

## **Q82 Narrative for City of Enumclaw 2024 Annual Report**

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**Q82 For TMDLs listed in Appendix 2: Attach a summary of relevant SWMP and Appendix 2 activities to address the applicable TMDL parameter(s). (S7.A)**

### **2024 Compliance Activities and Recap of compliance Activities for the full 2019-2024 permit cycle.**

- Continued fecal coliform field sampling program at identified sites from creek mile 1.7 to 1.0 that discharge into Boise Creek to assist in illicit discharge detection and elimination. See attached bacterial field screening results.
- Engineering Technician continued to assist with fecal coliform bacteria field screening and source tracing efforts within the City.
- Added additional field fecal coliform sampling sites in the flume and laterals approximately 1 mile north of the confluence with the mainstream, north of SE 456<sup>th</sup> Street, between highway 410 to the west and Watson Street N. to the East. IDDE field screening for bacteria is ongoing in this area. Implemented schedules and activities identified in S5.C.5 in response to any illicit discharge found. See attached bacterial field screening results.
- Coordinated with King County Stormwater services to perform bacterial DNA testing on various samples sites in the flume and laterals approximately 1 mile north of the confluence with the mainstream, north of SE 456th Street, between highway 410 to the west and Watson Street N. to the East. This data has helped in determining potential sources of the bacteria present in the area. To date, results during this permit cycle do not indicate any human sources in the flume and laterals of the area bacteria field screening is being performed.
- Continue collaborating with King County, King Conservation District, WSDA, Seattle-King County Health, and Ecology to discuss TMDL strategies and share fecal coliform sampling data collected from creek mile 1.7 to 1.0 as well as the flume and laterals described above. Attended quarterly interagency meetings to discuss data and strategies to correct known issues across the Enumclaw Plateau.
- Assisted King County Stormwater Services and Seattle-King County Health with confirmation of an illicit connection to the County's MS4 through use of the City line camera and operator (2021).
- Bacterial field screening results and subsequent source tracing led to the discovery and elimination of two illicit sewer connections to the MS4 from two separate mobile homes in the Mt Villa Mobile Home Park (2019).
- Bacterial field screening results and subsequent source tracing led to the discovery and elimination of two illicit connections from onsite septic systems to the MS4. Worked with the property owners to eliminate the illicit connections within 6 months of discovery (2020).
- Bacterial source tracing efforts led to the discovery of 4 separate properties that were improperly disposing of pet waste in drainage ditch systems or stormwater ponds. Enforcement letters were sent to all property owners requiring clean-up and halt of this illicit practice. All properties have complied with the enforcement requirements and are now in compliance (2020).
- Bacterial source tracing efforts led to confirmation that significant bacterial loading (particularly winter loading) identified in the King County Drainage District Lateral A stream comes from a

large agricultural property located outside the city limits. Ongoing coordination/collaboration through the inter-agency group is being performed to identify potential options to eliminate this source.

- Sent an education and outreach general awareness letter on proper pet waste management and reasons not to feed birds to various properties adjacent to the King County Drainage District Lateral A stream as a component of efforts to reduce the elevated bacteria loading observed in that system. Letters were sent to approximately 110 property owners (2021).
- Partnered with the King Conservation District (KCD) Stream Steward program (2019-2020) by providing space in the City of Enumclaw waste water treatment plant to perform water quality analysis and store, clean and distribute water quality testing kits. KCD Stream Stewards perform water quality testing at sites from creek mile 1.7 to 1.0 that discharge into Boise Creek. This stewardship opportunity was formally terminated in 2023 due to budget and staffing constraints at KCD.
- Continued pet waste education and outreach activities according to S5.C.2 to increase awareness of bacterial pollution problems and promote proper pet waste management behavior (see Question 21 narrative for more information). This included pet waste education and outreach at the City's booth during the King County Fair (2021), Enumclaw Street Fair (2022), Enumclaw Street Fair (2023), Enumclaw Street Fair (2024).
- Installed and maintained animal waste education and collection stations at permittee owned municipal parks and trails including: Boise Creek Park, Dwight Garrett Park, Ellenson Park (Enumclaw Dog Park), the Foothills Trail, Flensted Park, Holdner Park, Martin Johnson Park, McFarland Park, Montgomery Park, Battersby Trail, and the Rainier Trails Park. Require the installation of animal waste signage and collection stations at all private development with land areas where it can be reasonably expected to have substantial domestic animal use.
- Worked with owners of two separate garbage compactors to eliminate ongoing leaks and potential bacteria from these sources from entering the MS4 through surface runoff.
- In 2023, bacterial source control inspections performed at all commercial animal handling areas to ensure implementation of source control BMPs for bacteria (see source control inspection list for more information).
- Sent an education and outreach general awareness letter on proper pet waste management and reasons not to feed birds to various properties adjacent to the King County Drainage District Lateral A and B stream/ditch as a component of efforts to reduce the elevated bacteria loading observed in that system. Letters were sent to approximately 100 property owners (2024).
- In 2024, identified two mobile homes along Dickson Ave who were improperly disposing of pet waste in the drainage ditch which drains to the main flume. Worked with the mobile home park manager to clean-up the waste and ensure the issue was corrected going forward. Provided education and outreach material on proper pet waste disposal to the mobile home park to share with all residents.

## City of Enumclaw 2024 Bacteria Field Screening Location Map Boise Creek Basin Area



Note: Shows sample locations for entire permit cycle and the last test result at the sampling location.









