



Green Infrastructure Municipal Outreach and Technical Assistance Program



Municipalities throughout New Jersey are struggling to deal with the impacts of storms, flooding, and aging sewer infrastructure. In addition, USEPA and NJDEP are quickly moving forward to more actively enforce water quality standards through CSO and MS4 stormwater permits. Recently, NJDEP released its draft Individual CSO Permit which will require a new level of planning and management to quantify impacts of combined sewer overflows and better protect water resources and the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Using cost-effective green infrastructure strategies, communities can take the first steps needed to making their community more resilient while meeting regulatory requirements. This informational meeting will provide an opportunity for community leaders to learn more about cost-effective green infrastructure strategies to:

- q Minimize flooding by intercepting stormwater runoff at the source
- q Comply with regulatory statutes by reducing combined sewer overflows
- q Protect water quality
- q Save communities money by managing inflow and infiltration

Why should your community participate?

New stringent regulations through MS4 and CSO permits are coming. The new Individual CSO permit will require alternatives analyses and green infrastructure planning. MS4 permits are being scrutinized and communities not in compliance will need to address deficiencies. This program will provide guidance and resources to communities to help ensure that they are meeting current and expected future regulatory requirements. In addition, pro-actively addressing potential issues will help communities reduce potential for future regulatory oversight. Finally, the program will outline funding opportunities and resources available for municipalities struggling to fund stormwater infrastructure projects and to address flooding issues.

The professional staff from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program will lead a discussion on the benefits and opportunities for green infrastructure practices and technologies. The format will allow for input from participants to highlight specific needs, issues, and priorities for water resources management unique to the region and each municipality.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING!

Monday, June 24, 2013 – 6:00-8:00 PM

Branch Brook Park, Adubato Sports Complex
250 Bloomfield Ave, Newark, NJ

[For Directions Click Here!](#)

or

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 – 6:00-8:00 PM

Senior Center in Bayonne
329 – 56th Street, Bayonne, NJ 07002

[For Directions Click Here!](#)

Who should attend?

Municipal leaders, officials, commission members, green teams, engineers, planners, and concerned citizens are all invited to attend this meeting to learn more about the new program and how their community can participate.

For more information visit: <http://www.water.rutgers.edu/PVSC.html>