



Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar Series

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

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

As the number of green infrastructure projects like rain gardens, bioswales, green streets, green roofs and other best management practices expands, there is growing interest in the possibility that the green stormwater movement may be a potential source of jobs for local residents, including low-income and/or diverse neighborhoods. This webinar will share information on key occupations involved in installation, maintenance and monitoring of urban green infrastructure, highlight findings from “Exploring the Green Infrastructure Workforce,” (a national study by Jobs for the Future), and highlight examples of existing and emerging job training and certification programs. Presenters include:

- **Kevin Doyle, Principal, Green Economy**, will report on findings and recommendations from *Exploring the Green Infrastructure Workforce*, a national study from Jobs for the Future 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**, 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**, will report on development and initial 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 how the commission is examining job training/workforce initiatives relating to green infrastructure, including BWSC's involvement in the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP).

Email registration address-

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***For questions about the webinar series or if you have ideas for additional webinar topics, please email to soakuptherain@epa.gov**

Who Should Attend:

Municipal decision makers and Department of Public Works (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.