

Thursday

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1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Tackling Barriers to Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure is a proven and effective means to improve water quality, habitat and flooding by reducing stormwater pollution and volume, but there remain critical barriers to its implementation. Outdated local regulations can have a broad impact on green infrastructure and often will directly or indirectly discourage or prohibit its use. Based on the work of 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Sea Grant, developed Tackling Barriers to Green Infrastructure: An Audit of Local Codes and Ordinances, a workbook to help communities audit, revise and prioritize codes that deter the implementation of green infrastructure. The Audit can assist local zoning, land use and stormwater staff, planners and consultants in reviewing codes and ordinances to promote and advance green infrastructure practices in their own communities. What makes this project unique in comparison to similar audits? We recognize the need for a “no judgement” approach in working with communities to audit their codes and ordinances. Barriers to green infrastructure can vary widely within the code language, therefore, solutions need to be customized for the specific municipality and cannot be satisfactorily addressed by model ordinances. During this presentation you will learn about why codes and ordinances are a major barrier to green infrastructure, common code challenges and the impact code changes can have on stormwater runoff volume and pollution. You will also be introduced to the Audit which includes a community-oriented engagement approach and provides a detailed codes and ordinances auditing tool.

All are welcome to attend.
This workshop is presented as part of the
Engineering & Public Works Track



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