

## City of Tacoma 2025 Annual Report

**Q14: Describe in Comments field opportunities created for the public, including overburdened communities, to participate in the decision-making processes involving the development, implementation, and updates of the SWMP and SMAP (SMAP applies to Counties). (S5.C.4.a).**

The 2026 SWMP Plan update was advertised to the public on the City of Tacoma website, City social media posts, and the Environews listserv. The invitation for public comment was also shared with community members who attended a series of neighborhood workshops on the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update. Port of Tacoma, Metro Parks, Puyallup Tribal Fisheries staff and City of Tacoma Neighborhood Councils were also emailed and invited to provide input. Comments are accepted year-round but must be received before March 15, 2026 to be considered for the 2026 update of the SWMP Plan.

The Stormwater Comprehensive Plan was also presented to the Neighborhood Council of Councils meeting and the North End Neighborhood Council meeting to receive feedback. The Stormwater Comprehensive Plan will guide the implementation of the SWMP activities and long-term direction of the stormwater capital improvement plan.

**Q14a: Describe specific public involvement and participation opportunities provided to overburdened communities, including highly impacted communities.**

In early 2025, a SWMP stormwater survey was distributed at multiple community events throughout the months of February and early March including four One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Draft Review Workshops, the Hilltop Healthy Kids and Family Carnival, Ground to Sound Film Festival, and a Next Move high school intern meeting. These events were hosted in different locations across the city. This decentralized approach aims to reduce travel barriers and promote equitable participation from residents across Tacoma. The Hilltop Family Carnival is an annual community-initiated event focused on serving overburdened and BIPOC community members living in Tacoma and Pierce County where we shared information about free and low-cost neighborhood greening programs and collected survey results identifying the biggest stormwater issues in their neighborhoods.

During the summer of 2025, ES staff also hosted two community workshops to inform the development of the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan which will guide SWMP implementation. One public workshop was offered online, and the other workshop was held in-person collaboratively with a Tacoma Community House job fair focused on serving overburdened community members.

Additionally, we held two Stormwater Community Conversations with Asian Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) staff to help increase their understanding of the SWMP programs, and better understand issues of interest based on their experience that stormwater programs could help address. A Stormwater Management Program overview was also presented to the East Tacoma Community Leaders Annual Retreat in February 2026 including a group discussion during which they provided feedback on what program elements were of the highest interest to them.