

Using Urban Agriculture and Green Stormwater Management Strategies to Promote Neighborhood Stabilization and Community Development

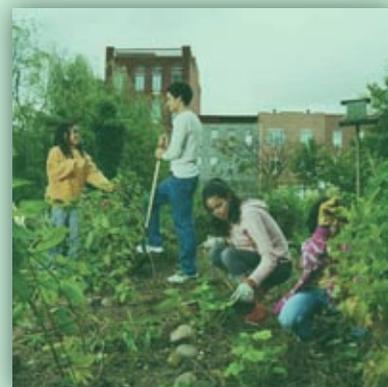
special webinar series

Urban Agriculture

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Central

Urban agriculture provides many benefits. Besides arresting slum and blight, vegetable gardens can be a source of fresh, healthy food, and an educational resource for adults and school children. Additionally, urban agricultural projects have also been used to provide green job vocational training in some communities. Many not-for-profits have partnered with local governments to promote community gardens in neighborhoods where there is little or no demand to redevelop vacant properties.



This webinar will provide an overview of urban agriculture techniques and examples from a community that has successfully implemented projects. HUD, EPA, and USDA representatives will also be available to answer questions about resources and funding opportunities related to urban agriculture.

Scheduled speakers: Patsy Benveniste (Chicago Botanic Garden) & Art McCabe (City of Lawrence, MA)

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Green Stormwater Management

Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Central

Stormwater management practices (such as rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavements, and green roofs) can help divert rain and stormwater from overloaded combined systems to locally infiltrate and recharge the groundwater aquifer. Older communities often have combined storm and sanitary systems that overflow during heavier storms. This may create flooding and require releasing water polluted with sanitary sewage into lakes, rivers, or streams. Some communities are using rain gardens and other small scale stormwater management techniques as a low cost alternative to complement existing gray water systems by alleviating some of the capacity and stress of older systems. Additionally, many communities find that rain gardens are assets that help beautify areas that are plagued by vacant properties.



This webinar will provide an overview of stormwater management techniques and examples from communities that have successfully implemented projects. HUD and EPA representatives will also be available to answer questions about resources and funding opportunities related to stormwater management.

Scheduled speakers: Abby Hall & Bob Newport (U.S. EPA), Jeff Geerts (Iowa Dept of Economic Development) & Tom Price (Conservation Design Forum)

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