



"Protecting Public Health and the Environment"



Green Infrastructure Municipal Outreach and Technical Assistance Program:

Upcoming Workshops and Programs Available

Complying with New Jersey Stormwater Regulations Workshop

March 11, 2016

Join the professional staff from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program on March 11th at this workshop from 9:30 am to 3 pm at the Center for Environmental and Life Sciences at Montclair State University. The morning session will highlight steps to guide you and your municipality to ensure that new development is in compliance with the New Jersey stormwater management regulations. The afternoon session will focus on understanding the importance and benefits of inventorying your municipality's stormwater infrastructure while complying with the state's MS4 permits.

Participants are encouraged to attend both the morning and afternoon sessions of the workshop. Registration for morning or afternoon session only will be available. Space is limited and priority will be given to the 48 municipalities within the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission service area.

To register and learn more about the workshops, please visit our website by [clicking here](#). This workshop is sponsored by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Fixing Flooding: One Community at a Time Conference on February 26th!

Join us on February 26th at our day-long conference from 8:30 am to 4 pm at the Middlesex County Fire Academy to bring together municipal leaders, leading professionals in planning and engineering, watershed associations, advocacy groups, environmental commissions, and state and federal agencies to learn from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Water Resources Program and its partners.

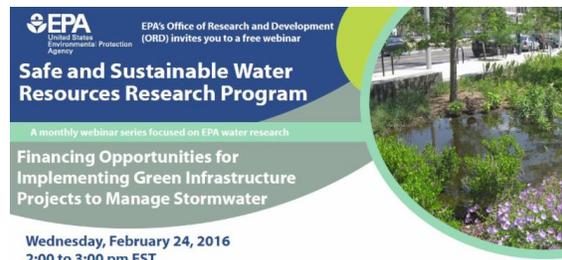
Over the last several years, green infrastructure practices have been implemented across New Jersey. These projects have demonstrated the effectiveness and resiliency of green infrastructure practices. Water resources planning over the last 12 years has resulted in the creation of regional stormwater management plans, watershed restoration and protection plans, green infrastructure feasibility studies, and impervious cover reduction action plans. All of these plans are good tools to identify opportunities for retrofitting existing development with green infrastructure practices. Green infrastructure practices have proven to be a cost effective means to reduce the impacts of impervious surfaces. The final step is to further empower our local communities to advocate for green infrastructure and to implement practices.

To register and learn more about the conference, please visit our website by [clicking here](#).

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Upcoming Water Webinars



EPA's green infrastructure program will host a webcast on February 9, 2016 from 1-2:30 PM EST



Registration is now open for EPA's Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program webinar on Financing Opportunities for

titled "Greening VacantLots." In this webcast, speakersfrom the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Buffalo Sewer Authority, and the Cityof Baltimore will highlight vacant lot greening programs and specific landscapetreatments that they have used in their communities. These programs andpractices utilize vacant lots as sponges to hold and soak in rainwater, whichhelps to keep local waterways clean. Implementing green infrastructure onvacant lots can also reduce the incidence of combined sewer overflows and thequantity of stormwater that municipal sewer districts treat and manage. Bycreatively using vacant lots as an asset, these cities are addressing legacyenvironmental challenges in new ways that create multiple communityco-benefits.

To register and for more information, [click here.](#)

Implementing Green Infrastructure Projects to Manage Stormwater Webinar onFebruary 24, 2016 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM EST. This presentation will provide an overview of work done around the country that enables the utilization of public and private funding sources to implement green infrastructure to create the greatest ecological, economic, and social benefits. This presentation will provide an overview of innovative financing for green infrastructure programs and highlight low-cost, state-of-the-art financing opportunities for green infrastructure projects through State Revolving Funds. EPA's new Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center will also be discussed. This center of financial expertise is a resource to communities who are exploring options for financing resilient drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

To register and for more information, [click here.](#)

RCE Water Resources Program | New Brunswick, NJ 08901 | M-F 8:30 - 4:30pm

