## **URBAN STORMWATER WORKING GROUP**

June 9, 2020

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# Agenda

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll call

#### **MEMBER UPDATES**

Opportunity for members to provide updates on their projects.

#### FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Key lessons from studying communities and organizations that incorporate equity into green infrastructure

Tony Heath and Lisa Merrifield





## Introductions

Type your name and affiliation in the chat box.



## Member Updates

Type "Update" in the chat box. I will call on people.



## Equitable Green Infrastructure Summit

### Purpose

- To provide an overview of equity and workforce issues related to green infrastructure
- To identify and prioritize common needs and themes that can be address through Extension and Sea Grant programing

## 110 people joined, most from Midwest

About 60 remained for the breakout and discussion



## Discussion Groups

Workforce

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Community Planning (2 groups)

**Network Development and Tools** 



## **Discussion Questions**

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Workforce Development; and Community Planning: Policy and Practice

- What are the most critical workforce challenges?
- What are potential tools or resources that would help solve these challenges?
- Who are the players that need to be involved to make this happen?
- Are there funding sources we should consider?

#### **Equitable GI Network Development**

- What are the tools and trainings we need to do our jobs better?
- Ideally, how should this network be structured?



# Recommendations for Extension and Sea Grant Programming

- Formalize and fund an Extension Sea Grant Network
- Develop Green Infrastructure 201 programs for local government officials
- Further workforce development research and education focusing on GI careers, not jobs
- Develop decision support tools for communities
  - Cost-benefits
  - Lifecycle cost analysis
  - Planning tools that help decision-makers pick locations and practices

# **Next Steps**

Next meeting: July 14





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