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Department of Ecology:

Please accept this email as my formal comments on the proposed draft 2012 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.

This proposal is unacceptable because it does not require the measures which research shows are needed to save our streams, rivers, and Puget Sound.

Stormwater must be eliminated, not managed. And it must be eliminated without affecting groundwater levels. The best way to do this, as shown by research, is to maintain at least 70% forest cover and avoid runoff. Rain gardens, green buildings, and the like can help this effort, but are not sufficient in themselves.

I fully support the Carnegie Group letter on this topic which your agency received a couple of months ago.

Thank you,

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