

FINAL AGENDA

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October 14-16, 2008

Coastal Georgia Conference Center, Savannah, Georgia



Day 1: Tuesday, October 14 Let's Get Your Program Started	
7:15 – 8:15	Stormwater Institute Registration
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome to the Stormwater Institute <i>Description:</i> Receive a warm welcome to the Stormwater Institute from the Center for Watershed Protection and several of its local partners.
9:00 – 10:00	Session A: Stormwater Management in the Southeast <i>Description:</i> An introduction to regional water quality and quantity concerns and stormwater management goals and objectives. Also hear about the state and federal regulations that apply to your local stormwater management efforts and about some of the resources that are available to help you build an effective stormwater management program.
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15	Session B: Envisioning the Future of Stormwater Management <i>Description:</i> What does the future of stormwater management look like? How will it affect state and federal stormwater regulations and science and technology and what does it have in store for your stormwater management program? Hear from regional and national stormwater experts about what they think the future of stormwater management holds for you.
11:15 – 12:00	Session C: What Do Effective Stormwater Management Programs Look Like? <i>Description:</i> You've already heard about the state and federal regulations that apply to your local stormwater management efforts and about what the future of stormwater management may hold for you. But, how can you use this information in your present-day efforts to develop and implement a local stormwater management program? The Center for Watershed Protection is here to help. As a matter of fact, we've used this information to craft the agenda for remainder of the Stormwater Institute. Learn about the elements of effective stormwater management programs and how you can use the information presented at the Institute to build or improve your own local program.
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Session D: How Is Your Current Stormwater Management Program Doing? <i>Description:</i> You've been introduced to the elements of effective stormwater management programs, so how does your existing program stack up? Learn about identifying gaps in existing stormwater management programs and developing realistic strategies for filling them in. Includes time to conduct a brief assessment and evaluation of your (or someone else's) program.
2:00 – 3:00	Session E: Stormwater Management Program Evaluation <i>Description:</i> Guidance on assessing and evaluating local stormwater management efforts over time. Learn about tracking progress in meeting measurable goals and implementation milestones, identifying areas for improvement, creating meaningful annual reports and surviving a program audit.
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:15	Session F: Building a Legal Foundation for Your Program <i>Description:</i> Local codes and ordinances provide a legal foundation for your stormwater management efforts. Without them, your stormwater management program may bark, but it won't bite. Learn about the different ordinances that are needed to support your stormwater management efforts, including erosion and sediment control, post-construction stormwater management and illicit discharge ordinances, and about some

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	recent local efforts to get these ordinances adopted.
4:15 – 5:15	Session G: Building Public Support for Your Program <i>Description:</i> Having informed and engaged citizens and elected officials is critical to the success of your local stormwater management efforts. Hear about effective methods of reaching out to the public to get them turned on, tuned in and ready to help your program protect local waterways from the negative impacts of stormwater runoff.
6:30 – 8:00	Welcome Dinner @ Moon River Brewing Company

Day 2: Wednesday, October 15 Managing Stormwater Runoff from New Development

8:00 – 9:30	Session H: Erosion and Sediment Control Programs <i>Description:</i> An introduction to the elements of effective local erosion and sediment control programs. Details about developing these programs, including information about developing meaningful erosion and sediment control plan requirements, effective plan review and approval processes, useful training and certification programs and efficient inspection and enforcement strategies will be provided.
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 3:00	Session I: Post-Construction Stormwater Management Programs <i>Description:</i> An in-depth look at post-construction management, including tips for building an effective local post-construction stormwater management program. Learn about defining local stormwater management goals and objectives, using land use planning and site design as stormwater management practices and about improving the way that stormwater is managed on development projects in your community.
9:45 – 11:00	Part I: Where Should You Begin?: Developing an Effective Approach to Post-Construction Stormwater Management <i>Description:</i> Before building your post-construction stormwater management program, it is important to define the overall approach that your program will take. Learn about the conventional and innovative stormwater management approaches that can be used and about the stormwater management standards and design criteria that are needed to support them. Details about linking local water quality and quantity concerns, as well as land use planning and site design with your stormwater management approach will be provided.
11:00 – 3:00	Part II: Local BMP Tour and Site Design Exercise <i>Description:</i> Visit some local projects in Savannah showcasing innovative stormwater management. Develop a concept plan for a proposed redevelopment project using the innovative stormwater management approach discussed during the previous session. Use design standards and criteria for Georgia coastal zone. Includes a box lunch and field time.
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 5:15	Session J: Practices or Puddles: Designing Better BMPs <i>Description:</i> Feeling down about your ponds? Stormwater ponds are one of the most commonly used stormwater management practices. Learn how they can be designed to better protect local waterways from the negative impacts of land development and reduce their overall maintenance burden. Wondering how to put the Bio into bioretention? With so many communities shifting toward the use of innovative stormwater management strategies in recent years, bioretention facilities have become a popular practice. Learn about their performance and about how to correctly design, install and maintain them. Skeptical about porous pavers? They have received considerable attention in the southeast, in recent years. Learn about product selection, how well these practices perform and about how to correctly design, install and maintain them.

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6:30 – 8:00	Dinner (on your own)
After Dinner	Informal Gathering Participants are welcome to visit the Center for Watershed Protection's hospitality suite to discuss any local stormwater management issues.

Day 3: Thursday, October 16 Managing Stormwater Runoff from Existing Development	
8:00 – 10:45	Session K: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Programs <i>Description:</i> An in-depth look at illicit discharge detection and elimination, including tips for building an effective local illicit discharge detection and elimination program. Learn about conducting field investigations, identifying illicit discharges, tracking illicit discharges to their source and removing them from the storm drain system. Includes field time.
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Session L: Municipal Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Programs <i>Description:</i> Learn about developing an effective municipal pollution prevention/good housekeeping program. Hear about simple methods that can be used to assess and improve municipal operations and reduce the amount of pollution that is conveyed into local waterways during rainfall events. Includes field time.
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Session M: The Art and Science of Stormwater Retrofitting <i>Description:</i> An introduction stormwater retrofitting. Learn about setting stormwater retrofit goals and objectives, identifying potential retrofit sites, conducting field investigations, developing stormwater retrofit concepts and evaluating and ranking potential retrofit projects. Includes field time.
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:00	Session N: Stormwater Management Practice Maintenance <i>Description:</i> Unfortunately, stormwater management doesn't end once stormwater management practices have been put in the ground. Learn about the importance of stormwater management practice maintenance and hear about some tips for building an effective local maintenance program.
4:00 – 5:00	Session O: Funding Your Program <i>Description:</i> Learn about the various techniques that can be used to generate revenue for your local stormwater management program. Details on the benefits and drawbacks associated with general funds, stormwater utilities, special use districts and other funding mechanisms will be provided.
5:00 – 5:30	Stormwater Institute Wrap Up <i>Description:</i> A brief review of the topics covered during the Stormwater Institute and an opportunity for participants to provide feedback on their experiences at the Institute.
6:00 – 9:00	Oyster Roast and Haunted Savannah Tour