

S.W.A.M.P Project

When we look at the county area as a whole, and take a holistic view of wetland and storm water issues many questions arise. For instance, why can't we designate with an overlay on the map where the prime areas for future storm water sites; we have mapping of the topography, wetlands, and purposed circulation and comp plans. 

We see this for potential to have true public private partnerships in regards to storm water. Developers, State Departments, Counties, Cities and institutions could share the cost of stormwater systems. These systems could serve several project partners; State and County road construction projects, Community parks and public schools just to name a few. Instead of 50 individual stormwater sites maybe we could get it down to 25 multi use stormwater sites. We could also pick land that is the most desirable for these systems. It just seems that this approach would create significant cost savings for everybody involved. We have named this concept. Storm Water Alliance Multiuse Projects. (SWAMP)

Critical points of S.W.A.M.P

1. The S.W.A.M.P is a system. The system contains infrastructure that crosses many jurisdictional and private partner boundaries.
2. The S.W.A.M.P. is Multiuse. The System concept requires multiple partners in order to create cost savings.
3. The S.W.A.M.P. is Multipurpose. Examples could be. Parks Trails and Ball fields etc.

Potential Benefits of S.W.A.M.P.

1. Cost savings to all stake holders who participate in these projects including the taxpayers.
2. Better looking Stormwater facilities. These constructed Wetlands will be larger than some of the utilitarian Stormwater prisons that are the standard today. It is common to see a couple of chain linked fence Stormwater facilities side by side, one for the road and one for the development with no perceived benefit. The taxpayer will use and appreciate the S.W.A.M.P..
3. Benefits for Comp Planning. These facilities will provide a great buffer between unlike land uses.

The Clean Water Commissions Role in S.W.A.M.P.

The primary role for the CWC will be reaching out to State, County, City, Private institutions, Land use attorneys and developers to explain the concept and then find out what barriers keep projects like the S.W.A.M.P. from coming to fruition. Once we have collected and compiled the information on what the perceived road blocks to these projects are we will submit the report our policy makers in Clark County and the stakeholders who we have interviewed.

Timeline for project is start interviews in Feb 2015, complete interviews by May 2015. Compile report June 2015 submit July 2015.

Short list of interviews

1. City of Ridgefield. Jim
2. City of Battleground. Jim
3. City of Vancouver. TBD
4. City of Camas. TBD
5. Clark County. TBD
6. State of Wa. TBD
7. WSU Vancouver. Jim
8. Jordan Ramis. Jim
9. Killian Pacific Jim

