

Quarterly Update #1: Mentoring Network Kick-off Webinar (10/24/19)

The Green Infrastructure Champions Mentoring Network recently hosted its first webinar for mentoring network. These webinars allow members of the mentoring network to share valuable resources and lessons learned about green infrastructure with their peers, enabling collective learning and knowledge exchange across the Great Lakes region. In this first webinar, participants met their peers and briefly heard about the challenges and successes related to green infrastructure that each participant hopes to address through the mentoring network. The network also shared key resources on green infrastructure topics to help communities learn more about specific topics. Links to these resources are provided below. Future webinars will focus on challenges and successes for how communities effectively conduct efforts related to outreach, installation, planning, performance, and operations and maintenance. We are excited to work with everyone to build GI capacity across the Great Lakes region!

Compiled resources

Outreach resources:

- Step-by-Step Guide to Integrating Community Input into Green Infrastructure Projects, Environmental Law Institute
- Developing an Effective Stormwater Education and Outreach Program for Your Community, Northern Middlesex Council of Governments and Merrimack River Watershed Council

Installation resources:

- Minnesota Stormwater Manual, MN Pollution Control Agency
- Plant Selection Tool, Fresh Coast Guardians

Planning resources:

- Tackling Barriers to Green Infrastructure, WI Sea Grant
- Land Use for a Healthy Watershed, Huron River Watershed Council
- The Town of Merrillville, Indiana Storm Water Management Ordinance, Merrillville, IN

Performance resources:

- International Stormwater BMP Database
- Green Infrastructure Co-Benefits Valuation Tool, Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange

O&M resources:

- Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Practice Inspection and Maintenance Guide, Toronto Region Conservation Authority
- Model Inspection and Maintenance Agreement for Stormwater Control Measures, Chagrin River Watershed Partners