

# Environmental Justice & the MS4 Permit

## Overburdened Communities . . .

*. . . means minority, low-income, tribal, or indigenous populations or geographic locations in Washington State that potentially experience disproportionate environmental harms and risks. This disproportionality can be as a result of greater vulnerability to environmental hazards, lack of opportunity for public participation, or other factors. Increased vulnerability may be attributable to an accumulation of negative or lack of positive environmental, health, economic, or social conditions within these populations or places. The term describes situations where multiple factors, including both environmental and socio-economic stressors, may act cumulatively to affect health and the environment and contribute to persistent environmental health disparities.<sup>1</sup>*

## Permit sections applying EJ considerations:

- Education & Outreach general awareness campaigns
- Public Involvement & Participation in the development, implementation, and update of the County's stormwater management program (SWMP) and stormwater management action plan (SMAP)

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<sup>1</sup> Definition from the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit – August 1, 2019