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Provide examples of how a small community can contribute to meeting an overall regional goal? As it is more cost efficiency to removing pollutants with regional or larger stormwater facilities, Ecology should consider allowing for permittees to pay into a regional grant program which helps fund ecology approved regional or larger facilities within a watershed. This would result in more pollutant removal sooner than later for the same funds spent within a watershed. This option would be similar to how the S8 Monitoring and Assessment section of the current permit is managed (i.e. make annual payments into a collective fund to implement ecology approved stormwater facilities within a watershed) and the required cost for each permit would be based on the level of effort required of them per the permit. Providing such an option is would also benefit small municipalities who do not have the resources to manage large retrofit/new facilities. There should not be a cap on this approach so long as the net improvement in water quality for a watershed is provided.