

From: [Bainbridge Citizens](#)
To: [*Bainbridge Citizens](#)
Subject: PBS segment on Puget Sound Pollution
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2013 6:58:11 PM

In Washington state's Puget Sound, scientists have made the discovery of a "toxic cocktail," made up of excess rainfall that flows into the nearest body of water, carrying pollutants along with it. Kate Campbell from KCTS-9 in Seattle reports on efforts to prevent that runoff from making it into the sound.

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/environment/jan-june13/pledge_03-14.html

Facts:

1. [City, county and state stormwater runoff from roads causes 99% of the pollution in Puget Sound.](#)
2. [Residential use is not the cause of the pollution of Puget Sound.](#)
3. [The Bainbridge SMP fails to require the City to do **ANYTHING AT ALL** to correct pollution caused by runoff from its roads.](#)

Why is that? For the City, it is easier to point the blame at shoreline homeowners than it is to actually fix the problem.

Instead of trying to force the shoreline property owners to move their homes and give up the use of their front yards, which act as very efficient rain gardens just the way they are, the city should be devoting its time and money to building vegetated holding ponds / rain gardens. These vegetated holding ponds would filter storm water from city streets before it goes into the Sound.

The City refuses to fix its own well-known street runoff problem, but wants shoreline homeowners to give up the right to use their front yards (which naturally filter stormwater), give up the right to have docks (which act as floating reefs, help the environment and create biodiversity), and to give up all or a portion of views of the water (which is a main reason we live here).

Do you understand why shoreline homeowners are so mad?

This sounds more like class warfare than an environmental issue. Many of us who own waterfront property, like my wife and I, bought when prices were very reasonable. My wife has taken care of our house, yard and beach for over 40 years. We are not the problem and we are not even the rich people of whom some are jealous.

Bainbridge Defense Fund
Protecting Private Property Rights

Bainbridge Citizens
Commonsense Environmental Regulations and Accountable Government
PO Box 11560

Bainbridge Is., WA 98110
206-383-2245 Gary Tripp, Director

If you would like to Unsubscribe, just reply with **Unsubscribe** in the subject line.

If you would like to receive shoreline news only, just reply with **Shoreline Only** in the subject line.