



# AMP8 Surface Water Management Programme

## Call for Projects: Property Level Solutions

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# Call for projects

## Agenda

- What is surface water management?
- The Thames Water Surface Water Management Programme
- Sustainable property level solutions
- Call for projects
- Scoring criteria
- Funding and maintenance agreements
- Key dates



# Surface Water Management

## Why is it important?



Increased rainfall and urban growth means more runoff is increasing the risk of flooding and pollution incidents (e.g. sewer overflow spills)



Surface Water Management is a set of measures that manage rainwater safely, to prevent flooding and pollution of urban settlements. Providing additional benefits such as increased biodiversity



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# Surface Water Management Programme

## About

Aims at disconnecting or redirecting rainwater through Sustainable Drainage Systems from Thames Water's Networks

- Three fundamental delivery principles
  - Need for Capacity
  - Collaboration
  - Public Value
- Follows successful AMP7 programme:
  - more than 30 partnerships
  - 74 projects, jointly investing more than £30m
  - flows from ~90ha of effective catchment areas attenuated
  - ~18,000m<sup>3</sup> of storage provided
  - 606 water butts and 267 planters installed
- Delivers towards the strategic goals of Thames Water 25-year Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) to reduce future pressures on our wastewater service



# Workstreams

## Breakdown

### WS1 Streetworks Innovation

- £5m Total
- No allocations to date
- Either to fund Market Development or projects once Market Mechanism is up and running

### WS2 Property Level Solutions

- ~ £1.4m Total
- ~ £210k allocated to date
- 6 rounds, £250k per round
- Additional rounds subject to funding from other WSs due to shorter delivery timescales

### WS3 Third Party

- ~ £13m Total
- ~ £340k allocated to date
- 4 rounds, next round April 2026
- +£1.5m for schools (subject to DfE co-funding)

# What are property level solutions?

Property-level SuDS solutions are small-scale drainage solutions installed at or near individual buildings. They manage rainfall close to where it lands, reducing runoff and improving water quality.



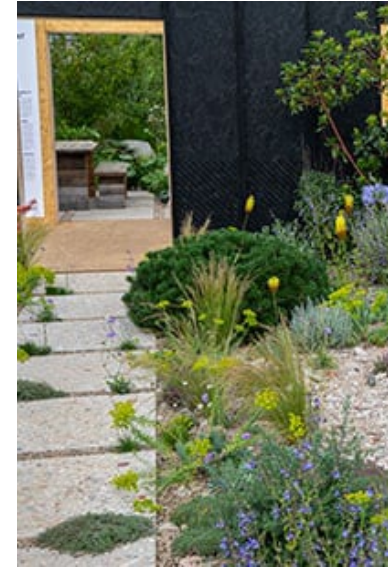
Planters



Water butts



Soakaways /  
rainwater  
harvesting



De-Paving



Raingardens

# Small scale opportunities – bigger picture

## Our aspiration

*“Community-driven flood management: practical, powerful, proven.”*

*“Empowering communities to lead the fight against floods.”*



*“From Roof to River:  
Let’s Manage Water  
Together.”*

*“Small Action, Big  
Impact: Property Level  
Solutions to reduce  
Flooding.”*

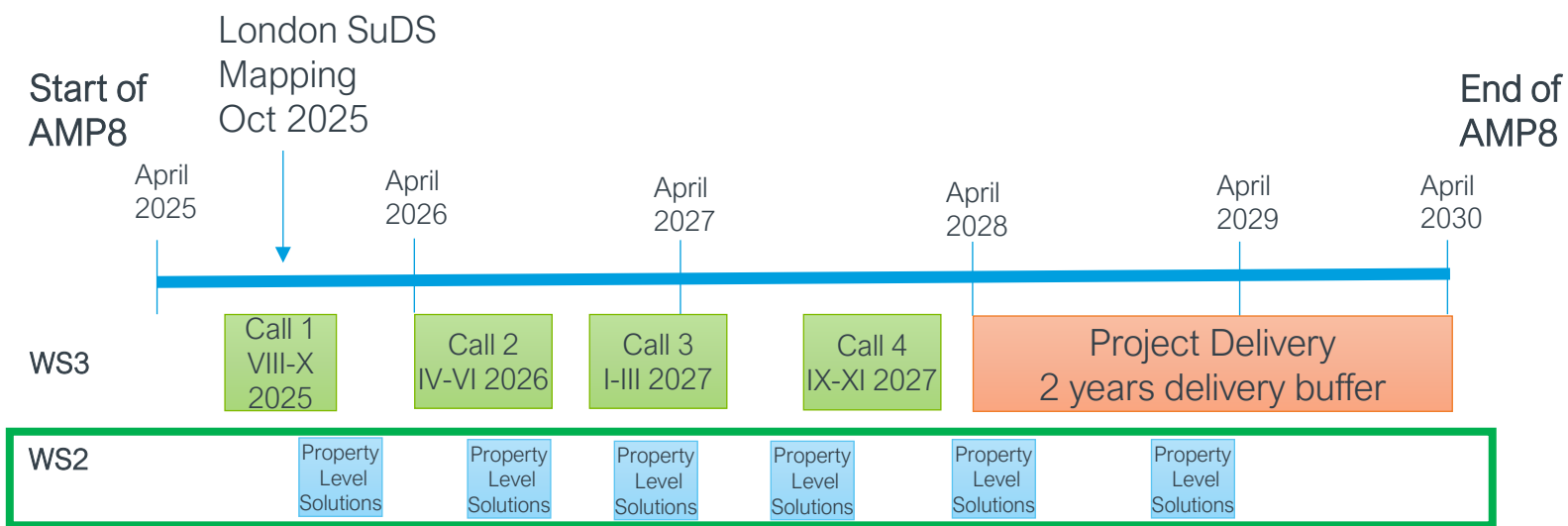
*“Flood resilience begins at  
home—every local action  
counts.”*



# AMP8 Calls for Projects

## WS2 – Property Level Solutions

- Allocate funding in 6 rounds by April 2029
- Call for Property Level Solutions #1 – allocate approx. £250k
  - Opens 16th January, closes 31st March 2026



# Call for Property Level Solutions #1

## Who is this for?

### Who

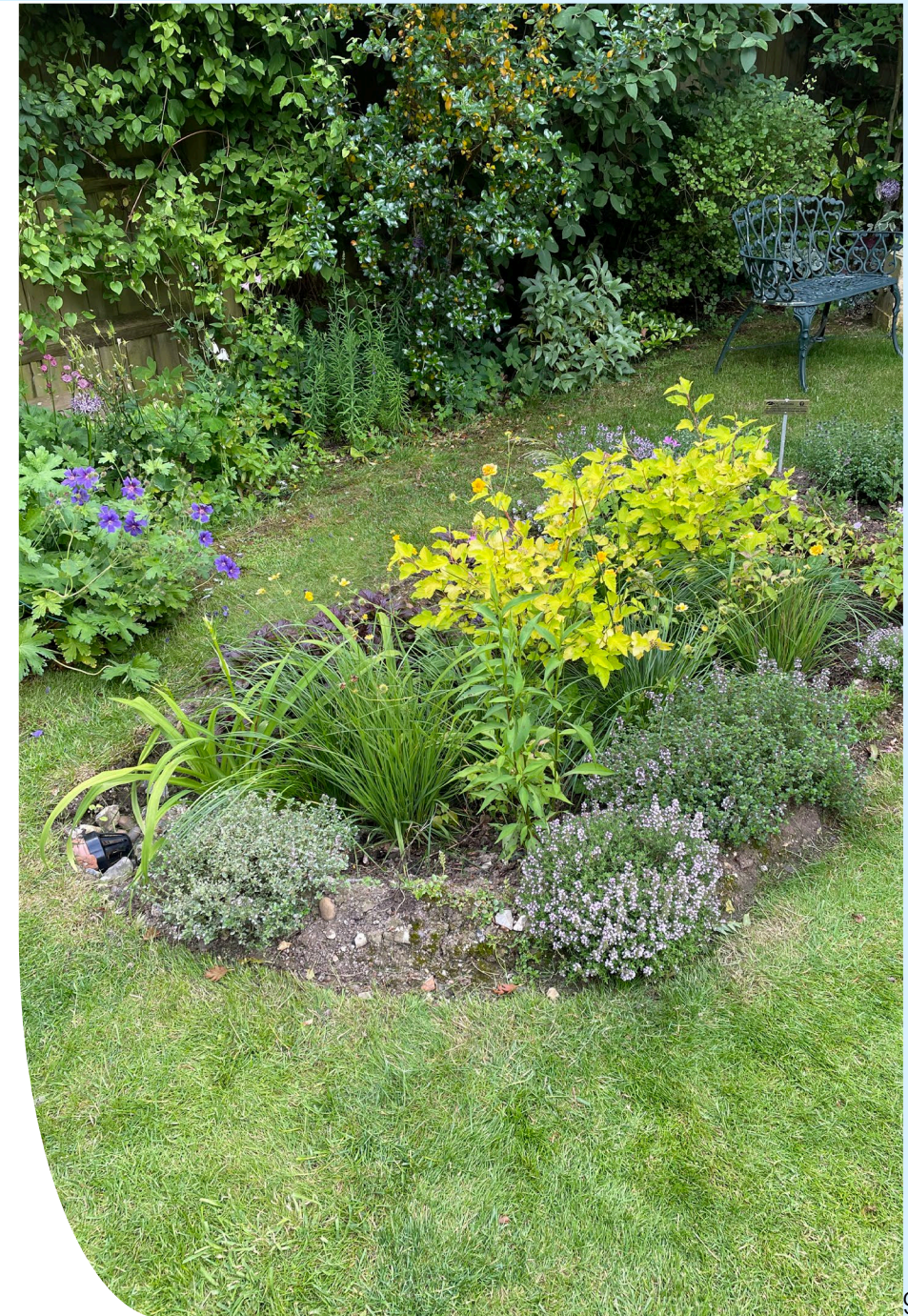
- public bodies, incl. local councils
- not-for-profit organisations
- community groups
- company or other registered business

Schools should apply through Workstream 3.

### Reaching a wider audience



Please can you reach out to your contacts, such as community groups, charities etc who we may have interest?



# Call for Projects

## Application Principles

- Proven process developed in AMP7:
  - applications should be submitted using online application form
  - supporting information should be sent to: [swmp.applications@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:swmp.applications@thameswater.co.uk)
- No limit on number of applications
- Funding request per project - £10k-£100k
- We will aim to balance distribution of funding between Applicants



# Call for Property Level #1

**Scoring = 30% Need + 30% Feasibility + 40% Community Engagement**

- N - Need Score (range 0 - 5 points):

- Reduction in property runoff (volume attenuated / managed). This can include multiple properties.
- TWUL flooding hotspots and additional flooding assessment.
- DWMP capacity assessment
- Priority storm overflow catchments

**Pre-screening:** prior to submission, applicants can contact the SWMP team with the location of the proposed site, to support with the Need Score (and reduce DWMP portal requests)

- F – Feasibility Score (range 0 – 5 points):

- A proven connection to the TW sewer network
- Implementation planning
- Collaboration / Partnership funding

- C -Community Engagement and Benefit (range 0-4 points):

- Active involvement of residents or stakeholders
- Educational or awareness-raising components
- Maintenance planning



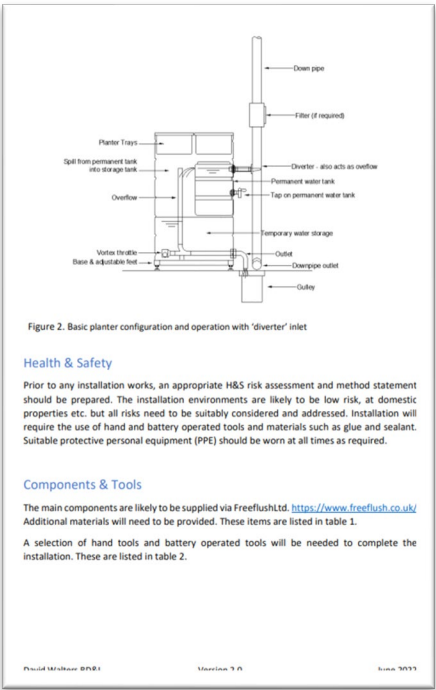
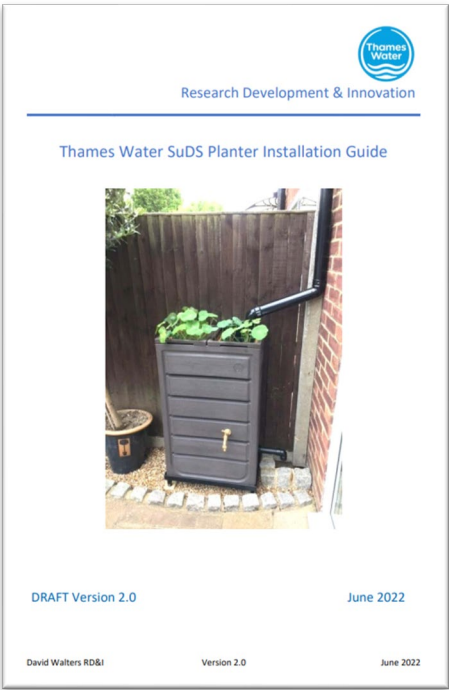
Our team is here to support through the application process

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# Funding & Maintenance Agreements

## Funding Agreement Provisions

Property level SuDS: follow up after 12 months (independent follow up after 5 years)



The scoring criteria encourages partners to have a maintenance plan evidenced in their submission.

AMP7 Planters  
Maintenance Guide



# Property Level Solutions

## Call for Projects #1 - Timeline

- Launch and 'How to apply?' Webinars:
  - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 9.30am
  - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 1pm
- Applications window opens
  - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 9am
- Q&A sessions:
  - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026
  - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Application submission closes
  - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, 12pm
- Evaluations and clarifications
  - April – May 2026
- Application feedback
  - End of June 2026

Submit the online application and send supporting information to:

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Any questions?



Thank You!

# Surface Water Management

## Call for Projects – Property Level Solutions

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We're looking to carry this success into AMP8, with a new workstream focussed on sustainable property level solutions. These can be water butts, raingardens, planters, de-paving and soakaways. We're keen to reach out to community groups, public bodies, not-for-profit organisations, companies or other registered businesses.

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