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Subject: Ecology letters due for Storm Water Runoff!
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Hello Dept. of Ecology;

Right now, the Ecology draft permit language for storm water runoff, fails to fully adopt and encourage proven green infrastructure strategies that would make a big difference in preventing polluted runoff and improving the long-term health of the Sound.

Ecology proposed language does not define "low impact development".

The language does not specify when a LID is feasible, according to Ecology.

Ecology's draft doesn't include any measures that would prevent a developer from completely paving over existing green space. Why?

Cannot we add this language?

We know that this omission of language not only leads to big water pollution problems, but it increases flooding and taxpayer costs.

The proposed permits include too many loopholes.

These loopholes allow a "business as usual approach".

Green infrastructure techniques have been successfully implemented in pilot projects across the region now

– adopting them as official best practice is a straightforward next step.

If we want to ever yield some actual results in protecting Puget Sound, we need to get moving now – not in ten years.

We need to keep toxic runoff at its source.

We need to adopt effective, affordable solutions to clean up pollution entering our lakes, rivers and Puget Sound.

Thank you,
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