

RCW 90.48.545 - Storm water technical resource center — Duties — Advisory committee — Report to the legislature.

(1) As funding to do so becomes available, the department shall create a storm water technical resource center in partnership with a university, nonprofit organization, or other public or private entity to provide tools for storm water management. The center shall use its authority to support the duties listed in this subsection through research, development, technology demonstration, technology transfer, education, outreach, recognition, and training programs. The center may:

(a) Review and evaluate emerging storm water technologies;

(b) Research and develop innovative and cost-effective technical solutions to remove pollutants from runoff and to reduce or eliminate storm water discharges;

(c) Conduct pilot projects to test technical solutions;

(d) Serve as a clearinghouse and outreach center for information on storm water technology;

(e) Assist in the development of storm water control methods to better protect water quality, including source control, product substitution, pollution prevention, and storm water treatment;

(f) Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations in administering programs related to storm water control measures; and

(g) Collaborate with existing storm water outreach programs.

(2) The department shall consult with an advisory committee in the development of the storm water technical resource center. The advisory committee must include representatives from relevant state agencies, local governments, the business community, the environmental community, tribes, and the building and development industry.

(3) The department, in consultation with the storm water technical resource center advisory committee, shall identify a funding strategy for funding the storm water technical resource center.

(4) The department shall encourage all interested parties to help and support the technical resource center with in-kind services.

(5) The department shall prepare and submit a biennial progress report to the legislature.
[2009 c 449 § 2.]

