



## Glossary

For a more comprehensive list of glossary terms related to stormwater please go to ([WDOE 2004](#)) and ([WDOE 2014](#))

### B

**Bid / Contract Award** - Project owner's notice to a bidding contractor of the acceptance of the submitted bid.

**Biofiltration** - The process of reducing pollutant concentrations in water by filtering the polluted water through biological materials.[\[1\]](#)

### D

**Detention** - The release of stormwater runoff from the site at a slower rate than it is collected by the stormwater facility system, the difference being held in temporary storage.

### E

**Embankment** - A structure of earth, gravel, or similar material raised to form a pond bank or foundation for a road.[\[1\]](#)

### G

**Green Remediation** - the practice of considering all environmental effects of remedy implementation and incorporating options to minimize the environmental footprints of cleanup actions

**Groundwater** - Water in a saturated zone or stratum beneath the land surface or beneath a surface water body.

### I

**Infiltration** - The downward movement of water from the land surface to the subsoil.

### M

**MTD** - Manufactured Treatment Device (MTDs) are a subset of BMPs. These are treatment BMPs that are manufactured and sold by businesses as stand-alone treatment systems and don't typically have available information on treatment capabilities like more generic BMPs such as swales and wet ponds.

### R

**Retention** - The process of collecting and holding surface and stormwater runoff with no surface outflow.

### S

**Secchi Disk** - The Secchi disk, as created in 1865 by Angelo Secchi, is a plain white, circular disk 30 cm in diameter used to measure water transparency or turbidity in bodies of water. The disc is mounted on a pole or line, and lowered slowly down in the water

**Scope of Work** - The division of work to be performed under a contract or subcontract in the completion of a project, typically broken out into specific tasks with deadlines.

**Sedimentation** - The depositing or formation of sediment.

**Special Conditions** - Provisions of a contract that are peculiar to the project under consideration and do not fall under the general conditions or supplementary conditions.

**Subgrade** - A layer soil used as the underlying base for a BMP.

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[\[1\]](#) Western Washington Stormwater Manual