



Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar Series

Wednesday, November 15th
1:00-2:30 PM EST [To Register](#)

“Exploring the Green Infrastructure Workforce: Jobs, Training and Certification for Installation, Maintenance and Monitoring”

Throughout New England, and across the country, more and more communities are turning to green infrastructure as a preferred way to deal with stormwater and water quality issues. As the number of rain gardens, bioswales, green streets, green roofs and other "Best Management Practices" (BMPs) expands, interest is growing in the possibility that the green stormwater movement may also be a source of good jobs for local residents - including those in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. In addition, stormwater utilities with expanding green infrastructure are investing in new training and certification efforts to assure that green infrastructure installations are properly constructed, and competently maintained, so that the expected benefits of green infrastructure are actually achieved.

Presenters will include:

- **Kevin Doyle, Principal, Green Economy.** Mr. Doyle will report on findings and recommendations from *Exploring the Green Infrastructure Workforce*, a national study from Jobs for the Future (www.jff.org) that identifies and describes key occupations involved in the installation, maintenance, and monitoring of urban green infrastructure.
- **Bethany Bezak, Green Infrastructure Manager, DC Clean Rivers Project, DC Water and Sewer Authority.** Ms. Bezak will discuss DC Water's leadership role in creating the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP), and launching job training and contracting initiative for local residents to secure certification and be hired into entry-level jobs.
- **Amelia Rose, Executive Director, Groundwork Rhode Island.** Ms. Rose will report on development and first results from landscaping job training programs that relate to green stormwater infrastructure.
- **Charlie Jewell, Director of Planning and Sustainability, Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC),** will speak on where the commission is in examining job training/workforce initiatives relating to green infrastructure, including BWSC's involvement in the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP).

Who Should Attend:

Municipal decision makers and DPW staff, environmental organizations, practitioners, and interested citizens- anyone who is considering a new project or looking to build on an existing program.

Webinar Series

We will be focusing on a range of innovative approaches to addressing stormwater in New England, presented by leaders from around the region.

- Hear about stormwater public outreach resources and programs
- See who's soaking up the rain as we showcase green infrastructure projects and programs
- Learn about the latest tools and resources from EPA and others for implementing and promoting green infrastructure and
- Engage with others as we share information about successes, barriers, and lessons learned while implementing green infrastructure in our New England communities.

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