



FUNDING NATURAL STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE: A WORKSHOP SERIES



Do you represent a municipality in Eastern Pennsylvania?

Does your community suffer from flooding, stream erosion, impaired streams, or aging stormwater infrastructure?

Would you like to learn more about funding opportunities, including how new federal infrastructure dollars can be used?

Have you ever wondered how best to balance local investments with outside sources of funding?

Are you planning to make stormwater permit-related investments in the coming years?

If the answer is “yes” to any of those questions – this workshop is for you!

Workshop Highlights

- Two half-day, in-person, collaborative workshops, and two virtual workshops with open-ended support.
- Expert presentations on cost and benefit optimization, funding opportunities, partnerships, and best practices to make your local investments go farther.
- Meeting space at Berks Nature Center’s outdoor classroom, with opportunities to tour the site’s innovative natural infrastructure features.
- Limited size (15-25 participants).
- Opportunities to apply for technical assistance to support implementation.

Register today at: <https://bit.ly/3vp78w2>

Seating availability is limited. Priority will be given to municipal representatives who can commit to all four sessions.

Session 1: Financial Planning for Natural Infrastructure

Wednesday, May 4, 9am – 2pm
Berks Nature Center Outdoor Classroom

Presentation, sharing and discussion:

- Financial planning: leveraging and financing to maximize impact
- Optimizing costs and quantifying benefits of natural infrastructure
- Overview of new federal infrastructure funding opportunities
- Coordination with related county planning efforts
- Opportunities for additional technical assistance and support
- Site tour of natural infrastructure features

Session 2: Funding Sources

Wednesday, May 25, 12pm – 1:30pm
Virtual Meeting

Presentation, sharing and discussion:

- Funder representatives on upcoming opportunities
- Stormwater fee case study

Session 3: Developing an Action Plan

Wednesday, June 22, 12pm – 1:30pm
Virtual Meeting

Presentation, sharing and discussion:

- Action planning overview
- Tools and resources
- Discussion of needs and next steps

Session 4: Partnerships, Action Plans, and Next Steps

Friday, July 15, 9am – 1pm
Berks Nature Center Outdoor Classroom

Presentation, sharing and discussion:

- How collaboration can reduce costs and improve efficiency
- Sharing and refining action plans through peer exchange
- Public-private partnerships for advancing clean water projects
- Next steps, needs, resources, and how to keep the conversation



American Rivers offers many resources on funding municipal stormwater projects! Here are some highlights:

Gateway Gardens: A Local Investment Model:

<https://www.americanrivers.org/2021/08/gateway-gardens-a-local-investment-model-for-clean-water>

Stormwater Currency:

<http://stormwatercurrency.com>

Funding Green Infrastructure in Pennsylvania:

<https://www.americanrivers.org/conservation-resource/funding-green-infrastructure-pennsylvania/>



Because this workshop is designed to be a focused and collaborative series, we ask all participants to commit to attend all four sessions (as schedules allow).