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2026 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

Introduction:

This document has been prepared to meet the City of Brier Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit) requirement S5.A.2 for written documentation of the City's Stormwater Management Program (SWMP).

The City's SWMP is intended to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to the maximum extent practicable (MEP), meet Washington State's All Known and Reasonable Treatment (AKART) requirements, and protect water quality. This goal will be accomplished by the inclusion of all Permit SWMP components and implementation schedules into the City's SWMP. In compliance with Permit requirements, where the City is already implementing actions or activities called for in this document, the City will continue those actions or activities regardless of the schedule called for in this document.

As part of the implementation of its SWMP, the City gathers, tracks, maintains, and analyzes information on an on-going basis to evaluate Permit compliance, SWMP development and implementation; and set priorities for future activities.

This document is updated at least annually for submittal with the Annual Report to the Department of Ecology (DOE).

Section 1. Introduction to the Stormwater Management Program

Stormwater Management Program Management and Administration

Permit Requirements:

Section S5.A requires the following:

- Develop and implement a SWMP with a set of actions and activities necessary to meet the permit requirements in S5 and any additional actions necessary to meet the requirements of applicable TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Load).
- Prepare written documentation of the SWMP and shall be organized according to the program components in S5.C
- The SWMP shall include an ongoing program for gathering, tracking, maintaining, and using information to evaluate SWMP development, implementation, and permit compliance to set priorities.
- Coordinate with other Permittees when necessary to comply with conditions of the SWMP.
- Permittees shall continue to require LID Principles and LID BMPs when updating, revising and developing new local development-related codes, rules, standards, or other enforceable documents, as needed.
- Stormwater Management Action Planning
- The SWMP shall include the components listed below:

- S5.C1, Stormwater Planning
- S5.C2, Public Education and Outreach
- S5.C3, Public Involvement and Participation
- S5.C4, MS4 Mapping and Documentation
- S5.C5, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- S5.C6, Controlling Runoff From New Development, Redevelopment and Construction Sites
- S5.C7, Operations and Maintenance
- S5.C8, Source Control Program for Existing Development
- Section 7, Compliance with Total Maximum Daily Load Requirements
- Section 8, Monitoring and Assessment

Section 2. Stormwater Planning

Permit Requirements:

Section S5.C.1 requires the City to implement a Stormwater Planning program to help develop policies regarding water quality and to protect receiving waters. The specific requirements are:

- Assemble a team to develop and influence the Stormwater Planning program
- Coordinate with long-range planning updates. Determine stormwater management needs and how current policies and strategies are protecting/improving receiving water body health.
- Permittees shall continue to require LID Principles and LID BMPs when updating, revising and developing new local development-related codes, rules, standards, or other enforceable documents, as needed.
- Implement Stormwater Management Action Planning:
 - Research, assess and document existing local receiving water bodies and their contributing basins to identify the most likely water bodies to benefit from stormwater management planning. The City must submit a watershed inventory and include a description of the conditions of the water bodies and their contributing basins.
 - Implement a prioritization method to determine which of these receiving water bodies will benefit the most from stormwater retrofits, policies and other development management strategies.
 - Develop a SMAP for one new high priority receiving water body and its contributing basin.
- Adopt and implement tree canopy goals and policies to support stormwater management. Document considerations, reasoning, and rationale for goals and policies.

Continuing Activities:

The City conducts the activities described below on a regular basis. Program highlights for 2025 are indicated in bold.

- Due to the City’s small size and staff (14 full-time employees including police officers and administrative staff), Comprehensive Stormwater Planning is already an integral part of the City’s planning and operations. **Planning and Public Works staff work closely with the City Engineer to consider stormwater planning in all phases of our operations and long-term planning. Staff regularly discuss stormwater issues, including planning for stormwater needs and the NPDES requirements at staff meetings attended by the Mayor, City Clerk, Public Works Supervisor, and City Planner. The City Council also receives updates on stormwater issues and future needs.** The City will continue to integrate Comprehensive Stormwater Planning into our future activities including the planning for the future Comprehensive Plan update.
- The City adopted ordinances in 2016 to require LID BMPS and Principles. These requirements were included in amendments to Brier Municipal Code (BMC) the Tree Protection (BMC 17.52) and Native Vegetation and Landscaping (BMC 17.50) Ordinances adopted in 2018. The City Planner regularly consults with the Building Official, City Engineer, and Public Works staff for recommendations on areas of the code that could be refined to better address these requirements. Updates to the development codes will be made as necessary to comply with these requirements.
- Staff to coordinate our activities. We plan to continue these talks and to work with other permittees to better understand and implement plans to meet the permit requirement. City staff also anticipate using the regional coordination meetings as a forum to discuss these requirements and share resources.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Public Involvement Program and meet the compliance deadlines in the updated 2025-2029 Permit.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Attend regional meetings of stormwater groups	Ongoing
Post to website SWMP and Annual Report	May 31, 2026

Lead Department and Support

The City Engineer has the primary responsibility for developing the SWMP, preparing LID updates, and preparation of the Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP) for one new high priority catchment area. The City Planner and City Public Works Supervisor are responsible for coordinating with other agencies, and leading long-range planning required for the Permit.

Section 3. Public Education and Outreach

Permit Requirements:

Section S5.C.2 requires the following:

- Provide an education and outreach program for the area served by the MS4. The program shall be designed to educate target audiences about stormwater and provide specific actions they can follow to minimize the problem.
- Create stewardship opportunities and/or partner with existing organizations to encourage residents to participate in activities such as storm drain marking, volunteer monitoring, riparian plantings and education activities.
- Measure the understanding and adoption of the targeted behaviors for at least one target audience in at least one subject area. No later than February 2, 2016, the resulting measurements shall be used to direct education and outreach most effectively, as well as to evaluate changes in adoption of targeted behaviors.
- Build general awareness about methods to address and reduce impacts from stormwater runoff.
- Affect behavior change to reduce or eliminate behaviors and practices that cause or contribute to adverse stormwater impacts. Permittees shall target at a minimum one target audience and one BMP(s).
 - Behavior change campaign implementation no later than September 1, 2025. While the City coordinated with a vendor that is commonly used to meet this behavior change requirement and a strategy and schedule was developed, a contract was not executed between the City and said vendor. This contract was not executed as the employee responsible for the contract left the City and existing staff were not aware of this required task performed by the previous employee. The City Engineer and the City Clerk/Treasurer have been tasked with reengaging with the vendor to establish a contract for a future behavior change campaign as quickly as possible.
- Behavior change campaign evaluation no later than March 31, 2029

Continuing Activities

The City is implementing an education program aimed at residents, businesses, elected officials, policy makers, planning staff and other employees. The goal of the program is to reduce or eliminate behaviors and practices that cause or contribute to adverse stormwater impacts. The program was developed in conjunction with other local and regional stormwater programs. The City also contracted the Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) to implement portions of the program. The City tracks and maintains records of public education and outreach activities.

In 2021, the City worked with Snohomish Conservation District to develop the behavior change campaign. The initial phase of the campaign consisted of providing an invitation to a class on stormwater facility maintenance to property owners with responsibilities for maintaining their vaults and other flow control facilities. The class was also noticed in the City's newsletter and on the City's website. SCD also advertised the campaign through their website and other social media platforms.

City staff held two events in 2025 that were attended by Snohomish Conservation District (SCD); these two events were Music in the Park, a rain barrel painting event, and a Dog-o-ween Halloween gathering. At the Music in the Park, SCD demonstrated how rain gardens work and talked with adults about native plants, stormwater runoff, and soil health. At the Halloween event, SCD discussed pet waste, natural yard care, and how to protect stormwater to provide habitat for native wildlife.

City staff meet with individual property owners and HOA representatives to provide as-builts and information on maintenance standards.

The City is tracking the level of understanding by the compliance rate of the inspection/maintenance of private facilities. The campaign appears to be working as Brier achieved 88% compliance in its total required site inspections for 2025. Of the private inspections, sixteen notices were sent and ten sites complied.

To date the City has signed a contract with Adopt-A-Drain to implement its program throughout the City. Adopt-A-Drain is developing the signs and website for City use to build and track engagement with the residents.

The following table summarizes the continuing activities that are part of the Education and Outreach program including target audience and activities.

Audience	Activity
General public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pamphlet describing general impacts of stormwater flows into surface waters is available. • Articles published in the City's biannual newsletter. • Information table staffed at City events. • The City signed an interlocal agreement with the SCD to provide classroom lessons in the local schools regarding stormwater subjects. The City will continue to offer classes. • Educational materials including coloring books and pamphlets on stormwater are provided to school groups who visit City Hall.
General public, businesses, including home-based and mobile businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters for responsible automotive care including use and disposal of hazardous chemicals are available at City Hall and public events. • A brochure detailing the effects of illicit discharges and how to report them has been distributed and information is on the City's website. • Promote stormwater education activities sponsored in neighboring communities.
Homeowners, landscapers, and property managers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brochure profiling yard care techniques protective of water quality is available at City Hall. • A brochure detailing BMPs for use and storage of pesticides and fertilizers is available at City Hall. • A brochure detailing BMPs for auto repair and maintenance are available at City Hall. • Low Impact Development (LID) techniques, including site design, raingardens, retention of native vegetation, are available on the City's

Audience	Activity
	website and at City Hall. LID is required under BMC and applications from developers and potential developers are reviewed for their compliance with these codes.
Engineers, contractors, developers, review staff and land use planners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LID is required under BMC and applications from developers and potential developers are reviewed for their compliance with these codes. • A Surface Water Management Program was created to educate this audience on technical standards for stormwater site and erosion control plans. • Materials describing LID techniques, including site design, pervious paving, retention of forests and mature trees, are available on the City’s website and at City Hall. • A brochure providing information on stormwater treatment and flow control Best Management Practices (BMPs) is available at City Hall.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Public Education and Outreach and meet the compliance deadlines in the Permit.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Update brochures and website content	Ongoing
Catch basin labelling	All catch basins are labelled currently. As plats are approved and additional catch basins become public infrastructure public works will coordinate with local boy scout troops to label as necessary.
Snohomish Conservation District, Social Marketing and Evaluation of the Private Stormwater Maintenance Program	The City worked with SCD to develop the behavior change campaign and implement educational opportunities in conjunction with City events. The initial phase of the campaign consisted of providing an invitation to a class on stormwater facility maintenance to property owners with responsibilities for maintaining their vaults and other flow control facilities. City staff meet with individual property owners and HOA representatives to provide as-builts and information on maintenance standards.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
	All these efforts will continue in 2026 including planned classes and social marketing outreach efforts.
Provide supplies for pet waste stations in city parks	Ongoing

Lead Department and Support

The City Planner has the primary responsibility for implementing Public Education and Outreach activities required for Permit compliance.

Section 4. Public Involvement and Participation

Permit Requirements:

Section S5.C.3 of the Permit requires the City to:

- Create opportunities for public involvement and participation.
- Post the SWMP Plan and the annual report to the City’s website no later than May 31 each year. All other submittals shall be available to the public upon request.
- No later than December 31, 2026, document methods used to identify overburdened communities.

Continuing Activities:

The City conducts the activities described below on a regular basis.

- Make the SWMP and SWMP Plan available for public comment on the City’s website. The SWMP and SWMP Plan are available for comment on the website.
- Encourage citizen participation through:
 - Posting the SWMP Plan, the Annual Report required under S5.A.2 of the Permit, and all other submittals required by the Permit, on the City’s website by the required date of May 31, 2026.
 - Promoting stormwater education activities and events in larger, neighboring municipalities by posting notices and flyers in City Hall and on the website.
 - Council/planning commission meetings are open for public comment. Occasionally updates to the City development code and stormwater issues are discussed.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Public Involvement Program and meet the compliance deadlines in the Permit.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Post SWMP Plan, Annual Report, and other stormwater documents on website	All documents posted to the website by May 31, 2026
Encourage comments on SWMP Plan and other activities	Ongoing
Promote training and educational opportunities in neighboring jurisdictions	Ongoing
Document methods to identify overburdened communities.	December 31, 2026

Lead Department and Support

The City Planner has the primary responsibility for implementing Public Involvement and Participation activities required for the Permit.

Section 5. MS4 Mapping and Documentation

Permit Requirements

Section S5.C.4 of the Permit requires the City to:

- Maintain a storm sewer system map that includes stormwater system information identified in the Permit (e.g., outfalls, receiving waters, etc.).
- Map size and material, where known, for all known MS4 outfalls.
- No later than March 31, 2026, submit locations of all known MS4 outfalls according to the standard templates and format provided in the Annual report.
- No later than December 31, 2026, using available, existing data, map tree canopy to support stormwater management on Permittee-owned or operated properties. Permittees shall develop and follow a methodology to intentionally identify canopy for stormwater management purposes, which may be updated annually or as needed.
- No later than March 31, 2028, implement a methodology to map and assess acreage of MS4 tributary basins to outfalls with a 24-inch nominal diameter or larger, or an equivalent cross-sectional area for non-pipe system that have stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities owned or operated by the Permittee. Submit in the 2028 Annual report a map and table with a breakdown of the MS4 tributary basins quantifying estimated acres managed or unmanaged by stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities owned or operated by the Permittee.

Continuing Activities:

The City updated and will continue to update its MS4 map. The map is available at City Hall. The City provided GIS data to DOE in November 2017 and will continue to make available, upon request, the municipal storm sewer system map. Upon request, and to the extent appropriate, the City provides mapping information to co- Permittees and secondary Permittees. The map shows locations of City owned stormwater systems and includes the following information:

- The location of all known municipal separate storm sewer outfalls and receiving waters and structural stormwater BMPs owned, operated, or maintained by the City. The City has mapped the attributes listed below for all storm sewer outfalls:
- Tributary conveyances (indicating type, material, and size where known).
- Associated drainage areas.
- Land use.

As part of the building permitting process, the City maintains a map of all connections to the MS4 authorized or allowed by the City after February 16, 2007.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities

The following table outlines the activities planned for 2026 to maintain mapping of the MS4 and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Update GIS system	Update stormwater mapping as new connections are identified
Continued work to complete mapping of all known connections from the MS4 to a privately owned stormwater system.	Completed, update if/as new connections are made
Submit locations of all known MS4 outfalls. Report the size and material of the outfalls, where known.	March 31, 2026
Map tree canopy data. Develop and follow a methodology to intentionally identify canopy for stormwater management purposes, which may be updated annually or as needed.	December 31, 2026

Lead Department and Support

The Public Works Department has the primary responsibility for implementing the MS4 Mapping and Documentation program and compliance with this portion of the Permit.

Section 6. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E)

Permit Requirements

Section S5.C.5 of the Permit requires the City to:

- Implement an ongoing program designed to prevent, detect, characterize, trace, and eliminate illicit discharges and illicit connections into the permittee's MS4. An illicit discharge means "any discharge to a MS4 that is not composed entirely of stormwater or of non- stormwater discharges allowed as specified in this permit and illicit connection means "any infrastructure connection to the MS4 that is not intended, permitted or used for collecting and conveying stormwater or non-stormwater discharges allowed as specified in this permit. Examples include sanitary sewer connections, floor drains, channels, pipelines, conduits, inlets, or outlets that are connected directly to the MS4."
- Implement an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to effectively prohibit non-stormwater, illicit discharge into the MS4 to the maximum extent allowable under state or federal Law no later than July 1, 2027.
- Publicly list and publicize a hotline or other local telephone number for public reporting of spills and other illicit discharges.
- Maintain an ongoing training program for City staff that may come into contact with or respond to illicit connections or discharges. Train program staff on proper IDDE response procedures and processes and train municipal field staff to recognize and report illicit discharges.
- Inform public employees, businesses, and general public of hazards associated with illegal discharges and improper disposal of waste.
- Summarize all illicit discharges and connections reported to the City and include a description of the response actions taken for each illicit discharge and connection according to the Permit-specified timeline, including enforcement actions, in the Annual Report.
- No later than December 31, 2026, the Permittee shall coordinate with firefighting agencies/departments that serve the areas that discharge to the MS4 to be notified when PFAS-containing AFFFs are used during emergency firefighting activities.
- No later than January 1, 2027, Permittee shall update and implement procedures to minimize discharges to the MS4 during post-emergency clean-up and disposal activities including, but not limited to, the immediate clean-up in all situations where PFAS-containing AFFFs have been used, diversions, and other measures that prevent discharges to the MS4. The Permittee is not expected to deploy control measures during an emergency.

Continuing Activities:

The City continuously strives to detect and remove illicit connections, discharges and improper disposal, including any spills not under the purview of another responding authority, into the municipal separate storm sewers owned or operated by the City. The City has taken the following measures (program highlights for 2025 are indicated in bold):

IDDE Ordinance:

In December 2016 the City revised its ordinance to prohibit non-stormwater, illegal discharges, and/or dumping into the City's municipal separate storm sewer system to the maximum extent allowable under State and Federal law. The ordinance, Chapter 14.04 of the BMC, includes enforcement provisions for IDD&E. Reports of illicit discharges are investigated by the Code Enforcement Officer and referred to the City Prosecutor when appropriate. IDD&E enforcement actions are tracked in a spreadsheet and included in the Annual Report to DOE.

In 2025, there were four (4) IDDE incidents the City responded to:

- **ERTS 742805 – Turbid Discharge**
- **ERTS 742212 – Turbid Discharge**
- **ERTS 741944 – Oil Spill to Permeable Surface**
- **ERTS 741375 – Mud/Silt**

One (1) enforcement action was taken on the ERTS 742212. A stop work order was issued for Izabella’s Ridge and remained in effect until corrective measures, as directed by the DOE. The stop work order was lifted following a successful inspection confirming compliance.

Ongoing IDD&E Program:

Public Works staff developed a program to detect and address non-stormwater discharges, spills, illicit connections and illegal dumping into the City’s municipal separate storm sewer system. The City tracks the number and type of spills or illicit discharges identified; inspections made; and any feedback received from public education efforts. The program includes:

- Screening for illicit connections is conducted using: “Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: A Guidance Manual for Program Development and Technical Assessments”, Center for Watershed Protection, October 2004. The presence of sewage/septic system sources is investigated as part of all screenings.
- Beginning April 2021 conduct screening per the “Illicit Connection and Illicit Discharge Field Screening and Source Tracing Guidance Manual, Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc. (May 2020).
- Desktop screening using GIS, maps, and staff knowledge of the areas likely to have illicit discharges, including: evaluating land uses and associated business/industrial activities present; areas where complaints have been registered in the past; and areas with storage of large quantities of materials that could result in spills. The desktop screening revealed the City has a low risk for IDDE problems, due to its small size, lack of commercial or agricultural operations, and relatively recent development age (the majority of the development in the City occurred after its founding in 1965).
- Field assessments, including visual inspection of all outfalls during dry weather and for the purposes of verifying outfall locations, identifying previously unknown outfalls, and detecting illicit discharges.
- Other screening includes observation during inspections of stormwater facilities on private properties and inspection of public structures such as catch basins, ditches, channels, and ponds. Public works staff also actively look for the presence of oils and sheen and evidence of debris from dumping during their regular inspection circuits (typically by vehicle) through the city and in conjunction with other project activities. Tracing the source of an illicit discharge; includes visual inspections, followed by opening manholes, tracing the path to nearby waterbodies, photographing the affected area, collecting and analyzing water samples, and/or other detailed inspection procedures.
- The City provides information on its website and distributes appropriate information including brochures, handouts, and referrals to target audiences (See Section 1, Public Education and Outreach for more information).

- The City has a hotline, 425-775-5440, connected to its automated answering system for public reporting of spills and other illicit discharges. The City keeps a record of calls received and follow-up actions taken.
- The City has trained municipal field staff, including two (2) Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Leads (CESCL) responsible for identification, investigation, termination, cleanup, and reporting illicit discharges, including spills, improper disposal and illicit connections to conduct these activities. Follow-up training is provided as new staff are hired and as necessary to address changes in procedures, techniques or requirements. IDDE topics are discussed with seasonal employees to familiarize them with the issues. Seasonal employees have instructions to contact a full-time staff member if a potential IDDE is observed. IDDE topics are also discussed during staff meetings and safety trainings. The City documents and maintains records of the training provided and the staff trained.
- The City also cross-trains other field and office staff including police officers and administrative personnel, who, as part of their normal job responsibilities, might receive a report of, come into contact with, or otherwise observe an illicit discharge or illicit connection to the storm sewer. They receive information on illicit discharge/connections and the proper procedures for reporting and responding to the illicit discharge/connection. Follow-up training is provided as needed to address changes in procedures, techniques or requirements. The City documents and maintains records of the training provided and the staff trained.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities

The following table outlines the activities planned for 2026 to prevent, detect, characterize, trace, and eliminate illicit discharges and illicit connections and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Field assessment to identify illicit discharges	Once during the dry season. Additional inspections to coincide with TMDL testing.
Field screen on average 12% of the MS4 each year.	December 31, 2026
Investigations and enforcement actions for hotline calls and other notifications of potential illicit discharges.	Report to DOE (ERTS) within 24 hours
Track information on illicit discharges.	Ongoing using WQWebIDDE*.
Continue to evaluate ordinances and update if necessary.	Ongoing
Maintain website	Ongoing
Provide supplies for pet waste stations in City parks	Ongoing
Training for Public Works new hire(s)	Ongoing
Training for new police officers and office personnel	Ongoing
Coordinate with firefighting agencies/departments that serve the areas that discharge to MS4 to be notified when PFAS-containing AFFFs are used during emergency firefighting activities	No Later than December 12, 2026

Lead Department and Support

The Public Works Department has the primary responsibility for implementing the IDDE program and compliance with this portion of the Permit.

Section 7: Controlling Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment, and Construction Sites

Permit Requirements

Section S5C.6 requires the City to:

- Provide copies of the Notice of Intent (NOI) for construction or industrial activities to representatives of the proposed new development and redevelopment.
- Provide training to staff on updated codes, standards, and procedures, and create public education and outreach materials.
- Summarize annual activities for the “Controlling Runoff” component of the Annual Report.
- No later than June 30, 2027, each Permittee shall adopt and make effective a local program, which meets the requirements of S5.C.6.b(i) through (iii), below, and shall apply to all applications submitted:

Continuing Activities:

The City has in place and enforces a program to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff to its MS4 from new development, redevelopment and construction site activities. The City adopted the 2024 Stormwater Manual. This manual meets or exceeds the thresholds identified in appendix 1 of the Permit. The City has taken the following measures (program highlights for 2026 are indicated in bold):

Ordinance:

- As part of BMC Chapter 14.04, the City adopted and adhered to the provisions of the Stormwater Manual throughout the permitting process.
- Revised in 2016, the ordinance clearly identifies the party responsible for maintenance, requires inspection of facilities, and establishes enforcement procedures.

Permitting Process:

The City’s permitting process includes plan review, inspection and enforcement, for both private and public projects, using qualified personnel. As the City has adopted the DOE Stormwater Manual per Brier Municipal Code 14.04.040 without any addendums, this process is applied to all development resulting in two thousand feet or more of new or replaced impervious surface or land disturbing activity of more than seven thousand square feet on previously undeveloped or developed property.

- The City contracts with a consulting engineering firm that works with the Public Works Department to review all stormwater site plans for proposed development/redevelopment activities. **In 2025, five (5) single-family residence site plans and three (3) short plat site plans were reviewed.**

- The Public Works Department inspects all known permitted development sites during construction to verify proper installation and maintenance of required erosion and sediment controls. The City conducts enforcement actions, when necessary, based on inspection. **In 2025, eight (8) sites were inspected.**
- The Public Works Department inspects all permitted development sites upon completion of construction and prior to final approval or certificate of occupancy to ensure proper installation of permanent stormwater controls such as stormwater facilities and structural BMPs. A maintenance plan is required as part of the permit review process and responsibility for maintenance is assigned. The City enforces, when necessary, based on inspection. **The City maintains a log to track proper installation and inspection of permanent stormwater controls.**
- The City responds to the issues of non-compliance with regulations of stormwater site plans with investigations by Public Works Staff and/or the Code Enforcement officer as appropriate. **In 2025, two (2) enforcement actions were taken.**

Controlling Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment, and Construction Sites:

Brier Public Works staff verify adequate operation and maintenance (O&M) of construction stormwater facilities and BMPs that are permitted and constructed within the City. These provisions include:

- The City adopted the Stormwater Manual and City staff inspect based upon the maintenance standards. Residents are advised of these standards in annual mailings and information posted to the City's website.
- Public Works Staff inspect all new flow control and water quality treatment facilities, for new residential developments that are a part of a larger common plan of development or sale, that requires inspection every 6 months during the period of heaviest house construction (i.e., 1 to 2 years following subdivision approval) to identify maintenance needs and enforce compliance with maintenance standards as needed. These inspections are typically accomplished through daily inspection circuits of the City and in conjunction with inspections of other construction activities. A final inspection occurs prior to final plat approval, release of performance and maintenance bonds, and issuance of certificates of occupancy.
- The City maintains records of inspections and enforcement actions by staff, including inspection reports, warning letters, notices of violations, and other enforcement records.
- The City retains records of maintenance inspections and activities using paper and GIS.
- The City provides copies of the "Notice of Intent for Construction Activity" and copies of the "Notice of Intent for Industrial Activity" to representatives of proposed new development and redevelopment. The City will continue to enforce local ordinances controlling runoff from sites that are also covered by stormwater permits issued by DOE.
- All staff responsible for implementing the program to control stormwater runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites, including permitting, plan review, construction site inspections, and enforcement, are trained to conduct these activities. Follow-up training will be provided as needed to address changes in procedures, techniques or staffing. **The City documents and maintains records of the training provided and the staff trained.**

- The City completed a review and revision of its development-related codes, rules, standards to incorporate and require LID principles in 2016. The revisions include measures to minimize impervious surfaces; minimize the loss of native vegetation; and minimize stormwater runoff. LID principles were incorporated into 2018 revisions to the City’s tree protection (BMC 17.52) and Native Vegetation and Landscaping (BMC17.50) ordinances. **Staff continue to educate property owners, consultants, and developers on the new codes and standards during pre-application meetings, review processes, and onsite inspections.**

2026 Planned Compliance Activities:

The following table outlines the activities planned for 2026 to control runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Review and update of Stormwater Ordinance and related development codes	This is performed on an annual basis. Notable updates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By City code the City has adopted the “current” DOE manual therefore when the 2024 version was adopted by DOE, it was likewise adopted by the City. • Updates to the development code were adopted in June of 2022.
Review of stormwater plans for private/public development	Ongoing
Pre and Post Inspections of construction sites	Ongoing
Inspection of construction sites	Ongoing
Training for Public Works and Planning Staff	Ongoing

Lead Department and Support

The City Engineer is responsible for review and conformance with the DOE SWMMWW for all new public/private development. The Public Works Department has the primary responsibility for implementing the program through inspection to control runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites required under the Permit.

Section 7. Stormwater Management for Existing Development
Permit Requirements

Section S5.C.7 of the Permit requires the City to:

- Implement stormwater facility retrofits, or tailored SWMP actions that meet the criteria described in Appendix 12.
- Provide a list of planned individual projects scheduled for funding or implementation during this Permit term to meet their assigned equivalent acreage.
- No later than March 31, 2028, Permittees shall fully fund, start construction, or complexly implement project(s) that meet the assigned equivalent acreage and submit documentation within Annual Report (Due on March 31, 2028).
- Permittees may collaborate to meet regional goals.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Stormwater Management for Existing Development portion of the SWMP Plan and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Implement Stormwater Facility retrofits, or tailored SWMP Actions	Ongoing
Required to Manage at least 1.1 acres within jurisdiction or contribute to meeting overall regional goal outside MS4 Permit Coverage Area	Ongoing
With each annual report, the City shall provide a list of planned individual projects scheduled for funding or implementation during Permit Term	Ongoing, Annually, No later than March 31, 2026

Section 8. Operation and Maintenance

Permit Requirements:

The Permit (Section S5.C.7) requires the City to:

- Implement an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) program with the goal of preventing or reducing pollutants in stormwater runoff from MS4 and municipal O&M activities.
- Implement maintenance standards for the MS4 that are at least as protective as those specified in the DOE's SWMMWW.
- Perform inspections of stormwater flow control and treatment facilities and catch basins in accordance with Permit requirements unless previous inspection data show that a reduced frequency is justified.
- Inspect all municipally owned or operated catch basins and inlets at least once every two years.
- Perform spot checks of potentially damaged stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs and facilities after major storm events.
- Implement practices, policies, and procedures to reduce stormwater impacts associated with runoff from all lands maintained by the City and from municipal O&M activities, including but not limited to streets, parking lots, roads, or highways owned or maintained

by the City. Train staff to implement the processes and procedures and document that training.

- Implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) for all heavy equipment maintenance or storage yards, and material storage facilities owned or operated by the City.
- Summarize annual activities for the “Municipal Operations and Maintenance” portion of the Annual Report.

Continuing Activities

The City has developed and implemented an O&M program that includes a training component and has the ultimate goal of preventing or reducing pollutant runoff from municipal operations. The City adopted the most recent version of the Stormwater Manual including the maintenance standards. The program includes standard practices to reduce impacts from O&M activities such as the application of fertilizers and pesticides as well as impacts from maintenance of roads and other municipal facilities. The City has taken the following measures (program highlights for 2025 are indicated in bold):

General Inspections:

Public Works staff perform annual inspections of all stormwater treatment and flow control facilities that are City owned and operated and take appropriate maintenance actions in accordance with the adopted Stormwater Manual. Records of inspections are tracked on paper and using GIS. The City is investigating the use of additional software and tracking systems. **The City completed all inspections of the facilities in 2025 and will again inspect all facilities in 2026. Zero (0) flow control and water quality facility inspected required maintenance.**

City staff inspects and arranges for cleaning and/or maintenance of municipally owned/operated catch basins. **City staff inspected 575 of the 1298 known catch basins during 2025; 24 catch basins were cleaned in 2025 and 0 catch basins required repair based on these inspections.**

Post-Storm Inspections:

City staff perform spot checks of potentially damaged permanent treatment and flow control facilities after major storm events. If spot checks indicate widespread damage/maintenance needs, all facilities that may be affected are then inspected. Repairs and maintenance action is taken immediately upon inspection when required. **Cleaning was performed as necessary however no repairs were needed.**

Special Facility Requirements:

Public Works staff follow the BMPs and other procedures included in the SWPPP that was prepared for the Public Works Facility. The SWPPP and physical upgrades to the Public Works Yard were completed in 2020. The City has implemented these changes to comply with the BMPs in the Stormwater Manual.

Training:

City employees whose construction, operations or maintenance job functions may impact stormwater quality are trained on BMPs and other procedures to reduce stormwater impacts and maintain facilities. The importance of protecting water quality, the requirements of the Permit, operation and maintenance standards, inspection procedures, selecting appropriate BMPs, ways to perform their job activities to prevent or minimize impacts to water quality, and

procedures for reporting water quality concerns, including potential illicit discharges are regularly discussed at Public Works team meetings. Training on these topics is provided to new employees. Follow-up training is provided as needed to address changes in procedures, techniques or requirements. The City documents and maintains records of training provided.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Municipal Operations and Maintenance and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Grate clearing, street sweeping, and other maintenance	Ongoing
Perform routine maintenance on stormwater treatment and flow control facilities owned and operated by the City with identified maintenance needs.	By December 31, 2026
Prioritize and develop strategy for repairs of stormwater treatment and flow control facilities owned and operated by the City requiring maintenance.	By December 31, 2026
Inspection of Private Stormwater Facilities	Annual notification of property owners with maintenance responsibilities by mail with follow-up correspondence by mail, telephone, and in-person, as necessary.
Perform annual inspections of all stormwater treatment and flow control facilities owned and operated by the City.	By December 31, 2026
Perform checks of potentially damaged permanent treatment and flow control facilities after major storm events.	Ongoing after storm events
Implement BMPs to reduce stormwater impacts from O&M.	Ongoing
Inspect all catch basins and inlets owned or operated by the City at least once before the end of the Permit term.	45% were inspected in 2025 and then 55% will be inspected by December 31, 2026
Continue to refine maintenance and inspection procedures.	Ongoing
Maintain records of inspection, maintenance, and repair activities.	Ongoing
Conduct training for new hires and seasonal employees	Ongoing

Lead Department and Support

The Public Works Department has the primary responsibility for implementing the program to control runoff from municipal operations.

Section 9. Source Control Program for Existing Development

Permit Requirements

The Permit (Section S5.C.8) requires each permittee to implement a program to prevent and reduce pollutants in runoff from areas that discharge to MS4s. No later than August 1, 2027, permittees shall adopt an ordinance(s) requiring the application of source control BMPs for pollutant generating sources associated with existing land uses and activities to identify pollutant generating sources.

No later than August 1, 2027, the permittees shall establish an inventory that identifies publicly and privately owned commercial and industrial properties which have the potential to generate pollutants of the Permittee's MSR. **No later than August 1, 2027, permittees shall implement an inspection program for these sites.**

No later than August 1, 2027, implement a progressive enforcement policy that requires sites to comply with stormwater requirements within a reasonable time period (as specified in S8.biii and iv).

Continuing Activities

The City is reviewing the 2024-2029 Permit requirements and the guidance from DOE to establish a more detailed schedule and implementation program. The majority of the city is zoned single-family residential with a small neighborhood business area and a limited number of home-occupations with a potential to generate pollution into the MS4. The City previously collected data from L&I to gather all the businesses within the City limits in order to meet the January 1, 2024 deadline. City staff sent letters to 40 businesses and after classifying which businesses were possible violator of source control requirements per Appendix 8, only one was applicable. The business was contacted and vetted. Previously the City conducted inspections of home occupations on a complaint-based basis and included the potential to discharge pollutants into the MS4 in its review procedures. Moving forward the City will coordinate with L&I to determine if any businesses with the potential to generate pollution into the MS4 were opened to ensure an accurate list.

2025 Implemented Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan that was performed in 2025 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Source Control portion of the SWMP Plan and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Implement inspection program	January 1, 2025
Implement enforcement strategy	January 1, 2025

2026 Planned Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan that was performed in 2025 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Source Control portion of the SWMP Plan and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Develop and update inventory	Ongoing
Continue inspection program	Ongoing
Continue enforcement strategy	Ongoing

Lead Department and Support

The City Planner has the primary responsibility for reviewing the ordinance and making changes. The City Planner will work closely with the code enforcement officer to develop and implement the enforcement strategy.

Section 10. Compliance with Total Maximum Daily Load Requirements/Bacterial Pollution Control Plan

Permit Requirements

Section S7 of the permit requires the following activities related to TMDL And Bacterial Pollution Reduction:

- Business Inspections: Each Permittee shall inspect commercial animal handling areas and commercial composting facilities to ensure implementation of source control BMPs for bacteria.
- Public Education and Outreach: Each Permittee shall conduct public education and outreach activities to increase awareness of bacterial pollution problems and promote proper pet waste management behavior.
- Operations & Maintenance: Each Permittee shall install and maintain animal waste collection and/or education stations at municipal parks and other Permittee owned and operated lands reasonably expected to have substantial domestic animal (dog and horse) use and the potential for pollution of stormwater.
- IDDE: Permittees conducting IDDE-related field screening under S5.C.8 of the Phase I permit or S5.C.3 of the Western Washington Phase II permit shall screen for bacteria sources in any screened MS4 subbasins which discharge to surface waters in the TMDL area.
- Surface Water Monitoring: At a minimum, the monitoring program shall:
 - Collect 12 samples in at least one location per calendar year.

- Submit available data to the Environmental Information Management (EIM) database by May 31 of each year.
- Provide data summaries and narrative evaluation of the data in each annual report's TMDL summary.
- Be documented in a QAPP

Continuing Activities:

There is one TMDL, the Swamp Creek TMDL, listed in Appendix 2 of the Permit that is applicable within the City of Brier. The TMDL addresses fecal coli form bacteria in Swamp Creek. The coverage of this TMDL includes all areas of the City that eventually drain to Swamp Creek prior to its confluence with the Sammamish River in King County. The City has taken the following measures (program highlights for 2025 are indicated in bold):

Business inspections:

The City completed a desktop review of businesses in its jurisdiction and determined inspections of businesses related to TMDL are not necessary as:

- There are no commercial animal handling areas or commercial composting facilities.
- There are no known composting or animal waste handling facilities within the City.

Operations & Maintenance:

The City maintains waste stations at its equestrian arena and in all public parks.

Public Education

The City provides brochures on its website and at City Hall regarding property disposal of pet waste.

IDDE activities:

The City conducts additional IDD&E activities within the areas of the City affected by the TMDL. Water bodies addressed by the Swamp Creek and Scriber Creek Tributaries TMDLs have been designated as high priority water bodies (see permit condition S.5.C.3.(c)(ii)) and receive field assessments and screening prior to other receiving water bodies. The presence of sewage/septic system sources is investigated as part of all screenings.

Surface Water Monitoring

Within the area covered by the Swamp Creek and Scriber Creek TMDL, the City performs water quality monitoring. The Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) was approved by DOE on February 28th, 2008, and final signed copies were delivered to Mountlake Terrace and Brier in March 2008. The sampling began on April 15th, 2008. The results of the sampling are provided to Mountlake Terrace for use in its reporting and compliance. **The City collected samples in 4 locations 11 times during 2025 for a total of 44 samples. The results are included in the 2025 Annual Report.**

2026 Planned Compliance Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the TMDL portion of the SWMP and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Conduct sampling	3rd Wednesday of each month
Coordinate with Mountlake Terrace on sampling	Ongoing
Maintain records of sampling	Ongoing
Provide education materials on proper disposal of pet waste	Ongoing
Maintain pet waste stations in parks	Ongoing
Maintain waste station at the equestrian arena	Ongoing
Include summary of sampling in Annual Report	By March 31

Lead Department and Support

The Public Works Department has the primary responsibility for compliance with the TMDL requirements of the Permit.

Section 11. Monitoring and Assessment

Permit Requirements

The Permit (Section S8) requires municipalities to conduct water quality sampling and program assessments during this Permit cycle, or to participate in State-conducted programs to meet these requirements:

Continuing Activities:

The City conducts the following activities to meet the monitoring and assessment component of the permit (program highlights for 2025/2026 are shown in bold):

- Regarding status and trends monitoring in Puget Sound, the City selected Option 1, requiring payment into a collective fund to implement a Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM) for small streams and marine nearshore status trends; annual payments to DOE began August 15, 2014. **The City is continuing this option.**
- The City pays into a collective fund to implement the SAM Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR); annual payments to DOE began August 15, 2014. **The City is continuing this option.**
- Submit records of SWMP activities tracked and/or maintained in accordance with S5 and/or S9 in response to requests from the Stormwater Action Coordinator for information associated with effectiveness and source identification studies.

2026 Planned Compliance Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Monitoring and Assessment portion of the SWMP Plan and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Notify DOE of selected options for status and trends monitoring	Completed-Notified DOE in writing prior to December 1, 2025 for 2024-2029 Permit Cycle.
Respond to requests from the Stormwater Action Coordinator to the extent the data is available.	Ongoing/as requested
Continued payment into the Status and Trends Fund for small streams and marine nearshore.	By August 2026
Notify DOE of the selected option for SWMP effectiveness and source identification studies.	December 01, 2026
Continue payment into SAM for effectiveness studies	By August 2026
Continue payment into SAM for Source Identification Information Repository	By August 2026

Lead Department and Support

The City Clerk /Treasurer has the primary responsibility for ensuring payment into the appropriate funds for status and trends monitoring.

Section 12. Reporting and Record Keeping

Permit Requirements

The Permit (Section S9) requires municipalities to provide annual reporting on their compliance activities. Each permittee is also required to maintain records related to the permit and SWMP for at least 5 years.

Continuing Activities

Annual Reporting

The City reported its 2025 activities to DOE on March 31, 2026. The submittal includes the following:

- A copy of the City’s current SWMP Plan documentation.
- Annual Report Form for Cities, Towns, and Counties.

Recordkeeping

The City maintains all records related to the Permit and the SWMP for at least five years. Except for the requirements of the Annual Reports described in this permit, records are submitted to DOE only upon request,

- The City makes all records related to the Permit and the City’s SWMP available to the public at reasonable times during business hours. The City will provide a copy of the most recent Annual Report to any individual or entity, upon request.

- A reasonable charge may be assessed by the City for making photocopies of records.
- The City may require reasonable advance notice of intent to review records related to this Permit.

2026 Planned Activities:

The following table outlines the implementation plan for 2026 to achieve the goals and objectives of the Reporting and Record Keeping portion of the SWMP Plan and meet the Permit deadlines.

Task Description	Schedule Notes & Due Dates
Submit 2025 Annual Report	March 31, 2026
Maintain Records	Ongoing
Provide copy of the SWMP Plan on the website and to the public on request	May 31, 2026; Ongoing

Lead Department and Support

The City Engineer has the primary responsibility for reporting on the SWMP Plan and the Permit.