garden was also an outcome of the Backyard



Figure 12 The Backyard Conservation Short Course has inspired the formation of three community backyard wildlife habitat volunteer groups and a garden group. Pictured, the Friday Creek Habitat Group hosts an education display and activities at Taylor Shellfish Farms during the Festival of Family Farms on Oct. 7th & 8th 2017.

Conservation Stewardship Short Course engaging the support of volunteers and community neighbors – the garden includes a stream enhancement project, a pollinator habitat garden, wildlife habitat garden, and an opportunity to showcase native plants and drought tolerant plants that can be used in the home garden.

- Other projects undertaken over the year by the backyard conservation volunteers with support from SCD included:
 - 1) May 21st – Garden Swap & Sale – 175 participants
 - 2) June 24th – Gardening for Wildlife Family Event (Watershed Art for Learning at Padilla Bay Research Reserve) – 91 attendees.
 - 3) July 16th – Sustainable Samish Garden Tour – 300+ attendees.
 - 4) August 19th – Kids in Nature: Families Outdoors at Pomona Grange Park – 65+ attendees

Task 2.2 Resource Materials/Education for Local Schools

Skagit Conservation District provides support to local schools by providing educational resources and presentations throughout the year.

- Educational packets were prepared and distributed to 487 local teachers. The packets include information on stormwater, watersheds, and other resources and educational programs available for teachers and classrooms through the Skagit Conservation District. Promotion of the EnviroScape Model classroom presentations (stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution) was also distributed.
- 48 storm water education presentations, using the EnviroScape watershed model, were conducted in 2017 at local elementary schools reaching over 1,140 Skagit County students in the following jurisdictions:
 - Burlington: 9 presentations to 239 students**
 - Mount Vernon: 23 presentations to 520 students**
 - Sedro-Woolley: 6 presentations to 146 students**
 - Skagit County: 10 presentations to 236 students**
- EnviroScape watershed model presentations were also provided at the Mount Vernon High School Science Night in April (300+ attendees), STEM Science Night at Evergreen Elementary (250+ attendees), Dine and Discover (125 attendees), the Skagit River Salmon Festival (1,000+ attendees), Kids in Nature event (65 attendees).
- In addition, staff provided stormwater education/training with the EnviroScape Model for a group of 21 Girl Scouts earning their environmental badges (held on June 17th).
- 1,000 + National Association of Conservation District's "Where Does Your Water Shed?" activity booklets and bookmarks were distributed to local youth.



Figure 13 The Watershed EnviroScape model provides a “hands on” opportunity for local students to learn about stormwater and nonpoint source pollution.

Task 2.3 Miscellaneous

Work conducted under this task included project administration and tracking, preparation of the annual report, and meetings and project/contract planning with partners. In addition SCD staff provided PowerPoint presentations on storm water and Sustainable Landscaping at 4 events in 2017, reaching 184 residents; hosted 5 sustainable landscaping garden tours, including tour of native plant demonstration garden, naturescape garden at the Alger Hall, and the County Raingarden/LID project (421 attendees overall); continued to promote the "Clean and Green Car Wash Kits," and drafted stormwater program related news articles for the two 2017 publications of the Skagit Conservation News.

Task 2.4 Storm Water Educational Brochures and Fact Sheets.

- Pet Waste rack cards produced in 2016 were reprinted as we distributed over 1,000 over the year.
- The 5 Sustainable Landscaping Fact Sheets were all also reprinted as we were also running out of those (500 distributed).
- Staff continued to distribute the stormwater education posters ("Clean and Mighty Skagit"), the 5 Sustainable Landscaping Fact Sheets, pet waste posters & yard signs, etc.
- Work was initiated to develop new fact sheets for the "Clean and Mighty Skagit" series.

Task 2.5 Workshops for Local Contractors and Businesses

A "Rainwater Harvesting" Workshop was coordinated and held on September 21st with **40 attendees**, including interested citizens, landscape designers, and agency representatives. CJ Huxford with Northwest Rain Solutions was the guest presenter. Participants had the opportunity to learn about system options (including raingardens, rain barrels, bioswales, etc.) and how to construct an effective rainwater collection system. The workshop was very well received. The event was also promoted as a "Skagit Water Weeks Event."



Figure 14 The Rainwater Harvesting Workshop held on Sept. 21st was well attended.

Task 2.6 PSSH Community Event Display Board

Staff hosted the Puget Sound Starts Here educational display and "Stormwater Scavenger Hunt" game at numerous local events in 2017 reaching over 9,000 attendees (Watershed Art and Discovery Day - 91 attendees, Fidalgo Bay Day - 400 attendees, Kids in Nature - 65 attendees, DASSH 5K - 118 attendees, Skagit Salmon Festival - 1,000 attendees, Dine and Discover - 120 attendees, Burlington Harvest Fest & Pumpkin Pitch - 4,500 attendees, Storming the Sound - 175 attendees, Seed Sale/Swap - 175 attendees, Alger Fun Raiser - 250 attendees, Sustainable Samish garden Tour -



Figure 15 Youth participating in the Stormwater Scavenger Hunt at local events earned their Puget Sound Starts Here "Drain Ranger" badge.

300 attendees, Girl Scout Training - 21 attendees, Rainwater Harvesting Workshop - 40 attendees).

Participants who completed the Stormwater Scavenger Hunt received their Puget Sound Starts Here "Drain Ranger" badges.

Task 2.7 Produce Media Advertisements



The stormwater education media ad was published in 6 editions of the SV Herald (3 column x 8").

Figure 15 The stormwater education media ad was published in 6 editions of the SV Herald and Anacortes American.

OTHER STORMWATER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES (funded by other sources):

Bay View GSI Demonstration Project

The Skagit Conservation District received grant funding through WA Dept.of Ecology's Terry Husseman Grant to construct a raingarden, and Compost Sock Terrace, and eradicate invasive blackberries and replant with natives at the Bay View United Methodist Church. The project was underway in 2017 and will be completed by May 2018. Educational signage, workshops and tours of the project will follow to promote LID in our community.

Arbor Day Trees

Provided over 500 native plant seedlings to classrooms and youth groups throughout Skagit County in celebration of Arbor Day in April.

Other (funded through other sources)

- Staff continued to participate on the Skagit EcoNet committee.
- Staff continues to serve on the Board for the Skagit Conservation Education Alliance (SCEA). SCEA kicked off the first annual "Skagit Water Weeks" celebration, which ran through the month of September 2017. Skagit Stream Team and Watershed Masters were both included as Water Weeks events this year. In addition, staff organized a Water Weeks Proclamation with the Skagit County Commissioners, which was held on Aug. 23rd, 2016.
- Staff attended scheduled meetings with local NPDES partners.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- 45 Detention Pond Maintenance Handbooks distributed
- 65 Sustainable Landscape Handbooks distributed
- 15 Pet waste educational posters & outdoor signs distributed
- 125+ Low Impact Development: Coming to a Neighborhood Near You” brochures distributed.
- 250 Soil & Mulch: The Foundation of a Healthy Yard brochures distributed.
- 250 Planning & Planting a Sustainable Landscape brochures distributed.
- 250 Watering Wisely brochures distributed.
- 250 Think Twice Before Using Pesticides brochures distributed.
- 250 Natural Lawn Care brochures distributed.
- 25 Best Management Practices for Power Washing fact sheets distributed.
- 25 Best Management Practices for Mobile Carpet Cleaners distributed.
- 75 copies of the 2015/16 Skagit Stream Team Reports distributed (the report is also on the SCD and Padilla Bay Reserve websites).
- 1,250 “10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Pollution” bookmarks distributed.
- 1,000+ NACD “Where Does Your Water Shed” activity booklets and bookmarks distributed.
- 350 Drain Ranger Badges distributed

- 100+ Storm Drain marking volunteer program promotional fliers distributed.
 - 25 Clean and Green Car Wash Kit promotional fliers distributed.
 - 125 “Home Tips for Healthy Streams” brochures distributed.
 - 125 “10 Essentials Checklist for Rural Landowners” distributed.
 - 65 “Turning the Tide on Toxics” publications distributed.
 - 65 Backyard Conservation books distributed
 - 150 Native plants of the Pacific Northwest distributed.
- Numerous other related handouts are provided to participants of the WSM, Backyard Conservation Stewardship Short Course, Stream Team and participants of workshops & events.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2018

- The Backyard Conservation Stewardship Short Course will be conducted in the spring of 2018.
- SWMMT Workshop for on-site managers and construction crews to be scheduled.
- Stormwater Detention Pond Maintenance Workshop to be scheduled.
- Sustainable Landscaping Workshop to be scheduled in 2018.
- Storm drain labeling will continue.
- Skagit Stream Team program will continue with the annual training scheduled for September 2018.
- The Annual Stream Team Water Quality Report will be published.
- Stormwater education posters will be posted at key locations throughout the community, posted on websites, etc.
- Stormwater education media ads will be published in local media (and continue throughout the year)
- 2 new educational brochures/tip sheets will be published.
- Informational packets highlighting storm water and water quality education will once again be distributed to local schools.
- Staff will continue to provide presentations on storm water education with the watershed EnviroScape model to local school groups.
- Watershed Masters Volunteer training will be held in the fall of 2018.
- The storm water education display will be updated and hands on activities, including the "Stormwater Scavenger Hunt" game will be hosted at local community events (and will continue to enhance the display, promotional materials, and handouts).
- The SCD website will continue to be updated to include relevant storm water and LID information.
- News articles highlighting storm water education, LID practices, and volunteer opportunities will be included in each of the Skagit Conservation District’s newsletters.
- Staff will continue to provide presentations to local groups on storm water and LID as requested.
- Stream Team data will be reviewed and will be used to target priority neighborhoods for follow-up education.

- Staff will continue to provide support to the Watershed Masters, backyard wildlife habitat volunteers, and Skagit Stream Team volunteers.
- All projects will be tracked, evaluation surveys conducted when appropriate, and reporting will continue.