

A Regional Stormwater Program in Yakima County



Tieton Drive west of Homestead. June, 2004

Building Partnership and Public Acceptance

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Challenges

- Regional Arid Climate
- Diverse Land Uses – Lower Density
- Permit Requirements Not Fully Identified
- Unfunded Mandate
- Make Sense



56th and Arlington. May, 2005

Goals

- Reduce Cost
- Public Acceptance
- Regionally Appropriate Program
- Efficiency Through Partnerships



Oil absorbent material near storm drain, corner of First St. and MLK. August, 2007

1. Involvement in Ecology Decision-making

- Model Municipal Stormwater Program for Eastern Washington
- Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington
- Draft Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal NPDES permit
- Water Quality Program Financial Advisory Council
- Guidance for UIC Wells that Manage Stormwater
- Construction Stormwater Overlap workgroup
- UIC Rulemaking



Ecology Central Region Office. May, 2005

2. Address Local Issues



48th and Nob Hill Blvd. May, 2005

- Regional Consistency
- Urban vs. Rural
- Seasonal
- Quality vs. Quantity

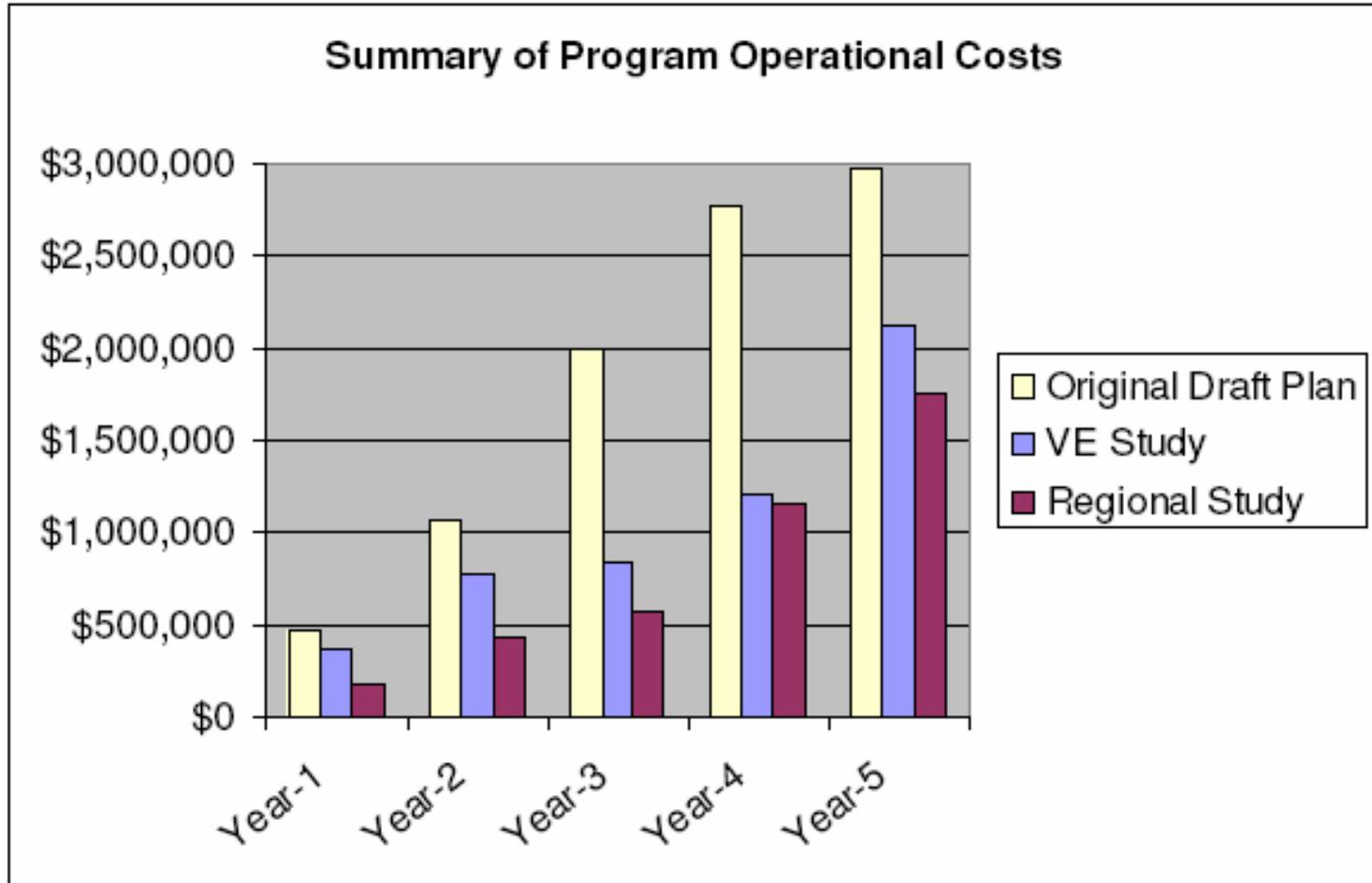
3. Form the Regional Stormwater Policy Group

- Address Local Concerns
- Comprised of Elected Officials
- Oversee Staff Actions
- Ensure Compliant, but Cost-effective Actions

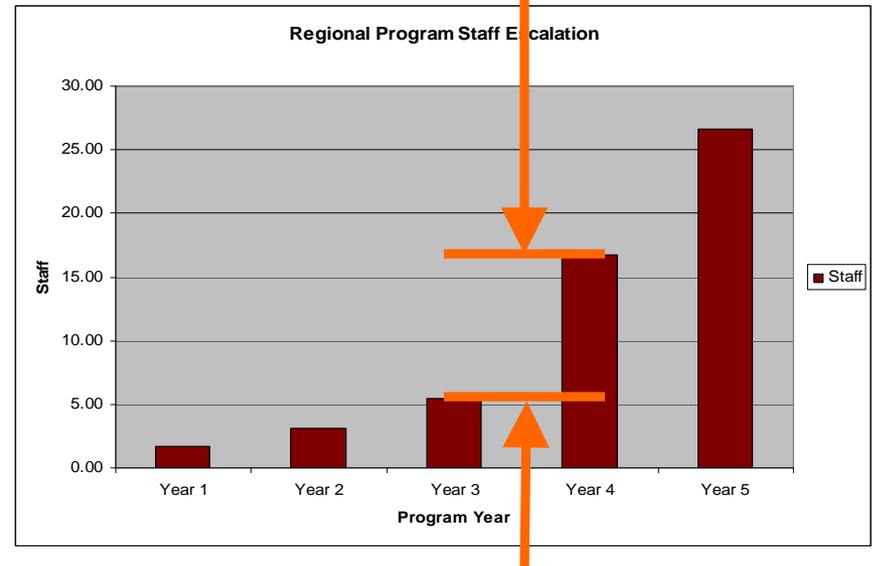
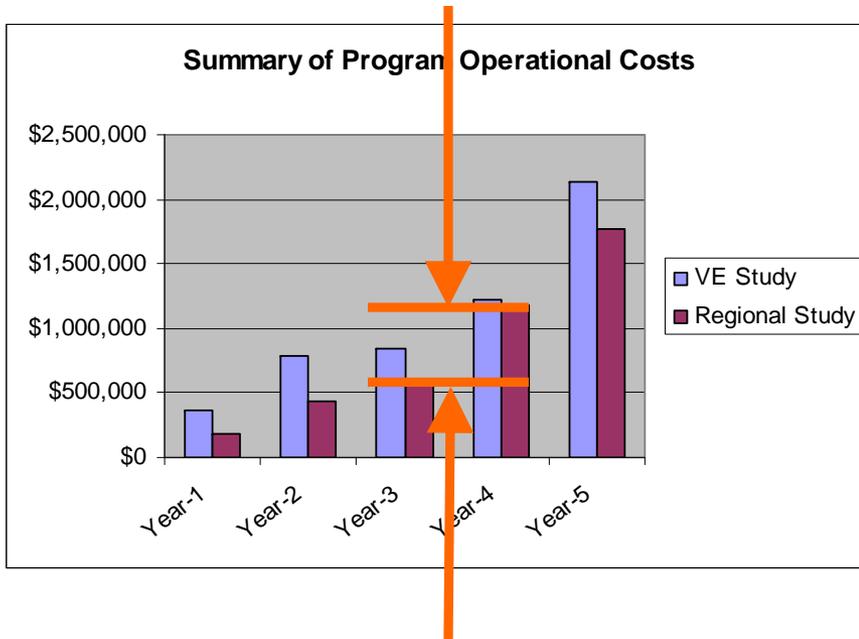


Snowmelt on MLK Blvd, looking west from 1st St. 2004

4. Compare Local vs. Regional Costs



5. Implement Regional Activities When Cost-Effective



6. Identify Local vs. Regional Activities

Regional:

- Ordinances
- Design Manual
- Model O&M Plans
- Reporting
- Public Information

Local:

- Maintenance
- Plan Review
- Project Inspection



Street sweeping along Summitview Road, towards Cowiche. June, 2004

7. Interlocal Agreement and Defined Roles



- Regional Stormwater Lead
- Co-permittees
- Specific Tasks Identified by Permit Number

Results

- Reduced Public Cost
 - \$800,500 Three Year Savings Using Regional Approach
 - \$5.16M Five Year Savings from Original Draft Plan
- Regionally Appropriate Program
- Regional Consistency For Stakeholders
- Successful Partnerships and Public Acceptance



74th south of Englewood. May, 2005

Summary:



Street sweeping to prevent stormwater pollution,
First St, looking north from MLK. May, 2006

- Involved with Ecology
- Address Local Concerns
- Elected Oversight
- Local vs. Regional Cost Comparison
- Identify Timeframe
- Local vs. Regional Activities
- Clear ILA based on consensus
- Sizeable cost savings

Questions?



Funnel Cloud near Union Gap. May, 2006