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August 2, 2022

Maureen Meehan, Water Quality Manager
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Re: Clarks Creek Restoration Plan, Updated July 1, 2021

Dear Maureen Meehan:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates the effort and resources that Pierce County invested in preparing your updated Clarks Creek Restoration Plan (updated Plan) dated July 1, 2021. Ecology reviewed and commented on your updated Plan, including the County's revisions to this Plan, sent on May 16, 2022 and on July 18, 2022. We understand Pierce County will publish your July 2022 Restoration Plan to your website soon.

Ecology accepts the County's July 1, 2021 updated Plan, as modified by your July 18, 2022 revisions, and by revisions communicated to us on July 25, 2022. Pierce County shall use your 2021 *Stormwater and Site Development Manual* (2021 Manual) and ensure stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)/facilities receiving Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) credit are maintained in accordance with BMP maintenance standards in your 2021 Manual or the 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW). Pierce County will also ensure manufactured treatment devices are maintained per the manufacturer's guidance and your 2021 Manual. Your updated Plan says, "The County's procedures for inspecting different types of structural stormwater controls can be found in the *BMP Condition Assessment Manual* and *Water Quality Inspector's Manual* (SWMMWW equivalents)."

Ecology completed a limited review of the County's updated Plan, specific to the Plan components covered by Pierce County's municipal stormwater permit. For more detail, refer to Appendix 2 of your 2019-2024 municipal stormwater permit (modified October 20, 2021) for the County's required TMDL implementation actions.

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This review and acceptance excludes, for example, the following updated Plan components:

- The 5-Year Reassessment, including appendices F-H
- The County's load allocations, including ongoing TMDL implementation activities to meet load allocation targets
- The County's general load allocation
- In-stream channel stabilization projects

We look forward to continued coordination with Pierce County on TMDL implementation to continue to improve the condition of waters in the Clarks Creek watershed.

Please contact me with any questions or comments by email at Sheila.Marcoe@ecy.wa.gov, or by phone at (360) 522-2987.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Ecology memo (4/18/22)
Ecology comments (emailed 4/20/22)
Pierce County's responses (received 5/16/22)
Ecology comments (emailed 6/10/22)
Pierce County's responses (received 7/18/22)
G20 response (emailed 8/2/22)

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