

NOTICE TO COUNCIL OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ACTION
(Via Email)

DATE: April 14, 2026
TO: County Council (by Email) Via
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
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FROM: Jed Gonzales, Transportation Specialist, Public Works
SUBJECT: Amendments to the Snohomish County Engineering Design and
Development Standards (EDDS)

Notice Date: April 14, 2026

Request for Comments: Comments on the following proposal are requested from interested parties.

Proposed Rulemaking Action: Pursuant to Snohomish County Code (SCC) 30.82.040 (Rulemaking) the Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing amendments to Chapters 1 and 11 of the Snohomish County Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS) by reason of State of Washington Department of Ecology's update to the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit that regulates systems owned or operated by unincorporated counties. The proposed amendments are generally described below.

EDDS Reference Number with General Summary of Amendments:

Chapter 1 General Considerations

- Updated definition of bicycle or bike in EDDS 1-17 to include electric power.
- Updated definition of Bioretention BMPs in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as indicated in Appendix 1 (Minimum Technical Requirements for New Development and Redevelopment) Section 2 (Definitions Related to Minimum Requirements) of the August 1, 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- Updated definition of Common plan of development or sale in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of New hard surface in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of New impervious surface in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of On-site stormwater management BMPs in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of Pollution-generating impervious surface (PGIS) in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.

- Updated definition of Pollution-generating pervious surface (PGPS) in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of Project in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of Replaced impervious surface in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of Site in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of Source control BMP in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of Threshold discharge area in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.
- Updated definition of Vehicular use in EDDS 1-17 to have the same meaning as defined in Snohomish County Code.

Chapter 11 Low Impact Development (LID)

- Updated EDDS 11-01.B to match the language indicated in Appendix 1 (Minimum Technical Requirements for New Development and Redevelopment) Section 1 of the August 1, 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- Appendix 10 (Equivalent Programs for Runoff Controls for New Development, Redevelopment, and Construction Sites - Part 1.F.) of the August 1, 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit determined the HRM to be equivalent to both of Ecology's Western and Eastern Stormwater Management Manuals for minimum design requirements and best management practices for public road projects. Updated EDDS 11-02.D to match SCC 30.63A.140 that states the HRM to be equivalent to the 2024 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.
- Revised EDDS 11-02.E to provide more general information on the location of the webpage as opposed to a specific page since a page may be moved or updated in the future.
- Revised EDDS 11-02.F.2 to add the applicable EDDS section.
- Revised EDDS 11.02.F.3 to add as approved by the Engineer for LID BMPs installed in public right-of-way.
- The update to Snohomish County Drainage Manual Volume V Chapter 7 Section 7.3 includes High Performance Bioretention Soil Mix (HPBSM) Specifications. Updated EDDS 11-02.I.3.i to include possible use of new HPBSM.
- Revised EDDS 11-02.I.3.viii to add the applicable EDDS appendix.
- Revised EDDS 11.02.J.3.iii to correct the applicable EDDS section.
- Revised EDDS 11.02.J.4.iii.e to correct the applicable EDDS section.

Comment Period: A twenty-one (21) day public comment period starts on April 14, 2026 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2026.

Contact: All comments must be in writing and sent by email to Contact.EDDSCustomerService@snoco.org, or by mail at 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 607, Everett, WA 98201.

Review Process: Written comments received during the comment period will be considered by the County Engineer who, pursuant to SCC 30.82.040(1), may approve the proposal in whole or in part, with or without changes, or repeal the proposal entirely. Pursuant to SCC 30.82.040(2) notice of the County Engineer's action will be provided to the Clerk of the County Council, published in the County newspaper of record (The Herald), and sent to any person who submitted written comments.

To learn more about the proposed amendments:

- Refer to the EDDS web page at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/492/Design-Standards-EDDS>, or
- Email Contact.EDDSCustomerService@snoco.org, or by mail at 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 607, Everett, WA 98201.

To Comment on the Proposed Amendments:

- All comments must be in writing (email or letter) and sent to the contact listed above.
- All written comments must contain the commenters name, mailing address, and email address if applicable.
- Only written comments received on or before 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2026 will be considered.

ADA Notice: Snohomish County strives to provide accessible facilities and services to all members of the public. Sign language interpreters and communication materials in alternative forms will be provided on request, please contact the County's EEO Officer at 425-388-3511 (for TTY first dial 711).

Attachments:

- A copy of the proposed EDDS amendments with the text sections shown in Track Changes format (i.e. changes are in color with deleted language shown with ~~strikeouts~~ and new language shown as underlined).
- A clean copy of the proposed EDDS amendments shown without changes.