



TO: All Public Works Management Staff

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SUBJECT: Revision to Detention Practices for the Flett Creek Watershed

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Effective immediately, the "contribution-in-lieu-of-detention" option will no longer be available to new development/re-development applicants in the Flett Creek Watershed. Applicants who exceed the threshold for flow control will be required to provide on-site detention for their project in accordance with the newest version of Tacoma's Surface Water Management Manual.

The "in-lieu-of-detention" program is based on contributions by applicants which are used to expand the regional City stormwater system as an alternative to construction of individual on-site detention facilities. In the Flett system, we are experiencing reduced ability to discharge stormwater to downstream receiving water bodies. This reduction increasingly strains our existing detention capacity increasing the risk to human health and safety. For this reason, the City can no longer continue the in-lieu-of-detention fee.

Revisions to the Manual which reflect this change will be finalized and available August 2008.

If you have questions regarding flow control thresholds, please contact Merita Pollard (253) 502-2103. Thank you for your attention to this matter.