

## Program Area: 12. Enforcement

### Goal:

Improve City and County enforcement of regulations aimed at protecting lake water quality.

The Enforcement Program Area aims to support enforcement of land use, development and other associated regulations to protect the water quality of Lake Whatcom. An enforcement team was convened by the Interjurisdictional Coordinating Team (ICT) in 2008 to improve enforcement actions in the watershed.

### Notable Accomplishments:

Both the City and County have enforcement staff patrolling the watershed on a daily basis. Enforcement staff are responsible for inspecting both permitted and non-permitted activities in the watershed and reporting any activities that are in violation of the City and County stormwater codes.



### Reference Documents:

BMC 15.42 subsections 070-110

Whatcom County Comprehensive Stormwater Plan

**Program Area: 12. Enforcement**  
**Task: 12.1 Improve enforcement capabilities**

Period	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Status	P Reduction
2010 - 2014	ICT/City/County/SVCA/District	\$265,000	Active	Indirect

**Task Objective:** Improve enforcement coordination and cross-training

**Actions:**

- Convene Enforcement Team to assess and improve current watershed-wide enforcement capabilities and organize cross-training opportunities
- Monitor enforcement actions to determine if enforcement capabilities have improved as a result of changes to procedures and from participation in training events
- Sudden Valley will modify portions of its existing guidelines to address problematic enforcement areas

**Intended Lake Benefits:** Phosphorus Reduction  Fecal Coliform Reduction  Sediment Reduction  Other

**If other, please describe:** More effective enforcement of measures to protect lake water quality

**Performance Measures:** Annual report to include:

- 1) Number of participants and departments in cross-training events
- 2) Measured or observed improvements to communication feedback, response to public complaints, and permit compliance (2010, 2012, 2014)
- 3) Number and types of enforcement actions taken
- 4) Record of changes made to SVCA enforcement guidelines

**Cost Estimates:**

Year	Party	FTEs (\$)	Capital Costs	Other	Total
2010	City	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	County	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	District/Other	0.01 (\$1,000)/ 0.5 (SVCA) (\$50,000)			\$51,000
2011	City	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	County	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	District/Other	0.01 (\$1,000)/ 0.5 (SVCA) (\$50,000)			\$51,000
2012	City	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	County	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	District/Other	0.01 (\$1,000)/ 0.5 (SVCA) (\$50,000)			\$51,000
2013	City	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	County	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	District/Other	0.01 (\$1,000)/ 0.5 (SVCA) (\$50,000)			\$51,000
2014	City	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	County	0.01 (\$1,000)			\$1,000
	District/Other	0.01 (\$1,000)/ 0.5 (SVCA) (\$50,000)			\$51,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>2.65 (\$265,000)</b>			<b>\$265,000</b>

**Program Area: 12. Enforcement**  
**Task: 12.2 Improve reporting of enforcement actions**

Period	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Status	P Reduction
2010 - 2014	City/County/SVCA	\$80,000	Active	Indirect

**Task Objective:** Improve City and County reporting of enforcement actions in the watershed

**Actions:**

- Sudden Valley will continue to report watershed and critical area violations to the County and improve follow-up on compliance issues
- Evaluate reporting (internal and to the public) of enforcement actions, recommend changes as needed to increase internal communication and public awareness
- City will provide education for citizens on how to report violations of water quality rules

**Intended Lake Benefits:** Phosphorus Reduction  Fecal Coliform Reduction  Sediment Reduction  Other

**If other, please describe:**

**Performance Measures:** Annual report to include:  
 1) Change in unpermitted activities in watershed  
 2) Change in citizen reporting of water quality violations

**Cost Estimates:**

Year	Party	FTEs (\$)	Capital Costs	Other	Total
2010	City	0.1 (\$10,000)			\$10,000
	County	0.1 (\$10,000)			\$10,000
	District/Other	0.1 (SVCA) (\$10,000)			\$10,000
2011	City				
	County	0.1 (\$10,000)			\$10,000
	District/Other	0.1 (SVCA) (\$10,000)			\$10,000
2012	City				
	County				
	District/Other	0.1 (SVCA) (\$10,000)			\$10,000
2013	City				
	County				
	District/Other	0.1 (SVCA) (\$10,000)			\$10,000
2014	City				
	County				
	District/Other	0.1 (SVCA) (\$10,000)			\$10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.8 (\$80,000)</b>			<b>\$80,000</b>