RURAL STORMWATER SOLUTIONS
Washington State University (WSU) Extension and the Washington Stormwater Center (WSC) are partnering to develop peer reviewed guidance tools and provide training to empower agency, municipal, and tribal staff; conservation districts, contractors, and landowners to effectively manage and reduce polluted runoff in rural areas.

WHAT WE’RE DOING
Working with an advisory committee comprised of stakeholders from Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason counties and others we will:

- Seek solutions for rural stormwater issues.
- Identify training and guidance material needs.
- Develop educational materials such as factsheets, short videos and a comprehensive webpage.
- Provide training opportunities to key stakeholders.
- Highlight sites that demonstrate best practices.
- Inform stakeholders across the state about the resources developed.

Fact sheets, webpages, videos, and demonstration sites will provide guidance to determine which stormwater management techniques are most effective for a given situation, as well as installation guidance. Training will be provided to stakeholders in the Hood Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca region, so they can assist property owners with managing stormwater and protecting water quality.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT
Water quality improvement efforts in Washington state have been centered on urban runoff. The focus of this project is to address rural stormwater impacts. Stormwater carrying pollution can directly reach streams and marine waters via ditches or floodwater in many rural areas along the Hood Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca impacting the environment and economy.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
Stakeholders in rural areas are encouraged to:

- Share the challenges they face in solving stormwater issues.
- Identify educational needs.
- Provide examples of successful and unsuccessful projects in their communities.

ABOUT
WSU Extension programs connect the people and communities in the state with the knowledge base of Washington State University to promote quality of life and advance economic well-being through fostering inquiry, learning, and the application of research.

The Washington Stormwater Center provides stormwater management solutions and leadership through research, training, and education and is the State’s central resource for integrated stormwater management, education, and research.

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