

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND
PHASE II MUNICIPAL STORMWATER NPDES PERMIT #WAR045503
Permit Term 8/1/2024 – 7/31/2029
2024 ANNUAL REPORT – RESPONSE TO QUESTION #24a

COBI response for Q24a: Attach a list of stewardship opportunities provided.

Stewardship Opportunities Provided and/or Promoted by City of Bainbridge Island in 2024:

- Puget Sound Starts Here Month – September 2024
 - City Proclamation at City Council Meeting September 10, 2024
 - Contributed \$2,000 to the regional Puget Sound Starts Here (PSSH) ad campaign with STORM
 - Promoted local events and activities in four City Manager Friday e-newsletters
 - Hosted a table at Farmer’s Market to promote stewardship opportunities on October 5th
- Promoted the Sustainable Bainbridge Beach Cleanup September 15th
- [City Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Program \(WQFMP\)](#)

A dedicated group of volunteer stewards help with stream and stormwater discharge monitoring, stream repairs and restoration, and Salmon monitoring (Nov.-Dec.).
- Natural Yard Care Behavior Change Campaign in partnership with West Sound Stormwater Outreach Group (WSSOG)
- The City’s Pet Waste Control Program includes a local and regional element to promote stewardship. The program provides free pet waste bags at “Mutt Mitt” stations installed all around the island to help prevent fecal coliform bacteria release into the environment and TMDL area. In total, as part of this program there are 54 public pet waste bag stations around the island (this total does not include the many privately owned and maintained stations located around the island).
 - For the local element, Public Works staff regularly inspect and maintain 10 pet waste bag stations installed at City owned and operated lands adjacent to stream and marine shorelines and where there is a reasonable expectation to have domestic dogs use and the potential for pollution in stormwater within the TMDL area.
 - For the regional element, the City is in partnership, through WSSOG, with the Kitsap County “Mutt Mitt” Program to promote and facilitate stewardship by reminding and assisting pet owners to pick up their pet waste and put it in the garbage to protect water quality. As part of the regional behavior change campaign “[Mutt Mitt](#)” Program with WSSOG, COBI purchases and promotes public access pet waste stations that are hosted and sponsored by volunteer private property owners. There are 44 stations installed around the island.
- Interlocal agreement contract with Kitsap Conservation District to provide outreach and assistance to agricultural property owners/managers regarding best management practices for water quality.