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## Welcomel Green Infrastructure Curriculum & Training

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**Session 1: Overview of Green Infrastructure** 

### **Today's Speakers**







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### **Three Sessions**

#### **1. Overview of Green Infrastructure**

- 2. Policies, Incentives, and Funding for Green Infrastructure
- 3. Implementation of Green Infrastructure

## **Training Objectives:**

• <u>Allow</u> Green Infrastructure in your codes and ordinances

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- <u>Promote</u> Green Infrastructure in your community
- <u>Implement</u> Green Infrastructure projects and celebrate success



#### **Training Materials:**



### **Stormwater Sources**









## **Grey to Green**

#### GREY

- Aggregate flooding
- Pipe construction
- Increases pollutants

#### GREEN

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- Sensitive to environment
- Natural elements
- Drainage patterns



#### **Allow: Grey to Green**



## **Allow: Grey to Green**

• Codes and ordinances shape development

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- Create incentives for change
- Scale applications in accordance with your community's vision



#### **Promote: Grey to Green**

# How many of you have heard the term "Green Infrastructure" before?

### **Green Infrastructure**

 Uses the natural characteristics of soil and vegetation to capture and treat stormwater runoff where it falls

### **Promote: Grey to Green**

• Change conventional planning and engineering approach

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- Identify benefits, opportunities and limitations
- Avoid costs by substituting Green for Gray

### **Promote: Grey to Green**

Improves Community Resiliency by:

- Thinking long term
- Reducing traditional infrastructure cost such as costly sewer separation

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• Reducing the number of CSO events



### **Stormwater Pollutants: Sediment**

Sources





Builds up in waterways

Costs to Dredge waterways

Interferes with aquatic life (reproduction)



#### **Stormwater Pollutants: Nutrients**

#### Sources





Algae in ponds and lakes

Cost to treat algae

Contaminates drinking water

Dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico



#### **Stormwater Pollutants: Chemicals**

Sources



Impacts

Toxic to aquatic life and can build up in the environment

Contaminate drinking water sources

Increases water treatment costs



#### **Stormwater Pollutants: Oil & Grease**

Sources



Impacts

Affects evaporation from body of water into atmosphere

Can be toxic to aquatic life and humans



#### **Stormwater Pollutants: Metals**

Sources



Impacts

Builds up in fish tissue and causes fish consumption advisories (especially mercury)

Stays a long time in the environment

Incorporates itself into the food chain

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#### **Stormwater Pollutants: Litter**

Sources

Impacts



Injure wildlife

Unsightly

## **Implement: Grey to Green**

• Case studies and demonstration projects

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- Identify partners and colleagues
- Think BIG, start SMALL

### **Implement: Grey to Green**

• Coordinate details and responsibilities

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- Encourage and inspire innovation
- Use regulations as a catalyst for action



#### **Implement: Grey to Green**

# How many of you are familiar with the NPDES and/or MS4 Program?

## Section 402 of the Clean Water Act

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- USEPA lead Federal agency
- Established NPDES Program
- State developed local requirements etc
- IDEM permitting and enforcement

### 327 IAC 15-5 "Rule 5"



Construction related activities that disturb one or more acres of land

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#### 327 IAC 15-6 "Rule 6"



Point source runoff exposed to industrial processes that discharge into a MS4 or waters of the state

### 327 IAC 15-13 "Rule 13"



Stormwater discharges within urbanized areas that are identified as MS4s

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#### **Rules You Can Use**

Do Federal, State and local regulations encourage traditional techniques or green infrastructure?

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#### **Traditional Stormwater Management**



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# Is there a better way to manage stormwater runoff?



#### **Traditional vs. Green Approach**





## **Green Infrastructure includes:**

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- 1. Low Impact Development
- 2. Better Site Design
- 3. Source-control Practices



### **1. Low Impact Development (LID)**

- Preserve the natural systems and hydrologic functions of a pre-development site
- Reduced land clearing cost, infrastructure cost, enhanced property values and aesthetics



## **2. Better Site Design**

- Minimize amount of impervious cover or disturbed area and allow for stormwater disconnection
- Site conditions, development codes, and site layout

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## **3. Source-control Practices**

- Engineered methods to mimic natural processes and characteristics plants and soil
- Bioretention/rain gardens, permeable pavement, tree/planter box, green/blue roof, and rainwater harvesting















## Not New Technology...



**GREEN ROOFS** 





#### PERMEABLE PAVERS





#### RAINWATER HARVESTING



## Benefits of Green Infrastructure



WATER QUALITY & QUANTITY



COMMUNITY



HABITAT & WILDLIFE



**AIR QUALITY** 



ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

## **Benefits of Green Infrastructure**

	Reduces Stormwater Runoff											Improves Community Livability						
Benefit	Reduces Water Treatment Needs	Improves Water Quality	Reduces Grey Infrastructure Needs	Reduces Flooding	Increases Available Water Supply	Increases Groundwater Recharge	Reduces Salt Use	Reduces Energy Use	Improves Air Quality	Reduces Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub>	Reduces Urban Heat Island	Improves Aesthetics	Increases Recreational Opportunity	Reduces Noise Pollution	Improves Community Cohesion	Urban Agriculture	Improves Habitat	Cultivates Public Education Opportunities
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Maybe

No

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Yes

## **Drivers for Green Infrastructure**

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- 1. Regulatory Requirements
- 2. Infrastructure
- 3. Drainage Problems
- 4. Quality Of Life

### **Grey to Green**

When nature is better than concrete

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Balance green and grey infrastructure







## **Call to Action**

- 1. Allow Green Infrastructure
- 2. Promote Green Infrastructure
- 3. Implement Green Infrastructure

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## **Virtual Tour**

- 12 Indiana Green Infrastructure Case Studies
- Localized flooding, street flooding, CSO, sustainable site design
- Problem, solution, project cost, funding source, benefits, permits needed, photos