On-site Sewage/Septic System Technical Advisory Committee (OSS TAC)
Meeting Agenda
Date: Wednesday, September 23th 9:00am – 11:00am

Zoom meeting link: https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/83013702282

Time	Topic	Questions, materials for review in advance
9:00-9:10	Welcome and agenda review	New member: Daniel Valencia (Sammamish Plateau Water)
9:10-9:15	Public comment	
9:15-9:35	Inspection reminder	Property inspection reminder program (Beau Williquette)
9:35-9:55	Self-inspection	Memorandum: "Septic Self-check" (self-inspection) pilot program (Eunbi Lee) Pilot on Vashon-Maury Island
9:55-10:10	Pumping vehicle self-inspection	Pumping vehicle self-inspection policy (Alex Negron)
10:10-10:30	Additional dwelling unit (ADU)	• We have received a request to change the ADU memo to increase the capacity of square footage of 1-bedrooms ADUs on shard systems. Is that something, as TAC members, that you feel is important to review before those changes are finalized? • What concerns would you have about changing the 600 sq ft limit for 1-bedrooms ADUs on a shared system?
10:30-10:50	Local Management Plan (LMP) Marine Recovery Area (MRA) update	LMP and MRA update by end of 2027 The Local Management Plan is about how the OSS Program can support ***implementation*** of the OSS code. Priorities that the OSS Program has heard over the past years are 1) inspection reminders and education, 2) support for OSS in the Urban Growth Area, and 3) finding and fixing fecal pollution in areas along Puget Sound and in Snoqualmie Valley. - **What priorities do you think are important to focus on? What is missing from the list above?** - **What would be the hardest part of advancing these priorities?** - **Who should we be engaging with to further develop these approaches?** - Request to create a subcommittee, for which we will also recruit in Vashon-Maury Island community (Lynn Schneider, Eunbi Lee)

10:50-11:00	Final thoughts and other logistics, Additional public comment	Outstanding questions and topics to discuss Next meeting: November 18th, 2026 Meeting schedule for 2027: February 24th, May 26th, September 22nd, November 17th
11:00	Adjourn	

Meeting materials

Submit this poll about 3 memorandums by Wednesday, September 30th:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/Vqt3GeM0Nc

Meeting Highlights

Public Comments

Armen Yousoufian
Q: Is it normal for zoom link to be posted at the last minute? How do people join TAC?
We will get the meeting materials and zoom link in advance next time. We do our best to reach out to everyone. We would ask that you also help get our words out. Our quarterly newsletter is a good way to get updates.

Andy Amstrup
165 shoreline properties trying to approach the board, opposing the MRA proposal.
Why was the MRA being done to expand to entire shoreline whereas most of shoreline is pristine?

Peter Jacobs
Craft3 financing does not seem to appear to be a workable solution. Here is the Craft3 financing link mentioned today, seems its focused on women and minority and islamic lending,. Doesn't appear to be workable solution. Typical loan is $10k-$25k, a fraction of whats required for a new septic system, largest loan recently was to establish a mosque in Oregon Islamic Financing: Capital for Muslim Communities | Craft3 Clean Water Washington: Finance Septic Replacement | Craft3
→ George Streepy: Craft3 has provided funding for many of my clients regardless of gender or ethnicity. It has been a very valuable resource to fund replacement of failing systems.

Almost no people have gravity systems, so almost $500/annual burden. “Unjustified pressure by King County for needless perpetual testing”. I’m a proponent of clean water, but it seems misplaced. Some of most pristine water is in Vashon—so why focus on us? King County sewage spill is one of the major reasons.

David Winfrey
Misunderstanding about septic system inspection—this is mandated by state law. MRA is just a tool to emphasize the already-existing state law of septic inspection.
Vashon water is pristine: This is not very true. Septic systems pose high risk in water quality. Fixing problems after the harm is done should not be the approach in water quality as it requires much more resources and time. Our approach should be to prevent risks in advance.

Memo: Inspection reminder

- George Streepy: “45 day notice” may not give enough time. We find the as-builts are not submitted in time, so this 45-day notice should be reconsidered.
- Lynn Schneider: Need to have automation between ILinks-Tyler
- This memo is for inspection reminder for newly-installed systems that have warranty from the

manufacturer. The installation cost should include this maintenance fees.

- Curtis Johnson: Homeowner walk-through after installation has given 87% success rate for maintenance behavior for customers. Can KC consider this to be included in the permit process?

Memo: Pump truck inspection (Alex Negron)

- Memo is the result of survey
- Quarterly audits at Renton disposal plants or pumper yard
- Starting in October
- Communication will be sent to pumpers on how to participate in self-inspection program
- In-person inspections will still be offered
- Informational - industry is aware and has been doing this as part of the pilot program
- Email Alex with operational questions

ADU Memo

- Attached vs detached ADU - detached ADU increases likelihood of rental in the future
- Replace older system to accommodate ADU not realistic
- Pam McCain: any ADU can be rented, this should be considered.
- Curtis Johnson: newer systems only - yes
- Pam McCain: most ADUs aren't just built for extended family on the weekend, they are more likely a rental
- George: stick with 600 sq ft for 1-bedroom, in daylight basement ADUs we should have allowance for exceeding 600 sq ft via waiver

Local Management Plan: updated by the end of 2027

The Local Management Plan is about how the OSS Program can support ***implementation*** of the OSS code.
For this, PHSKC is creating a sub-committee of TAC for LMP update. This will include decisions on MRA in Vashon-Maury Island.

- Marine Preservation Area, Marine Protection Area, Marine Recovery Area, Sensitive Area?

The update is not prescriptive, based on how LHJ decides to implement

➔ Introducing topic now, not asking for volunteers at this time, will get volunteers at our next meeting.

<u>Priorities to focus on LMP update?</u>

Opportunities to get input from the public on how to get these inspections

- Inspection reminders and education
- Support to bring sewer in UGA
- ADU in urban areas is key as sewer is not available.
- Condos requiring sewer instead of septic.

<u>Public comment</u> (Peter Jacobs) about missing priority includes alternative viewpoints, financial burden on Vashon-Maury Island, and not allowing self-policing over regulation by government.
<u>Response</u>: PHSKC is trying to include alternative viewpoints and considering costs to owners in the implementation of the LMP. Creative solutions, such as septic self-inspection program pilot in VMI would help decrease the burden. MRA is part of LMP, and LMP is going to impact the entire King County, rather than just VMI. There are areas with concern over water quality and risk existing with septic systems, and we are going to focus on priority areas to reduce such a risk and protecting environmental and public health.

Self-inspection program

Self-inspection allows homeowners to do their own inspections, and is mainly for gravity system owners with

pilot for about 1 year, mainly on Vashon-Maurey Island. We will potentially start the program early 2027. PHSKC will provide training over this. The goal of the program is to elicit behavioral change to get more homeowners to have their septic systems inspected and cared for so that minor issues can be fixed at an earlier stage.
Self-inspection and inspection by an OSM will alternate so that homeowners can get their septic system looked at every 3 years, which complies with the state requirement.

Next meeting: November 18, 2026
Potential agenda items:

- Local Management Plan priorities. Please review the 2016 LMP draft for discussion.
- 2027 meetings (4th Wednesdays): February 24th, May 26th, September 22nd, November 17th

Lynn will be retiring. Announcement to come on replacement

Further public comment:
Armen Y: Meagan suggested the original MRA plan encompassed entire island. Was this the original plan?
Lynn: Original plan was in 2007. We do not have the history at this time of what the original plan was. We can check with Peter Isakson. King County started with a small recovery area compared to other counties at that time.
Armen Y: Clarification on what was proposed about 18 months ago.
Lynn: There has been discussions of reframing the MRA boundaries throughout time. We can get more background and respond. Follow up with Greg Rabourn and Meagan Jackson.