



Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar Series:
Storm Hazard Mitigation through Designing with Nature
Tuesday, February 12th, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM EST
To Register*

This webinar will explore the City of Northampton's innovative approach to addressing storm hazards through *Northampton Designs with Nature*. Northampton, Massachusetts is home to 28,549 residents with a total land area of approximately 22,849 acres. During the past five years, Northampton has seen significant areas of development including the redevelopment of the former Northampton State Hospital into Village Hill and expansion of residential projects and redevelopment of sites on the City's highway oriented commercial strip. Northampton's location on the Connecticut River and presence of I-91 and other major roadways was a strong determinant on the growth of the city. Green infrastructure is a critical part of a broader comprehensive system to mitigate flooding.

The webinar will examine key elements of the city's *Hazard Mitigation Plan* including its innovative comprehensive Climate Resiliency and Regeneration Plan. The plan is a combination of traditional, green infrastructure, and regulatory approaches designed to produce local environmental results. The webinar will explore how to advance and potentially replicate these tools and techniques for any community, including strategic and comprehensive plans, traditional flood control and stormwater infrastructure, green infrastructure, while identifying and incorporating appropriate projects, and local and regional perspectives.

Presenters

Wayne Feiden, FAICP, Director of Planning & Sustainability, City of Northampton, MA

Emily Slotnick, AICP, CFM, Senior Planner, Environment & Land Use, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, MA

Rosalie Starvish, PE, CFM, CPMSM, Project Manager, GZA

***Registration site-**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6869293849013987073>

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.