



Water Quality Program

Permit Submittal Electronic Certification

Permittee: LAKE STEVENS CITY

Permit Number: WAR045523

Site Address: 1812 Main St
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Submittal Name: MS4 Annual Report Phase II Western

Version: 1

Due Date: 3/31/2026

Questionnaire

Number	Permit Section	Question	Answer
1	S9.D.6	Attach a map of any annexations, incorporations or boundary changes resulting in an increase or decrease in the Permittee's geographic area of permit coverage during the reporting period per S9.D.6.	Not Applicable
2	S5.A.2; S9.D.1	Attach updated annual Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP Plan). (S5.A.2; S9.D.1)	SWMP 2026_2_030620261713 29
3	S5.A	Implemented an ongoing program to gather, track, and maintain information per S5.A.3, including costs or estimated costs of implementing the SWMP.	Yes
4	S5.A.5.b	Continued to coordinate among departments within the jurisdiction to eliminate barriers to permit compliance. (S5.A.5.b)	Yes
4a	S5.A.5.b	Attach a written description of internal coordination mechanisms. (S5.A.5.b) no later than March 31, 2026.	S5A5b coordination mechanism m_4a_03062026171330
5	S9.D.4	If applicable, identify other entities relied on to satisfy any of the obligations under the Permit. (S9.D.4)	Snohomish Conservation District
6	S5.C.1.a	Continue to convene an interdisciplinary team to inform and assist in the development, progress, and influence of the stormwater planning program? (S5.C.1.a.)	Yes
12	S5.C.1.c.i	Continue to design and implement local development-related codes, rules, standards, or other enforceable documents to minimize impervious surfaces, native vegetation loss, and stormwater runoff, where feasible? See S5.C.1.c.i. (Required annually)	Yes
13	S5.C.1.c.i(a)	From the assessment described in S5.C.1.c.i (a), did you identify any administrative or regulatory barriers to implementation of LID Principles or LID BMPs? (Required annually)	Yes

13a	S5.C.1.c.i(a)	If yes, describe the barrier(s) and the measures taken to address them. (S5.C.1.c.i(a))	<p>The regulatory barriers that we face are spelled out in the SWMMWW. The site suitability in Lake Stevens is nearly always not conducive to infiltration LIDs due to low soil permeability and the manual allows the developer to skip LID if sites are not suitable. There is no enforceable mechanisms at the City to require engineered LID or emerging LID BMPs to meet the LID component of stormwater management, and for several years the policies used in review of stormwater site plans permitted LID to be omitted when soils were determined to be essentially impermeable. The City has taken the step to rephrase boilerplate language used in pre-application materials to better support LID use, even on soils that have very low permeability. The City plans to address the regulatory barrier in the 2019 SWMMWW with an update to the Engineering Design Development Standards (EDDS) to encourage more engineered and emerging LIDs with developments. The City initiated an update to EDDS to encourage engineered LIDs where site suitable conditions generally not present, include LID road profile standards, and to promote more innovative designs from applicants. City is active with the 6PPD-q subgroup to be aware of options available for capturing tire particles.</p>
19	S5.C.2	Did you choose to adopt one or more elements of a regional program? (S5.C.2)	No

20	S5.C.2	Attach a description of general awareness efforts conducted, including your target audiences and subject areas, per S5.C.2.a.i.	2025_General_Awareness-2_20_03232026121026
21	S5.C.2.a.ii(b)	Developed a behavior change campaign that is tailored to the community in accordance with S5.C.2.a.ii(b)? (Required no later than July 1, 2025)	Yes
21a	S5.C.2.a.ii(b)	Attach the strategy and schedule developed in accordance with S5.C.2.a.ii.(b).	City of Lake Stevens Education_21a_03062026171155
22	S5.C.2.a.ii(c)	Began implementing strategy outlined in S.5.C.2.a.ii(b). (S5.C.2.a.ii(c)) – Required by September 1, 2025)	Yes
24	S5.C.2.a.iii	Provided, partnered, or promoted stewardship opportunities to encourage resident participation in activities such as those described in S5.C.2.a.iii.	Yes
24a	S5.C.2.a.iii	Attach a list of stewardship opportunities provided.	Stewardship-Opportunities-2025_24a_03232026121027

25	S5.C.3.a	Describe in Comments field the opportunities created for the public to participate in the decision-making processes involving the development, implementation, and updates of the Permittee's SWMP and the SMAP.	<p>During 2025, the draft Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) was prepared as a user-friendly graphically illustrated website, posted with links from the City's website and advertised in social media for feedback. We presented to the City Council and the public with in-person and online format about the potential implementation of a private stormwater maintenance program (February 25), an update of the stormwater education and outreach program (March 18), our findings with lake water quality following 4th of July fireworks events (July 15), and an introduction of the Salmonid Basins Plan (September 23). The Environmental Programs division developed public-facing web pages to describe several ongoing projects and provided opportunities to provide input and sign-up for updates as they were pushed out with additions to the website. These projects are the Water Quality Education program, Stormwater Management program, Lake Stevens Plan for Salmonid Basins, and the Lower Stevens Creek Restoration Project. We also updated the website to facilitate intake of citizen requests for addressing stormwater concerns and problems.</p>
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25a	S5.C.3.a.i	Describe specific public involvement and participation opportunities provided to overburdened communities and specifically, highly impacted communities. (S5.C.3.a.i)	The 2025 stormwater Education, Outreach, and Behavior Change Program Plan characterized the overburdened community as including the predominantly Spanish-speaking, which was only 1.3% of the population, with the hispanic community comprising 11.2%. Our project websites can be translated in 21 alternative languages to capture this and other overburdened communities. A web map survey of watershed concerns for the Salmonid Basins Plan was offered in English and in Spanish, which was developed by native speakers of the languages. The highly impacted community is mainly represented locally by the Tulalip Tribes, which were engaged at several points in 2025 to seek input on the Salmonid Basins Plan, where they are a regular participant in "Project Partner" working group meetings. We have worked to strengthen this connection with the Tribes, and we take occasional calls to discuss their concerns with open and honest communication.
26	S5.C.3.	Posted the updated SWMP Plan and latest annual report on your website no later than May 31. (S5.C.3.b)	Yes
26a	S5.C.3.	List the website address in Comments field.	https://lakestevenswa.civilspace.io/en/projects/stormwater-management-program
27	S5.C.4.	Maintained an electronic map of the MS4 including the requirements listed in S5.C.4.?	Yes

28	S5.C.4.b.i	<p>Attach file that lists all known outfall locations, sizes, and materials no later than March 31, 2026. The data shall be in one of the following formats, per S5.B.3.a.viii:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESRI file geodatabase template (feature class in a .gdb): https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.gdb.zip • Shapefile template: https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.shape.zip • ArcGIS Online template (sharing template a or b via ArcGIS Online). • Excel template: https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.excel.xlsx 	Lake Stevens Outfalls_2026_exp_28_03062026171452
32	S5.C.5.b	Informed public employees, businesses, and the general public of hazards associated with illicit discharges and improper disposal of waste. (S5.C.5.b)	Yes
32a	S5.C.5.b	Describe actions in Comments field. (S5.C.5.b)	NEOGOV Training (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Hazard Communication: the New GHS Standards, Spill Prevention and Control, Safety Data Sheets), education and outreach during inspections and IDDE responses; made policy and SOP updates
33	S5.C.5.c	Implemented an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to effectively prohibit non-stormwater, illicit discharges as described in S5.C.5.c.	Yes
35	S5.C.5.d.i	Implemented procedures for conducting illicit discharge investigations in accordance with S5.C.5.d.i.	Yes
35a	S5.C.5.d.i	Cite field screening methodology in Comments field.	The stormwater system is screened for illicit discharges through routine stormwater facility inspections, catch basin/manhole inspections, and citizen reports. Illicit discharges are investigated using procedures in the City's adopted illicit discharge standard operation procedures which references the ICID Manual 2020. These procedures are also included in source control inspections.
36	S5.C.5.d.i(a)	Percentage of MS4 coverage area screened in the reporting year per S5.C.5.d.i. (Required to screen 12% on average each year.)	51

36a	S5.C.5.d.i(a)	Cite field screening techniques used to determine percent of MS4 screened.	The stormwater system is screened for illicit discharges during routine inspections and maintenance. Field staff have been trained in IDDE detection and provided training on the IDDE SOP. Field staff primarily use visual inspection and odor identification as the first screening method to determine if an illicit discharge is present. City staff reviewed the number of inspection and maintenance work orders as they relate to the stormwater infrastructure to determine the percent screened.
37	S5.C.5.d.ii	Describe how you publicized a hotline telephone number for public reporting of spills and other illicit discharges in the Comments field. (S5.C.5.d.ii)	Advertised on the City Website with a link to the Public Works online request form and an emergency phone number to call, including when to call 911. The city has also branded several practical items with the hotline phone number. Message on PW main phone changed to state hang up and call 911 for hazardous spills.
38	S5.C.5.d.iii	Implemented an ongoing illicit discharge training program for all municipal field staff per S5.C.5.d.iii.	Yes
39	S5.C.5.e	Implemented an ongoing program to characterize, trace, and eliminate illicit discharges into the MS4 per S5.C.5.e.	Yes
40	S5.C.5.f	Implemented an ongoing illicit discharge training program for all staff responsible for implementing the procedures and program described in S5.C.5.f.	Yes
41	S5.C.5.g	Attach a report with data describing the actions taken to characterize, trace, and eliminate each illicit discharge reported to, or investigated by, the Permittee as described in S5.C.5.g. The submittal must include all of the applicable information and must follow the instructions, timelines, and format described in Appendix 13.	WAR045523-2025-ImportedIDDEs_03192026095550
42	S5.C.6.b.i-iii	Continued to implement an ordinance or other enforceable mechanism to effectively address runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites per the requirements of S5.C.6.b.i-iii.	Yes

44		Does the ordinance or other enforceable mechanism follow a Phase I program approved by Ecology (S5.C.6.b.i)?	No
45	S5.C.6.b.i. and Section 5 of Appendix 1	Number of adjustments granted to the minimum requirements in Appendix 1. (S5.C.6.b.i. and Section 5 of Appendix 1)	0
46	S5.C.6.b.i., and Section 6 of Appendix 1	Number of exceptions granted to the minimum requirements in Appendix 1. (S5.C.6.b.i., and Section 6 of Appendix 1)	0
47	S5.C.6.c.i	Reviewed Stormwater Site Plans for all proposed development activities that meet the thresholds adopted pursuant to S5.C.6.b.i. (S5.C.6.c.i)	Yes
47a	S5.C.6.c.i	Number of site plans reviewed during the reporting period.	351
48	S5.C.6.c.ii	Inspected, prior to clearing and construction, permitted development sites per S5.C.6.c.ii?	Yes
49	S5.C.6.c.iii	Inspected permitted development sites during construction to verify proper installation and maintenance of required erosion and sediment controls per S5.C.6.c.iii.	Yes
49a	S5.C.6.c.iii	Number of construction sites inspected per S5.C.6.c.iii.	47
49b	S5.C.6.c.iv	Inspected stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities and catch basins in new residential developments at least twice per 12-month period with no less than 4 months between inspections, per S5.C.6.c.iv?	Yes
50	S5.C.6.	Inspected all permitted development sites upon completion of construction and prior to final approval or occupancy to ensure proper installation of permanent stormwater facilities. (S5.C.6.c.v)	Yes
51	S5.C.6.	Verified a maintenance plan is completed and responsibility for maintenance is assigned for projects prior to final approval and occupancy being granted. (S5.C.6.c.v)	Yes
52	S5.C.6.c.viii	Number of enforcement actions taken during the reporting period (based on construction phase inspections at new development and redevelopment projects, per S5.C.6.c.ii-iv). (S5.C.6.c.viii)	3
53	S5.C.6.c.vi	Achieved at least 80% of scheduled construction-related inspections. (S5.C.6.c.vi)	Yes
54	S5.C.6.d	Made online links to Ecology's Construction Stormwater General Permit Notice of Intent, the Industrial Stormwater General Permit Notice of Intent, and the registration requirements for Underground Injection Control (UIC) available to representatives of proposed new development and redevelopment? (S5.C.6.d)	Yes
55	S5.C.6.e	All staff whose primary job duties are implementing the program to control stormwater runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites including permitting, plan review, construction site inspections, and enforcement are trained to conduct these activities. (S5.C.6.e)	Yes

56	S5.C.7.b	Attach a list of projects that are fully funded, started, completed and/or scheduled for implementation during this permit term for the purpose of meeting S5.C.7.b, with the information and formatting specified in Appendix 12. Attach an updated list annually. (S5.C.7.b,)	SMED-S5C7_LakeStevens_2025_56_03062026171721
57	S5.C.8.b	Updated inventory to identify institutional, commercial and industrial properties which have the potential to generate pollutants to the Permittee's MS4 per S5.C.8.b? (Required at least once every five years)	No
58	S5.C.8.a-d	Attach a summary of actions taken to implement the source control program, per S5.C.8.a-d.	2025 Summary Report-Source Con_58_03192026105319
59	S5.C.8.d	Attach a list of inspections, per S5.C.8.c.v, organized by the business category, noting the number of times each business was inspected and if enforcement actions were taken, per S5.C.8.d.	2025 Source Control Inspection_59_03192026105320
60	S5.C.8.e	Implemented an ongoing source control training program per S5.C.8.e?	Yes
61	S5.C.9.a	Implemented maintenance standards that are as protective, or more protective, of facility function than those specified in the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington or a Phase I program approved by Ecology per S5.C.9.a?	Yes
63	S5.C.9.a	Applied a maintenance standard for a facility or facilities which do not have maintenance standards specified in the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington? (S5.C.9.a)	Yes
63a	S5.C.9.a.ii	If so, note in the Comments field what kinds of facilities are covered by this alternative standard. (S5.C.9.a)	Modular Wetlands
64	S5.C.9.a.ii	Verified that maintenance was performed per the schedule in S5.C.9.a.ii when an inspection identified an exceedance of the maintenance standard.	Yes
64a	S5.C.9.a.ii	Attach documentation of maintenance time frame exceedances that were beyond the Permittee's control.	Not Applicable
65	S.5.C.9.b.i(a)	Implemented an ordinance or other enforceable mechanisms to verify long-term operation and maintenance of stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities regulated by the permittee per S.5.C.9.b.i(a)?	Yes
66	S5.C.9.b.i(b)	Inspected stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities regulated by the Permittee per S5.C.9.b.i(b)	Yes
66a	S5.C.9.b.i(b)	Are you using a reduced stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities inspection frequency?	No
66b	S5.C.9.b.i(b)	If using a reduced inspection frequency on stormwater facilities regulated by the Permittee for the first time during this permit cycle, attach documentation per S5.C.9.b.i.(b).	Not Applicable

67	S5.C.9.b.ii	Achieved at least 80% of required inspections to verify adequate long-term O&M. (S5.C.7.b.ii)	Yes
68	S5.C.9.c.i	Annually inspected municipally owned or operated permanent stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities. (S5.C.9.c.i)	Yes
68a	S5.C.9.c.i	Number of known municipally owned or operated stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities. (S5.C.9.c.i)	125
68b	S5.C.9.c.i	Number of facilities inspected during the reporting period.	125
68c	S5.C.9.c.i	Number of facilities for which maintenance was performed during the reporting period.	93
69	S5.C.9.c.i	If using reduced inspection frequency for the first time during this permit cycle, attach documentation per S5.C.9.c.i.	Not Applicable
70	S5.C.9.c.ii	Conducted spot checks and inspections (if necessary) of potentially damaged stormwater facilities after major storms as per S5.C.7.c.ii.	Yes
71	S5.C.9.c.iii	Inspected municipally owned or operated catch basins and inlets every two years or used an alternative approach? Cleaned as needed? (S.5.C.9.c.iii)	Yes
71a	S5.C.9.c.iii	Number of known catch basins and inlets?	6066
71b	S5.C.9.c.iii	Number of catch basins and inlets inspected during the reporting period?	3015
71c	S5.C.9.c.iii	Number of catch basins and inlets cleaned during the reporting period?	852
72	S5.C.9.c.iii	Attach documentation of alternative catch basin inspection approach for those owned or operated by the Permittee, if used, per S5.C.9.c.iii.	Not Applicable
73	S5.C.9.d	Implemented practices, policies and procedures to reduce stormwater impacts associated with runoff from all lands owned or maintained by the Permittee, and road maintenance activities under the functional control of the Permittee. (S5.C.9.d)	Yes
79	S5.C.9.f	Implemented a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for all heavy equipment maintenance or storage yards, and material storage facilities owned or operated by the Permittee in areas subject to this Permit that are not required to have coverage under an NPDES permit that covers stormwater discharges associated with the activity. (S5.C.9.f)	Yes
80	S5.C.9.g	Implemented an ongoing training program for Permittee employees whose primary construction, operations or maintenance job functions may impact stormwater quality. (S5.C.9.g)	Yes
81	S7.A	Complied with the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)-specific requirements identified in Appendix 2. (S7.A)	Yes
81a	S7.A	List any requirements that were not met.	Not Applicable

82	S7.A	For TMDLs listed in Appendix 2: Attach a summary of relevant SWMP and Appendix 2 activities to address the applicable TMDL parameter(s). (S7.A)	2025-TMDL-report_82_03202026163955
83	S8.A.1, S8.A.2.a	Submitted payment for cost-sharing for Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM) status and trends monitoring no later than December 1, 2024 (S8.A.1); and no later than August 15 of each subsequent year? (S8.A.2.a.)	Yes
85	S8.B.1, S5.B.2.a or S8.B.2.c	Submitted payment for cost-sharing for SAM effectiveness and source identification studies no later than December 1, 2024 (S8.B.1); and no later than August 15 of each subsequent year (S8.B.2.a or S8.B.2.c)?	Yes
87	S8.C.1.b and Appendix 9	If conducting stormwater discharge monitoring in accordance with S8.C.1, submitted a QAPP to Ecology no later than February 1, 2025? (S8.C.1.b and Appendix 9)	Not Applicable
88	S8	If conducting stormwater discharge monitoring in accordance with S8.C.1, attach a data and analysis report per S8.C.1. and Appendix 9. (Due annually beginning March 31, 2026.)	Not Applicable
89	G3	Notified Ecology in accordance with G3 of any discharge into or from the Permittees MS4 which could constitute a threat to human health, welfare or the environment. (G3)	Yes
90	G3	Took appropriate action to correct or minimize the threat to human health, welfare, and/or the environment per G3.A.	Yes
91	Compliance with standards	Notified Ecology within 30 days of becoming aware that a discharge from the Permittee's MS4 caused or contributed to a known or likely violation of water quality standards in the receiving water. (S4.F.1)	Yes
92	Compliance with standards	If requested, submitted an Adaptive Management Response report in accordance with S4.F.3.a.	Not Applicable
93	Compliance with standards	Attach a summary of the status of implementation of any actions taken pursuant to S4.F.3 and the status of any monitoring, assessment, or evaluation efforts conducted during the reporting period. (S4.F.3.d)	Not Applicable
94	G20	Notified Ecology of the failure to comply with the permit terms and conditions within 30 days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. (G20)	Not Applicable
95	G20	Number of non-compliance notifications (G20) provided in reporting year. List permit conditions described in non-compliance notification(s) in Comments field.	0

I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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Date