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1	Temperature, Mercury, & Bacteria	Solar radiation & stormwater runoff	Continue implementation of the riparian setbacks required by PCZO 182.050(B). Riparian vegetation provides shade over rivers and streams, which reduces river and stream temperatures. Riparian areas also act as a filter for pollutants including mercury and bacteria.	Require riparian setbacks during planning and building permit review. Maintain riparian setbacks when maintaining parks.	The Planning Division will maintain an accessible inventory of county riparian management plans. The inventory will contain the following information: location, affected water bodies, and an estimated size of riparian vegetation gain vs. loss.	Ongoing	N/A	None	N/A	Ongoing- Polk County has continued to maintain the riparian management plan inventory. During 2023, two (2) applications were submitted and approved that required riparian management plans. The management plans were for projects that involved the removal of invasive weeds and replanting with native species, and the removal of hazardous trees.
2	Temperature, Mercury, & Bacteria	Solar radiation & stormwater runoff	Explore grant funding for stream bank restoration in County road and park projects. Riparian vegetation provides shade over rivers and streams, which reduces river and stream temperatures. Riparian areas also act as a filter for pollutants including mercury and bacteria.	Planning and Public Works staff will explore grant opportunities in order to raise funds for stream restoration during County road and park projects	Number, type, location and size of restoration projects completed each year	Ongoing	N/A	Restoration projects may require additional funding	Riparian area restoration grants	Ongoing - Polk County continues to explore grant opportunities as they arise. One riparian restoration project was completed during 2023 associated with a County road or park project. A grant from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the help of Oregon State Marine Board funded the upgrade of the boat launch and the parking lot at Buena Vista Park. The upgrades in the parking lot included green infrastructure to help filter the stormwater runoff from the parking lot.
3	Temperature, Mercury, & Bacteria	Solar radiation & stormwater runoff	Maintain a stormwater website as a method to provide information to the public. This information will include strategies for home owners and construction operators to minimize the quantity and maximize the quality of stormwater that leaves their property.	Planning staff will maintain the stormwater website	Number of hits to the website	Ongoing	N/A	None	N/A	The Polk County Stormwater webpage got 220 views during the year 2023.

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4	Bacteria	Septic systems	Enforce upon complaints of failing septic systems	Receive complaints from the public and direct to the Code Enforcement Officer	All complaints will be investigated	Ongoing	N/A	None	N/A	Ongoing- five (5) code enforcement complaints were submitted in 2023, which were related to potential failing septic systems. All of these complains were followed-up on by either the Code Enforcement Officer and/or the Sanitarian.
5	Bacteria	Septic systems	Require all applicable permits for the siting, construction, alteration, and repairs of septic systems	Polk County Environmental Health Specialist will review all site evaluation, construction, alteration, and repair permits and track system locations	Polk County will expand their existing program that geocodes new septic system locations to also geocode all existing septic system locations that require an on-site inspection as part of the permitting process, such as repairs and alterations. Expanding the septic system inventory will allow older systems to be georeferenced as well as new septic systems, and provide information about installation, repair, and alteration dates. The inspector will be able to provide notes about their inspection and this information can be used to track a system's age, condition, and location in a digital mapped format.	Ongoing	Polk County will continue to record the GPS location and maintain the data for all new septic system locations. Polk County will begin to record the GPS location of existing septic systems that receive an on-site inspection by the end of 2019.	None	N/A	Ongoing- Polk County's Sanitarians continues to collect data on existing and new septic systems. During 2023, 65 new data points were collected and added to Polk County's GIS.

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6	Mercury & Bacteria	County road, ditch, and bridge construction and maintenance	Implement erosion and sediment control BMPs during county road, ditch, and bridge construction and maintenance	Public Works staff will implement the BMPs in the Polk County O&M Plan as appropriate during Public Works operations	Public Works will hold weekly meetings when projects are scheduled that require the implementation of sediment and erosion control BMP's. Meeting topics will educate staff on proper sediment and erosion control BMP implementation. Public Works will also evaluate the O&M Plan on an annual basis to determine if revisions are advisable in order to minimize the Public Work's Department's impact on County waterways	Ongoing	N/A	None	N/A	Proper staff BMP training is completed before any new projects. O&M Plan has been reviewed.
7	Mercury & Bacteria	Stormwater runoff from County and Oregon State Parks properties	Maintain stormwater quality at public parks	Ensure availability of restroom facilities at County and Oregon State Parks properties. Maintain riparian areas.	Polk County will track the number of repairs or septic alterations at County and Oregon State Parks in order to track the functionality of park septic systems. Track the number of projects at public parks that require a riparian management plan.	Strategy will begin in 2019 and will be tracked annually.	N/A	None	N/A	Ongoing- There was one (1) septic permit for a public park during the year 2023. There were no projects at public parks that required riparian management plans.

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8	Mercury & Bacteria	Stormwater runoff from construction sites and industrial sites.	Increase awareness of need for 1200-C and 1200-Z permit requirements	Train planning staff about 1200-C and 1200-Z stormwater permit requirements. Include findings and conditions in land use decisions when it is determined that a 1200-C or 1200-Z permit is required.	Number of Land Use Decisions issued, which involve a project that requires a 1200-C or 1200-Z permit prior to construction/operation.	Ongoing	N/A	None	N/A	Five (5) land use decisions were issued in 2023 that informed property owners about the possible need for additional DEQ stormwater permits.
				Apply Polk County Code of Ordinances (PCCO) Section 80.133(1) which requires building permit applicants to obtain all necessary DEQ permits.	Application of PCCO 80.133(1) to all applicable building permits	Ongoing	N/A	This review will be accommodated within the existing plan review process.	Building permit fees	Ongoing- PCCO 80.133 requires all construction stormwater DEQ permits to be obtained prior to issuing a building permit. In 2023, 10 building permits were issued that required a 1200-C permit. https://www.co.polk.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners/page/2705/chapter_80_building_code_2011.pdf
9	Mercury & Bacteria	Stormwater runoff from construction sites	Implement Polk County's Erosion and Sediment Control Protections in PCCO 80.133	Apply PCCO 80.133 to all applicable building permits	Application of PCCO 80.133 to all applicable building permits	Ongoing	N/A	None	N/A	Ongoing- Zero (0) building permits were issued that required an Erosion and Sediment Control Protection Plan in 2023.

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10	Mercury & Bacteria	Non-stormwater discharges to the storm drainage system	Implement Polk County's unauthorized discharge restrictions in PCCO 43.057	The Polk County Code Enforcement Officer will follow up on all complaints of potential unauthorized discharges into the storm sewer system as described in PCCO 43.057	Investigation into all complaints of violations to PCCO 43.057	Ongoing	N/A	Investigation into complaints of non-compliance with PCCO 43.057 will be absorbed within the Code Enforcement Program.	N/A	Ongoing- one (1) code enforcement complaints were submitted in December of 2022, but was resolved in 2022 that involved illicit discharge into a storm drainage system.
11	Mercury & Bacteria (Within the Salem UGB)	Stormwater runoff in the Salem UGB	Implement SWMP for the area within Polk County and the City of Salem UGB.	Adhere to the implementation schedule in the SWMP	Completion of projects as specified in the SWMP	Timelines specified in the SWMP	Benchmarks specified in the SWMP	Costs associated with acquiring or printing brochures. Staff time.	Fees & General Fund	The implementation schedule for Stormwater runoff in Salem UGB is up to date.
12	Mercury	Household hazardous waste. Example: At the October 2018 HHW event, a 5 gallon container (1 pound) of mercury was submitted for proper disposal. Other common household items such as batteries, florescent lights and thermometer exchanges are accepted as these events, which contain mercury.	Continue Implementation of the Polk County Household Hazardous Waste Program	Hold one event per year and/or maintain an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to allow Polk County citizens to safely dispose of hazardous waste at the Marion County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.	One Household Hazardous Waste event held each year and/or maintain an IGA with Marion County	Ongoing	N/A	None	N/A	Ongoing- An IGA with Maion County remains in place. During 2023, 398 Polk County customers disposed of waste at the Marion County Facility. However, we have not yet received the total numbers from the last quarter of 2023.

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13	Temperature, Mercury, & Bacteria	Solar radiation & stormwater runoff	Continue implementation of Polk County's Targeted Education and Outreach Program	Polk County Community Development staff has generated a mailing list of targeted properties that contain riparian waterways along fish bearing streams and are primarily managed for agricultural crop production. Staff created a brochure intended to be send to these targeted properties with information about riparian area setback requirements, management plan criteria, and local resources available for riparian restoration.	Approximately 100 brochures will be sent per year until all of the targeted properties have received the outreach materials.	The educational brochure will be sent to the entire TEOPS mailing list by the end of 2019.	N/A	Costs associated with printing and mailing. Staff time.	Fees & General Fund	Complete- All targeted properties have received the outreach materials.
14	Mercury	Roadside litter. Many household products found along roadside ditches contain mercury (i.e. batteries, light bubs and electronics)	Increase awareness and solicit participation for Polk County's Adopt-A-Road program.	Provide information about Polk County's Adopt-A-Road program on the Polk County stormwater web page. Post an advertisement in a local newspaper once per year containing information on the program.	Update Polk County's stormwater website. Provide an advertisement in the local newspaper once per year.	Ongoing	The Polk County stormwater website will be updated and the first annual ad will be published in the local newspaper by the end of 2018.	Costs associated with publishing an ad in the local newspaper. Staff time.	Fees & General Fund	An article was published in the local newspaper on 6/28/2023.
15	Bacteria	Animal Feces	Increase awareness and/or accessibility to properly dispose of animal waste at County Parks.	Install a sign and/or an animal waste receptacle at County Parks	Number of signs and/or animal waste receptacles installed.	Prioritize which parks are most likely to have animal feces (i.e. hiking trails, public input) by the end of 2019. Use that prioritized list to begin installing signs and/or animal waste receptacles by the end of 2022.	Coordinate with other County Departments by the end of 2019 to create priority parks list.	Cost associated with installing a sign and/or animal waste receptacle.	General Fund	Ongoing- Three (3) pet waste receptacles have been installed at the following County Parks: Buena Vista, Mill Creek, and West Salem.

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16	Temperature, Mercury, & Bacteria	N/A, public participation	Increase public involvement opportunities	A draft copy of the TMDL Implementation Plan and report will be posted on Polk County's Website.	Date that the report is posted on the Stormwater webpage.	At least 2 weeks prior to the annual report being submitted to DEQ	N/A	None	N/A
									Ongoing- A draft of the 2023 Implimentation Plan, Planning Matrixes, and annual report was posted on the stormwater website on February 15, 2024. https://www.co.polk.or.us/cd/building/stormwater-resources