

Chapter 100 **Purpose and overview**

The *Environmental Manual* M 31-11 and the WSDOT [Environmental Guidance](#) webpages support WSDOT *Environmental Policy Statement* [E 1018](#) and our Stewardship Agreement with FHWA. It also provides guidance for compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations for all phases of project delivery and our Stewardship Agreement with FHWA.

Exhibit 100-1 identifies the major planning, engineering, and environmental activities associated with each phase of the project delivery.

This manual and the supporting webpages apply to state owned and operated facilities. The intended users are WSDOT staff and consultants working on WSDOT projects. Local governments and transit agencies may also use this guidance in accordance with the [Local Agency Guidelines](#) M 36-63.

This manual and supporting WSDOT webpages replace all previous editions. Updating guidance material is a continuous process due to the ever-changing nature of environmental laws and regulations. It is the user's responsibility to use the most current information available.

Comments and suggestions for improving the manual are welcome. Contact the WSDOT [Environmental Manual Coordinator](#).

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