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Your SSWM Program – Workshop and Field Trip

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, May 11, 2010 – What’s a SSWM Program? Pronounced “swim,” the acronym refers to the Surface and Stormwater Management Program, run by the City of Bainbridge Island under state and federal requirements to safely and effectively manage stormwater and protect the environment.

As part of National Public Works Week, City staff will offer a workshop and field trip on Tuesday, May 25 to educate the City Council and public about the SSWM program. The workshop will begin at 5:30 in Council Chambers, City Hall, 280 Madison Ave. N. The field trip will begin at 7 pm at Cooper Creek/Head of the Bay near the intersection of Bucklin Hill and Wyatt Way, and is expected to last until 8 pm.

“This is an opportunity for the public to learn about the SSWM program and find out what city staff are doing on a daily basis to meet permit requirements and manage our Municipal Stormwater Drainage System effectively and efficiently,” said Melva Hill, the City’s Water Resources Engineer.

The workshop will include an overview of the activities required under the city’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal permit, administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology. These include monitoring and enforcement for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE), design, construction, maintenance and mapping of all stormwater infrastructure, and public education and outreach.

“The comprehensive SSWM program is required by our NPDES municipal permit,” said Melva Hill, the city’s Water Resources Engineer. “We also know it’s important to our residents. The 2008 Community Priorities Survey identified ‘ensuring adequate water supply’ and ‘protecting water quality in Bainbridge streams and shorelines’ as the top services for tax priority.

For more information on the Workshop and Field Trip, call Melva Hill or Cami Apfelbeck at 842-2016 or email waterresources@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us.

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