

**WHATCOM COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive and  
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager  
Kate Rice, Stormwater Program Specialist

**DATE:** APRIL 28, 2022

**RE:** Stormwater Hazardous Waste Outreach Program

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**Requested Action**

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive and the Whatcom County Council enter into a contract for services between Action Research and Whatcom County for the sum of \$74,340, for the purpose of developing an outreach program to foster behavior changes related to proper disposal of moderate-risk hazardous waste.

**Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County is regulated by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. The Permit, administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology includes requirements for conducting public education and outreach and specifically requires social marketing.

The purpose of the project is to develop an outreach program to foster behavior changes related to proper disposal of moderate-risk hazardous waste, such as paint, oil, and yard chemicals, in Whatcom County. The current project will focus on residents living in the Birch Bay Watershed and Lake Whatcom Watershed. The Stormwater Division provides an advanced level of service in these two watersheds through stormwater utility fees. Although the pilot will focus on these two areas, it will be designed such that the strategies demonstrated to be effective can be scaled up to other similar areas of the County.

**Funding Amount and Source**

The contract will be in the amount of \$74,430 and funded through the NPDES budget (10860.544410).

Please contact Kate Rice at extension 6302, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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