

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENHANCED CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Pullman has a population with diverse interests and perspectives; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pullman intends to develop and implement an enhanced municipal stormwater management program to serve our citizens, protect our waterways from pollution, and comply with state and federal regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the City's stormwater management program will be most successful if a broad level of community interests and perspectives are actively and collaboratively engaged throughout its formation and implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to create opportunities for broad-based collaborative participation of our citizens; now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the city of Pullman as follows:

Section 1. Public Participation Goals. The City of Pullman's public participation goals during development, implementation, and updates of the City's enhanced stormwater program are to:

1. Engage the public early in the process;
2. Ensure that the diversity of public interests and perspectives are involved;
3. Communicate regularly with the public during the process;
4. Provide access to complete information about the stormwater program;
5. Create ongoing opportunities for citizens to participate in decision making;
6. Seek and address public comments on new stormwater regulations and ordinances;
7. Comply with all applicable state and local public notice requirements;

Section 2. Meeting Public Participation Goals. In order to meet the goals in Section 1, the City shall facilitate public participation in the following ways:

1. The City shall periodically post the most current stormwater program information on the City's website along with contact information for submittal of comments;
2. The City will evaluate ways to formally involve the public through methods such as advisory panels, workshops, public hearings, stakeholder meetings, and other methods, and will implement the method or methods determined most suitable by the City Council;
3. The City will determine the most appropriate times to seek public comments during the development, implementation, and updates of the City's enhanced stormwater program, and will seek comments at those times.
4. The City will provide adequate notice of public hearings required to adopt new stormwater standards and ordinances, and will provide access to related information and documents so the public can provide meaningful comments during hearings;
5. The City shall respond to stormwater comments received through the City's website and public hearings, and will maintain a publicly available record of comments and how they were addressed.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Pullman at the regular meeting this ____ day of _____, 2008.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Director

Approved at to form:

City Attorney