



## ***Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar Series:***

### ***The Guiteras Green Infrastructure Community School Project***

***Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM-3:30 PM EST***

***To Register\****

This webinar will highlight an inspiring and successful green infrastructure project at the Guiteras School to save and protect Silver Creek in Bristol, RI from polluted stormwater runoff. Bristol is a small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community, and water discharging from its storm sewer system is regulated by the state of Rhode Island.

The Silver Creek watershed is 2 square miles, discharges into Bristol Harbor, and is 50 yards from the Guiteras School (Grades K-5). In 2013, two talented mothers of elementary school students designed and created an outdoor education facility to enhance environmental education and improve environmental quality in and around Silver Creek. From landscape design to community and student engagement, the Section 319-funded grant project treated and infiltrated stormwater runoff from the entire school, reduced impervious surfaces, controlled a growing Canada goose population, and engaged 300 students at the school with hands on projects to restore Silver Creek.

Presenters include:

**Betsy Duke** - Senior Environmental Scientist, RI Department of Environmental Management

**Brooke Merriam** - Landscape Designer, Sunflower Designs, LLC

**Shannon Rozea** – Executive Director/Landscape Architect, Thrive Outside

**Edward M. Tanner** - Principal Planner, Department of Community Development, Town of Bristol, RI

***\*Registration site-***

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#### **Who Should Attend:**

Municipal decision makers and Department of Public Works (DPW) staff, environmental organizations, practitioners, educators, and interested citizens - anyone who is considering a new project or looking to build on an existing program.

#### **Webinar Series**

We will be focusing on a range of innovative approaches to addressing stormwater in New England, presented by leaders from around the region.

- Hear about stormwater public outreach resources and programs;
- See who's soaking up the rain as we showcase green infrastructure projects and programs;
- Learn about the latest tools and resources from EPA and others for implementing and promoting green infrastructure; and
- Engage with others as we share information about successes, barriers, and lessons learned while implementing green infrastructure in New England communities.

*For questions about the webinar series or if you have ideas for additional webinar topics, send email to [soakuptherain@epa.gov](mailto:soakuptherain@epa.gov)*  
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