

# PUGET SOUND

## National Estuary Program

### STORMWATER PARKS FOR WATER QUALITY AND HUMAN HEALTH

Stormwater parks enhance communities by providing recreational opportunities and by managing stormwater at a basin-scale.

#### Project Outcomes

This project helped to catalyze the development of stormwater parks regionwide by:

- Developing fact sheets on 7 stormwater parks that have already been built. These included lessons learned.
- Providing technical assistance for the planning of 6 new stormwater parks.
- Developing a guidance document on planning stormwater parks.
- Presenting information on stormwater parks at over 10 convenings and a recorded webinar.



#### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Many additional jurisdictions are interested in building stormwater parks. Some intend to address equity issues by building stormwater parks in communities without access to open space and recreational opportunities.

Bringing the building of stormwater parks to scale in the region can help meet the growing need for both stormwater management and recreation. To accomplish this, jurisdictions can think proactively about creating opportunities for new stormwater parks on public land, adding regional stormwater facilities to portions of existing parks, adding recreational components to stormwater facilities, and working with developers and private and public property owners to add stormwater parks to their sites. These cost-effective solutions will play a crucial role in improving the health of communities and Puget Sound.



#### Success Stories

All 6 jurisdictions that received the technical assistance have design drawings, cost estimates, and other information to help obtain funding for the next step in developing their stormwater parks.

#### LINKS

The stormwater parks guidance, fact sheets, and webinar are available at:

[www.psrc.org/our-work/stormwater-parks](http://www.psrc.org/our-work/stormwater-parks)

