

2021 Stormwater Code Update

Seattle City Council
Transportation & Utilities Committee

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Agenda

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Background

Why do we have a Stormwater Code?

- Protects people, property, and the environment from damage caused by stormwater runoff.
- Meets the City's obligation to comply with Department of Ecology's Stormwater Permit.

What is in the Stormwater Code?

- Source control for ongoing practices.
- Construction site pollution prevention.
- Onsite stormwater management, flow control and water quality treatment requirements for development.

Background

Who does the Code apply to?

- Private development and City projects
- Businesses
- Residents

Who administers?

- SDCI (private property development)
- SPU (right-of-way development & other provisions)
- SDOT (construction erosion control enforcement for right-of-way)



Why Update the Code Now?



Regulatory Requirement

(Equivalency = Effective July 1, 2021)



**Improve/Maintain
DWW System**



Affordability



Clarify & Simplify

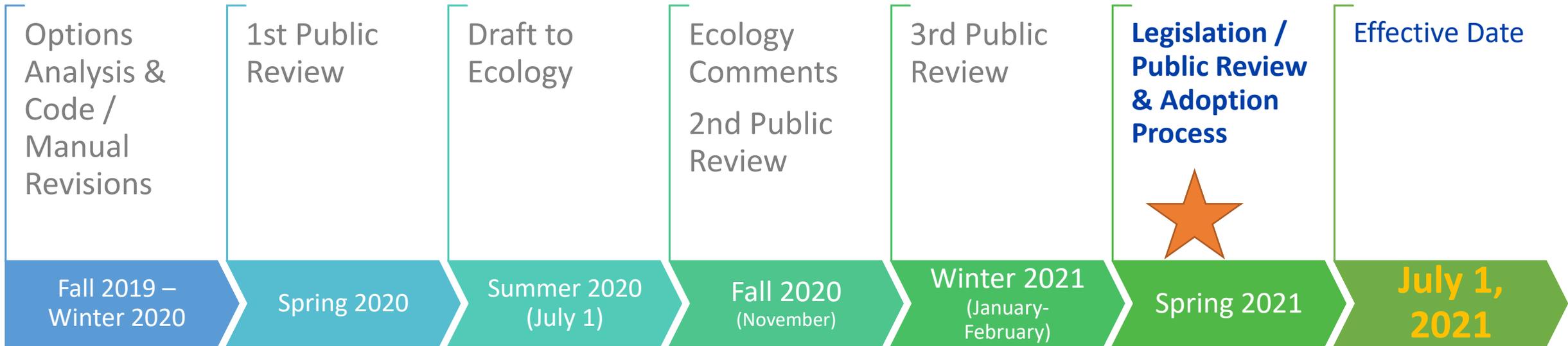
Right Solution,
Right Place



Growth Pays for Growth &
Intergenerational Equity



Schedule



Key Stormwater Code Updates

- Added exemptions for certain land disturbing activities.
- Clarifications related to alternative compliance.
- Changes to definitions.
- Updates to terminology and best management practices (BMP).
- Clarifications regarding:
 - Closely-related projects,
 - Construction timing of shared facilities, and
 - Preliminary drainage review.



Key Stormwater Code Updates (cont'd)

- Minimum requirements for mainline extensions and public drainage system.
- Updated on-site lists for all project types.
- Flow control requirements for Parcel-based Projects & Roadway Projects.
- Flow control standards – Existing Condition & Peak Control.
- Added landscape management plan as an alternative to water quality.
- Added requirements for Preliminary Drainage Review plan requirements associated with subdivisions and short plats



Outreach & Feedback

Extensive Public Notification (since October 2019)

- SDCI and SPU list serves.
- 3 public comment periods and 5 public meetings attended by development, environmental, and consulting communities.

Over 200 Public Comments Received

- Many incorporated, others no changes due to Ecology requirements or policy decisions.
- No significant outstanding concerns.

Questions?

