



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2021
TO: Environmental Services Commission
FROM: Laurie Devereaux, Stream Team Program Administrator
SUBJECT: Stormwater Education & Outreach Update

ACTION REQUIRED

No action by the Commission is required at this time. This is an informational briefing.

BACKGROUND

The Stream Team provides a volunteer program and community education and outreach for stormwater. The volunteer program involves restoration of streams and wetlands as well as monitoring fish and other biological sampling. The education and outreach efforts include a wide range of activities including working with schools and community groups, producing brochures, and creating pollution prevention campaigns.

Stream Team fulfills Utilities Strategic Plan goals and meets National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, as well as Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Recovery Plan recommendations. Program elements evolve and adapt over time, but the mission has remained the same: to provide information, increase community involvement and awareness, and initiate changes that will protect the quality of our water systems and fish/wildlife habitat.

The Stream Team Volunteer Program officially started in 1988 with one of the first Public Information and Education Grants given from the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority.

Stream Team is administered by the Program Administrator, Laurie Devereaux, with some support from part time staff. On November 4, staff will provide a presentation highlighting projects and activities from the past year.

POLICY ISSUES

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.