

2023-2025 Commission Goals and Strategies

Job Category



December 2023 UPDATE

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Percentage Complete:	Ongoing	Target Completion:	Ongoing Program

Goal 7.2 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES requirements/sampling)

IMPORTANT OR RELEVANT DATES/MILESTONES: (LOOKING AHEAD AT THE NEXT 3 MONTHS)

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 – PROVIDE THE CITY COMMISSION WITH AN ANNUAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CITY’S STORMWATER PROGRAM, MUNICIPAL STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES, AND BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTS TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION. DONE

NOVEMBER 2023 – ALIGNED WITH THE CITY’S WINTER WEATHER RESPONSE PLAN, DEVELOP AN SOP FOR THE CITY’S ROAD MAINTENANCE STRATEGY TO DOCUMENT MATERIAL SELECTION, STORAGE, PROPER APPLICATION (TIMING AND RATES), COLLECTION, AND REUSE OPPORTUNITIES. DONE

DECEMBER 2023 - PROVIDE THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH AN ANNUAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CITY’S STORMWATER PROGRAM, MUNICIPAL STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES, AND BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTS TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION. ON TRACK

FEBRUARY 28, 2024 - DEVELOP AN SOP THAT OUTLINES POLLUTION PREVENTION MEASURES WHEN CLEANING UP ABANDONED CAMPSITES IN PUBLIC AREAS. SOP MAY BE ADDED TO THE LARGER MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS SOP (BMP OM-2). ON TRACK

FEBRUARY 28, 2024 – DEVELOP AN SOP FOR PESTICIDE AND FERTILIZER STORAGE, APPLICATION, AND DISPOSAL. SOP MAY BE ADDED TO MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS SOP IN OM-2. REVISE STANDARD LANGUAGE FOR MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR PESTICIDE AND FERTILIZER APPLICATION. ON TRACK

JUNE 2024 - PREPARE AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE ORDINANCE THAT WILL UPDATE OCMC 8.08 TO SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT ILLICIT DISCHARGES (AND ALLOW OR CONDITIONALLY ALLOW OTHERS), CONSISTENT WITH NPDES MS4 PERMIT SCHEDULE A.1.D. INCLUDE ESCALATING ENFORCEMENT BASED ON SEVERITY AND INTENT OF INCIDENT. ON TRACK

STATUS: (WHAT HAS BEEN DONE/IS BEING DONE)

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MANAGES THE NPDES PROGRAM WITHIN THE STORMWATER DIVISION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NPDES MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PHASE I PERMIT. OUR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SWMP) DOCUMENT LAYS OUT A LONG LIST OF ACTIVITIES THE CITY MUST IMPLEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY’S NPDES MS4 PERMIT. THE PROGRAM CATEGORIES INCLUDE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, POST CONSTRUCTION, MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROGRAM, AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS.

DETAILS ON THE CITY’S NPDES PROGRAM ARE MOST EASILY FOUND VIA THE CITY’S WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://WWW.OREGONCITY.ORG/1165/NPDES-MS4-PHASE-I-PERMIT---CLACKAMAS-GRO](https://www.oregoncity.org/1165/NPDES-MS4-PHASE-I-PERMIT---CLACKAMAS-GRO)

ONE ALL-ENCOMPASSING ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE NPDES PROGRAM IS THE CITY’S DEDICATED NPDES WEBPAGE. PROVIDING ACCESS TO A LONG LIST OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS COMPILED IN ONE LOCATION ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC IS A RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENT. WEBSITE ACCESS PROVIDES EASY ACCESS TO THE MS4 PERMIT, THE SWMP, A LONG HISTORY OF ANNUAL REPORTS, AND SEVERAL OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS THAT THE CITY HAS CREATED TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATES AND TO REDUCE DISCHARGES OF POLLUTANTS TO RECEIVING WATERS.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (IDDE) REMAINS A PRIORITY. STAFF RECENTLY COMPLETED DRY WEATHER OUTFALL INSPECTIONS, AND ALL NINE STRATEGICALLY IDENTIFIED NON-RESIDENTIAL OUTFALLS WERE CONFIRMED TO BE FREE OF ILLICIT DISCHARGE. PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO ASSESS NEW OUTFALL SITES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THIS INSPECTION PROCESS. THE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA FOR OUTFALL INSPECTIONS WAS REVIEWED AND DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR CURRENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND LANGUAGE FOR IDDE SOP WAS UPDATED TO REFLECT THE 2021-2026 MS4 PERMIT.

THE CONSTRUCTION SITE RUNOFF CONTROL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO REMAIN EFFECTIVE. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, PLAN REVIEWS, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION SITE INSPECTIONS, ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING. PROCEDURES ARE CLEARLY OUTLINED IN THE NEWLY COMPLETED OREGON CITY EROSION CONTROL ENFORCEMENT STANDARD OF PRACTICE, AS REQUIRED BY SWMP BMP EC-6.

INSPECTIONS OF PUBLIC STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES REMAIN A ROUTINE PRACTICE. STAFF IS TASKED WITH IDENTIFYING MAINTENANCE NEEDS AND ISSUING WORK ORDERS WHEN REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED. FOR THE PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES STAFF PERFORM MAINTENANCE ACTIONS TO MAINTAIN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERFORMANCE ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

PUBLIC WORKS IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S "HOMELESSNESS/URBAN CAMPING IMPACT REDUCTION PROGRAM CAMPSITE REMOVAL AND PROPERTY STORAGE POLICY," AND ADAPTING IT TO REFLECT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION.

PUBLIC WORKS IS IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING MULTIPLE JURISDICTION-INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLANS TO ADOPT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT REFLECT OREGON CITY'S UNIQUE NEEDS. THE CITY WILL BEGIN TO REVISE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTS ONCE THE SOP IS COMPLETED.

STAFF HAVE CONDUCTED INSPECTIONS OF HIGH-PRIORITY BUSINESSES IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL FACILITY SCREENING PROGRAM. DURING SITE INSPECTIONS, STAFF REVIEWS ONSITE STORMWATER SYSTEMS, POLLUTION PREVENTION MEASURES, MATERIAL TRANSPORT AND STORAGE, AND WASTE DISPOSAL. THE INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL FACILITIES STRATEGY HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT NEW PERMIT LANGUAGE AND HAS BEEN UPLOADED TO THE WEBSITE FOR A 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD BEFORE SUBMITTING THE FINAL DOCUMENT (WITH COMMENTS ADDRESSED) TO THE DEQ (DUE DECEMBER 1, 2023).

THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE/LOW IMPACT DESIGN (LID) STRATEGY HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO REFLECT NEW, PERMIT LANGUAGE & A GAP ANALYSIS HAS BEEN PERFORMED ON ALL MUNICIPAL CODES AND STANDARDS TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO BARRIERS TO LID IMPLEMENTATION. A TECHNICAL REVIEW MEMO OF THE GAP ANALYSIS HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND DEQ IN THE ONLINE LIBRARY.

TWO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AS A RESULT OF ADDRESSING THE 2015 HYDROMODIFICATION ASSESSMENT TO MINIMIZE STREAM BANK EROSION AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY. SITE PRIORITIZATION, ASSESSMENT, AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IS ONGOING. AN UPDATE IS REQUIRED BY THE DEQ AND HAS BEEN SUBMITTED WITH THE MS4 ANNUAL REPORT (DUE DECEMBER 1, 2023)