



Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar Series:

Getting Ready for Rain! Integrating Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions into State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans

Wednesday, April 25th, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM EST

To Register*

As New England communities prepare for storms and natural disasters, Hazard Mitigation Plans are critical to reduce local environmental and public health impacts when severe events occur. Many states and local governments are currently updating plans to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters, and this presents an opportunity to incorporate green infrastructure.

This webinar will provide an overview of the Federal Hazard Mitigation requirements; explain opportunities, benefits and incentives for incorporating green infrastructure into hazard mitigation plans; and showcase nature-based solutions. Communities that can align local Hazard Mitigation Plans and resources to fund efforts like green infrastructure can reduce the impacts of flooding, protect and improve water quality, and reduce the impacts of stormwater while increasing resiliency to severe storm events.

Presenters include:

- **Melissa A. Surette**, Senior Planner, Risk Analysis Branch, Mitigation Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- **Trish Garrigan**, Healthy Watershed and Green Infrastructure Coordinator, EPA Region 1
- **Steve Long**, Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy of Massachusetts

****Registration site-***

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2688589993920000769>

For information on Soak Up the Rain and the webinar series-

<http://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain>

Who Should Attend:

Municipal decision makers/planners 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.