

Municipality of Anchorage “Anchorage Storm Water Utility”



FY02 Grant Amount: \$70,000

Project Match: \$70,000



Description and Purpose:

The Municipality of Anchorage will conduct a study in Anchorage regarding the need and application of a Storm Water Utility. Through community education and consensus building in combination with utility operation and rate structure analyses the Municipality will make a decision whether to pursue formation of a storm water utility or other storm water management funding option. Regardless of the decision, Anchorage will benefit from a concentrated watershed needs study.

Evaluation of Environmental Benefits:

Successful evaluation of this project is based on the following decision elements:

- Whether community-wide interest is observed through community feedback opportunities;
- Whether the priorities fit with Municipal activities mandated by Clean

Water Act regulations;

- Whether community priorities are consistent with proposed fees a utility operation or other funding method may collect; and
- Whether feedback indicates Anchorage Citizens are willing to support the utility concept.

Deliverables for this Project Include:

The final product of this project is a decision – the Municipality of Anchorage will/will not pursue the formation of a storm water utility. If a decision is made to not pursue utility formation the Municipality will further consider the study results to determine whether an alternate action such as the formation of drainage districts or the levying of a storm water tax is warranted.

The deliverables for this grant project are:

- A memorandum summarizing the legal findings regarding storm water utility applicability in Alaska and Anchorage;
- A summary describing the public feedback effort associated with the study;
- the education effort and the proceedings of the Storm Water Advisory Committee;
- A final project summary considering committee priorities and recommended organization details including the decision regarding the practicality of storm water utility formation or other funding option in Anchorage;
- A Phase II [Scoping/Implementation Report](#) for prompt action, if the decision is made to pursue utility formation, recommending subsequent steps and schedule for management and operations, assessment details and proposed rate structure creation.

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