



Great Lake Green Infrastructure Champions Workshop

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Location: Gary Lake Room, Genesis Convention Center, 1 Genesis Center Plaza, Gary, IN 46402

Date: June 20, 2019

Time: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Objectives

- Learn how Gary and other communities engage with residents to design and build green infrastructure (GI)
- Share and discuss successes and future opportunities for green infrastructure in Gary and other Great Lakes cities
- Provide an avenue for new and emerging green infrastructure champions to learn from local experts as they share their lessons learned about planning, design, construction, monitoring, and maintenance
- Learn more about the GI Champions mentoring network and mini-grant program

Time	Topic Overview	Topic Objective
8:15	Registration & Check-In	
8:30	Workshop Kick-off and introduction to green infrastructure <i>Speakers: Brenda Scott-Henry, City of Gary</i>	Host introduces workshop and describes why green infrastructure matters.
9:00	Using green infrastructure to capture stormwater <i>Speakers: Randy Bayless and David Lampe, USGS</i>	How does GI reduce stormwater run-off in the City of Gary and other Great Lakes cities?
9:30	Vacant to Vibrant: Engaging with communities to create green infrastructure and meet local needs <i>Speakers: Sandra Albro, Holden Forests and Gardens</i>	How can cities engage with citizens and build community support for green infrastructure solutions?
10:00	Break	
10:15	Lessons learned: City of Gary Stormwater Action Plan <i>Speakers: Drew Williams-Clark & Jen McGraw, Center for Neighborhood Technology</i>	What are the opportunities for green infrastructure in Gary?

10:45	Panel and Q&A on the green infrastructure life-cycle <i>Speakers: Brenda Scott-Henry; Sandra Albro; Kara Salazar, IL-IN Sea Grant; Matt Lake, Town of Merrillville; Drew Williams-Clark, Margo Davis (Moderator)</i>	Discussion on green infrastructure design, planning, construction, monitoring, and maintenance.
11:30	Inclusion and Equity <i>Speaker: Tammi Davis, Gary Sanitary District</i>	How can we ensure stormwater management improvements are equitable and inclusive?
11:40	Great Lakes Commissioner Remarks <i>Speaker: Commissioner Kay Nelson, Northwest Indiana Forum</i>	Great Lakes Commissioner from Indiana shares water issues facing the Indiana and the Great Lakes.
11:50	Knowledge sharing and capacity building: the Great Lakes Green Infrastructure Champions program <i>Speaker: Margo Davis, Great Lakes Commission</i>	How does the GI Champions program support knowledge-sharing and GI capacity building?
12:10	Lunch (Provided)	
12:40	Field tours of the GI site projects	Visit GI installation sites in Gary
1:30	Volunteer GI Stewardship Activity	Help Gary maintain GI at City Hall



Fred A. and Barbara M.
Erb Family Foundation