

KINGSTON REGIONAL STORMWATER FACILITY BENEFITS SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- **Treats more area.** The regional facility treats runoff from existing developed areas that were built before water quality and/or quantity were required.
- **Better treatment performance.** The regional facility will be operated and maintained by trained County staff, resulting in better treatment performance.
- *More water quality improvement.* Regional facilities provide greater water quality benefits compared to individual on-site systems.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- *Lower design costs.* Connection to the regional facility would need only abbreviated design compared to full design of an on-site stormwater system.
- *Lower construction costs*. Connection to the regional system would cost significantly less than construction of equivalent on-site facilities.
- *Lower operation and maintenance costs.* Kitsap County maintains the regional facility. On-site maintenance costs for individual properties are therefore significantly reduced.
- *Faster permitting.* Connection to an existing publicly owned facility will save weeks of permitting time compared permitting on-site facilities.
- *Increases utilization of developable land.* Land that would have otherwise been set aside for the construction of stormwater facilities can be used for development.
- *Incentivize development.* The regional facility will incentivize development by reducing design costs, construction costs, land set-aside requirements and permitting time.

SOCIAL BENEFITS

- *More affordable housing.* The regional facility would help reduce residential housing costs, resulting in more potential affordable housing opportunities.
- **Cost effective utility management.** Maintenance of a single regional facilities is more cost effective than maintaining multiple on-site systems.
- **Sustainable development.** Regional facilities provide combined environmental, economic and social benefits that result in more sustainable community development.