

May 6, 2015
Proposed Modification
(Responsibilities)

13.30A.040 Clean water commission.

There is hereby created a clean water commission composed of nine (9) citizens appointed by the County Manager and Board of County Councilors. The clean water commission shall represent the public's interests in storm and surface water treatment and regulation. The commission shall make recommendations to the County Manager as well as the Board of County Councilors on such matters as the focus of the Stormwater Management Program, program service levels, financing, and policies on surface and stormwater issues as well as other programs or projects as defined. The commission shall report to the County Manager and Council its recommendation(s) for creating an incentive¹ program through which service charges may be adjusted in circumstances where property owners (residential, commercial, school districts and others as determined) significantly reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff and improve the water quality. In addition, the commission shall report annually to the County Manager and Council on the effectiveness of the stormwater management program as well as special projects (if applicable). In order to make an annual report to the County Manager and Council, the commission shall establish the criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of based on NPDES permit requirements.² The annual report shall include a plan for the upcoming year in addition to evaluating the effectiveness of the program in the preceding year. Also, the report shall include a summary of revenues and expenditures (staff will provide this material). The terms of the appointees shall be staggered and be for three (3) years from January 1st through December 31st of the defined years. Members may be reappointed to serve additional terms at the discretion of the County Manager and County Councilors. (Sec. 3 of Ord. 1999-11-09)

1. Incentive programs will focus will be on recognition with public acknowledgements, certificates or other ways of signifying involvement, effort and results that lead to significant reductions in stormwater volume, improved control and/or improved water quality.
2. Failure for not meeting NPDES permit requirements may result fines from the Washington Department of Ecology and potential citizen lawsuits in federal court.